

The first plenary session of the 18th ASEAN Summit in Jakarta saw interactive views and comments on the current conflict between Cambodia and Thailand. According to an ASEAN official attending the session

, a number of ASEAN member countries expressed sympathy with the two countries, especially Cambodia that preferred peaceful settlement of the conflict.

The Philippines offered to play a role in the observation appointment to the ceasefire deal between Cambodia and Thailand.

Laos and Singapore voiced full support to resolving the conflict with utmost restraint while Malaysia called for a roadmap for the settlement of the conflict within the framework of ASEAN.

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