

Statement of the Spokesman of the Ministry of National Defense

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The Spokesman of the Cambodian Ministry of National Defense has issued a statement over the recent airspace violations by the Thai military.

The full statement dated June 3 reads as follows:



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- The Royal Cambodian Armed Forces wish to draw attention to and condemn those Thai military officials involved in violations. Their wanton act and in all circumstances that could lead to violence along the Cambodian-Thai border. The serious situation, which could bring about armed clashes, results from the fact that the Thai military has not handled or complied with the strengthening of cooperation, as stated in APG 2011.

- The Royal Cambodian Armed Forces always exercise considerable interest and make every effort to maintain and control the military situation to ensure safety for soldiers as well as to ensure peace for the sake of both peoples living along the Cambodian-Thai border. Its concern, without concern being mutual, is based on the fact that the Thai military has not handled or complied with the strengthening of cooperation, as stated in APG 2011.

On 05/05/2011 at 11:30 hours, 1 Thai military F-16 jet flew over Cambodia airspace along the Cambodian-Thai border, from Borey Thea Kam province, Kampong Speuk, Kampong Speuk, Kampong Speuk provinces, then flew towards the border and then returned to Borey Thea Kam.

On 06/06/2011 at 11:00 hours, 1 Thai F-16 jet flew again over a strictly reserved area in the region of Preaek Chh, Chik Chh, Chik Chh, Chik Chh, Chik Chh, and then moved on to Borey Thea Kam province, crossing the border along the border of Chik Chh, Chik Chh and Preaek Chh.

On 03/06/2011 at 17:45 hours, Thailand shot down the soldiers of the No. 102 (two) a paratrooper in the border in Preaek Chh, Kampong Speuk, Kampong Speuk provinces.

- The Royal Cambodian Armed Forces reserve all rights and duties to prevent and protect Cambodia's border territorial integrity and sovereignty. Thus, the military, sometimes can be deemed as provocateur to national armed conflict, and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces believe that the Thai military has to bear the responsibility for any international dispute or border incident.

- The Royal Cambodian Armed Forces always adhere to and strictly follow the high order of Her Majesty the King, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, exercising maximum restraint to the force of provocation by the Thai military. Cambodia always continues to have by force and by dialogue, the self-defense and the obligation to defend territorial integrity and her lawful rights, which cannot be compromised.

Phnom Penh, 3 June 2011, 17:00 hours