

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 mistreatment and in all circumstances that could lead to violence along the Cambodian-Thai border. The military response, 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 in work as to ensure peace for the sake of both peoples living along the Cambodian-Thai border. Its concern. Without concern being military equipment, such as the weapons under Cambodia's sovereignty. The following measures are taken against violations by the Thai military:

01/06/2011 at 13:30 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 directly to Phnom Penh and then flew back to Borey Thea Kam.

02/06/2011 at 11:15 hours, 1 Thai F-16 jet flew again over a military zone in the region of Preaek Chh, Chik Chh, Village, 0' No. Chh, Chh, and then moved on to Borey Thea Kam province, crossing the border along the border of Chh, Chh and Preaek Chh.

03/06/2011 at 07:45 hours, 1 Thai military F-16 jet flew over Cambodia airspace along the Cambodian-Thai border in Phnom Penh, Kampong Speuk, Kampong Speuk provinces.

- The Royal Cambodian Armed Forces reserve all rights and duties to prevent and protect Cambodia's border national integrity and sovereignty. Thus, the military response can be deemed as a precautionary measure against violations, 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 friendship and the law. Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, requesting measures to be taken by the Thai military. Cambodia always continues to have by your friendly relations, the self-defense and the obligation to defend national integrity and her lawful rights, which cannot be compromised.

Phnom Penh, 3 June 2011, 15:00 hours