

Cambodia Government Rejects Thai Prime Minister's Remarks

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The Office of the Council of Ministers' Press and Quick Reaction Unit has issued a statement as follow:



English Translation

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The Department of the Press and Quick Reaction Unit of the Office of the Council of Ministers wishes to reject categorically the remarks made by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, who has not only attacked and insulted Cambodia and Cambodia's heritage through his remarks, recently during his visit to Phnom Penh, but also insulted Cambodia's national religion, Buddhism.

1. In his remarks, the Prime Minister of Thailand has insulted Cambodia's national religion, Buddhism, and his remarks are also insulting to the 100 million Buddhists in Cambodia. The Prime Minister of Thailand has insulted Cambodia's national religion, Buddhism, and his remarks are also insulting to the 100 million Buddhists in Cambodia.

On 25 June 2011, the Bangkok Post quoted Mr. Serey Khanthit, the Thai Minister of Culture, Recreation and Entertainment, as saying that "he believed Mr. Serey Khanthit, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre that it is natural to do so as Thailand has been a member of the World Heritage Centre since 1972 and Thailand is a member of the World Heritage Centre since 1972 and Thailand is a member of the World Heritage Centre since 1972."

2. National and international opinion will remember that the issue to withdraw Thailand's membership from the World Heritage Committee was made by the Thai government on the occasion of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2011. Thailand's membership from the World Heritage Committee was made by the Thai government on the occasion of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2011.

3. The Press and Quick Reaction Unit of the Office of the Council of Ministers wishes to inform national and international opinion that Cambodia has been a member of the World Heritage Committee since 1972 and Cambodia has been a member of the World Heritage Committee since 1972.

4. Endowed with great civilization and culture, Cambodia has thousands of temples that are the national identity and the pride of Cambodia. Cambodia has thousands of temples that are the national identity and the pride of Cambodia.

5. Since it became a member of the 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage and the 1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, Cambodia has received strong support for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage through the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC) Angkor, making possible sustainable development and mitigating negative impacts on heritage sites.

6. In the current difficult situation that Cambodia faces from acts of aggression by the Thai military against Cambodia's sovereignty, especially the shelling that has damaged the Temple of Preah Vihear, which is a World Heritage Site, Cambodia needs international support, particularly from UNESCO, to protect and conserve the site, as stipulated in the 1954 Hague Convention.

In conclusion, Cambodia deeply regrets the negative attitude, the continued lies and fabrications by the Thai military and the Thai media against Cambodia's sovereignty. The Department of the Press and Quick Reaction Unit of the Office of the Council of Ministers is of the view that Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva should further his remarks in order to serve as a prior warning.

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