

Deputy Prime Minister HOR Namhong's Letter to President of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC



Phnom Penh, 22 April 2011
H.E. M. Naito Osato
President of the United Nations
Security Council (UNSC)
New York

Excellency,

I would like to draw your kind attention to the fresh armed attack by Thailand against Cambodia, as follows:

Indeed, 22 April 2011, at 06:00, Thailand started a large-scale attack with many types of weapons, including 101 mm, 106 mm and 122 mm mortars, against Cambodia in the area of TA MOUJ and TA KREBAY. Thailand has not stopped Cambodia's territory. The soldiers left as far as 22 km inside Cambodia, at Koh Mear where a 100-ton mortar landed, while the soldiers walked deep into Cambodia's territory. Cambodia has suffered many casualties during this attack.

This fresh act of aggression not only violates all legal instruments in regard to any armed conflict of 1949, but also the UN Charter. The Security Council has been informed, but also the UNCTE from November until February 2011 and the Secretary of the Committee of ASEAN following the National Meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers on 22 February 2011, calling for a permanent ceasefire.

My recall that in December in accordance with the invitation of Cambodia's EMERGE OFFICIAL SPEAKER on the World Heritage List in July 2008, Thailand attacked Cambodia four times, namely on 12 July 2008, 11 October 2008, 4 April 2009 and 17 February 2011 during which these mortars were also used by Thailand in accordance with the Charter of ASEAN (ASEAN) and the UN Charter.

This fresh mortar attack takes place in spite of serious repeated calls by Indonesia, Chair of ASEAN, supported by the UNCTE to negotiate a permanent ceasefire and a peaceful solution, after Thailand's large-scale offensive against Cambodia for evidence.

The deliberate act of aggression explains why Thailand has not been allowed to accept the successive drafts of the Terms of Reference (TOR), prepared by the ASEAN Chair, for the deployment of the Indonesian Observer to monitor the commitment of both sides to avoid further armed clashes, while Cambodia has already given an immediate positive response for the fourth time to the draft TOR after its revision in accordance with Thailand's position.

This most recent aggression against Cambodia also confirms the reason behind Thailand's insistence on resolving the conflict "bilaterally", which is a pretext for using its huge and massive more sophisticated armed forces against Cambodia.

Cambodia has so far exercised its maximum restraint and demonstrated its goodwill in order to maintain an atmosphere favorable for a peaceful settlement. However, it reserves the right to self-defence in the face of such deliberate acts of aggression.

Considering the repeated latest aggression by Thailand, I would highly appreciate it if Your Excellency could circulate this letter to all members of the United Nations Security Council for an official document.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and respect.

Hor Namhong