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PM HUN MANET CLARIFIES FOUR KEY ISSUES ON CAMBODIA- THAILAND BORDER TENSION

Amid attempts by some groups to exploit the Cambodia-Thailand border situation for political gain, Prime Minister Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet on 09 September provided clarification on four key issues to prevent public confusion.

In a message shared on his official social media platforms, Samdech Thipadei addressed four main questions: 1-Why has the Royal Government remained relatively silent? 2-Did the Government order frontline troops to withdraw after the ceasefire negotiations? 3-Were there conditions related to land swaps in past negotiations? And 4-Has the Government and the Ministry of National Defence failed to support frontline troops, leaving only private donations to assist them?

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CAMBODIA, UK SIGN MOU ON SUPPORTING REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT REFORM

The Office of the Council of Ministers (OCM) of Cambodia and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the United Kingdom have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Supporting Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) Reform to promote smarter lawmaking and stronger institutions in contribution to sustainable socio-economic development in Cambodia.

The MoU was signed on September 11 at the OCM by H.E. Vongsey Vissoth, Permanent Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the OCM, and H.E. Dominic Williams, British Ambassador to Cambodia.

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ACTING HEAD OF STATE MEETS A RUSSIAN- BRITISH NOBEL LAUREATE IN PHYSICS



Cambodia's Acting Head of State, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, received Professor Konstantin Novoselov, the Russian-British scientist who won the 2010 Nobel Prize in Physics and currently serves as a professor and researcher at the National University of Singapore (NUS), at the Senate Palace on 10 September 2025.

According to H.E. Chea Thyrieth, Spokesperson for the Senate, Prof. Novoselov expressed his recognition of Cambodia's growing potential in science and technology. He underlined that his mission is to identify and nurture talented Cambodian youth to become strong human resources in these fields.

The Nobel laureate further revealed his plan to establish a laboratory in Cambodia to create opportunities for young Cambodians to broaden and enhance their scientific and technological skills.

In response, Samdech Techo Hun Sen welcomed the initiative, stressing that

Cambodian youth today are highly capable in science and are working diligently to develop their expertise. He added that Prof. Novoselov's project would significantly contribute to the Kingdom's progress in science and technology.

The Acting Head of State encouraged Prof. Novoselov to work closely with relevant ministries, particularly the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, to strengthen opportunities for Cambodian youth in this sector.

During the meeting, Prof. Novoselov also sought to learn more from Samdech Techo about Cambodia's leadership path from war to peace, national unity, and development.

Samdech Techo briefed him on the country's transformation, highlighting the implementation of successive strategies, especially the Win-Win Policy, which successfully brought full peace to Cambodia in 1998.

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The Prime Minister stressed that in times of rapid change and uncertainty, consistent information is crucial to avoid public misunderstanding. For this reason, the Government has established a spokesperson group—comprising representatives of the Royal Government, the Ministry of National Defence, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFAIC)—to regularly share updates. He added that other institutions, including MFAIC, the Ministry of Information, the Secretariat of State for Border Affairs, and provincial administrations, also issue regular updates to keep the public informed.

On the second point, Samdech Thipadei confirmed that the Royal Government never ordered frontline troops to withdraw following the July 28 ceasefire

negotiations. Neither side was asked to pull back from their positions, he stressed.

Regarding land swaps, he clarified that no such conditions were ever attached in past negotiations. The July 28 talks in Malaysia focused solely on achieving a ceasefire. Previous bilateral meetings, including extraordinary sessions of the General Border Committee (GBC) and the Regional Border Committee (RBC), never discussed border demarcation. All outcomes from these meetings were made public, and no secret negotiations were held outside the official framework.

He further reaffirmed that Cambodia has consistently pursued a peaceful resolution to border issues through the existing mechanisms, namely the Cambodia–Thailand Joint Border Commission (JBC), in accordance with bilateral agreements, relevant treaties, and international law.

The Prime Minister also rejected claims that the Royal Government had neglected its forces. “Please understand that ministries and state institutions do not publish every detail of their work to support the frontline troops. This may lead some to mistakenly

think the Government has not paid attention to their needs,” he explained.

He emphasised that the Government remains attentive not only to frontline forces and residents in border areas but also to all citizens and armed forces nationwide. At the same time, he expressed gratitude to the Cambodian people for their patriotism and solidarity in providing food and supplies to soldiers, complementing government efforts.

“The Royal Government has always welcomed the spirit of Khmer solidarity—Khmer helping Khmer—since before the outbreak of hostilities on July 24. This is a difficult time, and we must stand united to overcome challenges together,” he stressed.

Samdech Thipadei concluded by expressing hope that his clarifications would dispel misunderstandings circulating on social media and called on the public to place trust in the Government, which is working tirelessly—though often behind the scenes—for the greater good of the nation and its people.

CAMBODIA, VIETNAM TO ENHANCE EXISTING COOPERATION AND EXPLORE NEW POTENTIAL AREAS



Cambodia and Vietnam have expressed their satisfaction with the progress in bilateral ties and fruitful cooperation, and agreed to enhance the existing cooperation in various fields and explore other new potential areas.

The agreement was made by Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, and H.E. Le Hoai Trung, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, during a courtesy video call on 11 September 2025.

According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Cambodian top diplomat warmly congratulated H.E. Le Hoai Trung

on his recent appointment as Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Secretary of the Party Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam.

The two Ministers recalled the recent visit of Samdech Techo Hun Sen, President of the Senate of Cambodia, to Viet Nam on Sept. 1-2, 2025 to attend the commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the August Revolution and Viet Nam's National Day, as well as his fruitful meetings with Party General Secretary To Lam, Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh, and National Assembly President Tran Thanh Man.

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H.E. Vongsey Vissoth said the MoU marks an important step in the Royal Government's reform agenda, aimed at improving the drafting of laws, legal frameworks, and other legal documents; building stronger institutions; and creating an enabling environment for sustainable, resilient, and climate-friendly development.

He underlined that the MoU will help strengthen the capacity of four ministries and institutions through training for relevant officials and the establishment of e-learning platforms to assess the economic, social, and environmental impacts of draft laws, legal frameworks, and policies.

"RIA reform is designed to ensure consistency in legal document preparation, avoid overlapping mandates and excessive compliance burdens, reduce unnecessary costs, foster a fair and reliable level playing field for business and investment, enhance national competitiveness, generate socio-economic benefits, and improve people's livelihoods," he stressed.

The Permanent Deputy Prime Minister also recalled the establishment of the RIA Working Group in 2016 under the leadership of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, former Prime Minister and current President of the Senate, reaffirming the Royal Government's continued commitment in the 7th Legislature. He highlighted the issuance of Royal Sub-Decree No. 170 in July 2024 on the Implementation of Guidelines for Drafting Laws and Legal Documents, which requires all draft legal texts to undergo

stakeholder consultations and impact assessments as part of the RIA process.

H.E. Vongsey Vissoth expressed appreciation to the FCDO, the British Embassy in Cambodia, the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), the Legal Advisory Council, and the RIA Working Group for their continued support in advancing this reform process.

For his part, H.E. Dominic Williams said the RIA initiative serves to protect people, uphold standards, facilitate private sector activities, and ensure fair and effective competition—reflecting stronger bilateral cooperation between Cambodia and the UK.

He stressed that the UK's involvement in this initiative is part of its commitment to supporting Cambodia's development, strengthening good governance, and advancing the rule of law.

"This collaboration (three-year partnership) will strengthen Cambodia's regulatory framework, improve policymaking, and create a more transparent and investor-friendly business environment. It supports Cambodia's efforts to promote sustainable economic growth and prepare for graduation from Least Developed Country status," the British Ambassador said on his official social media platform. "Together, we are building smarter laws, stronger institutions, and a better future for all."

TECHO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SEES REMARKABLE AVIATION TRAFFIC

Techo International Airport has marked its first week of commercial operations with remarkable aviation traffic.

Figures from the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation showed that from Sept. 9 to 15, 2025, the Techo International Airport received an average of 130 inbound and outbound flights (two-way) per day.

It also recorded the remarkable average of 15,000 inbound and outbound passengers (two-way) per day.

On September 9, 2025, the Techo International Airport inaugurated its first flight with the successful transfer of all major airlines from the old Phnom Penh International Airport (PNH).

The airport's official inauguration ceremony is scheduled to be held on Oct. 20, 2025 under the chairmanship of Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of Cambodia.

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Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn highlighted the increasing and balanced bilateral trade exchanges and encouraged further strengthening and diversification of economic cooperation.

Both Ministers reaffirmed the strong traditional friendship and comprehensive cooperation between the two neighbours, expressing their commitment to advancing bilateral ties across all fields and to maintaining close coordination within ASEAN and other international fora. They also looked forward to further engagement, including the convening of the 21st Meeting of the Cambodia-Viet Nam Joint Commission in the coming months.

The Ministers exchanged views on regional security. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn briefed his counterpart on the recent positive developments in de-escalating the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict, particularly the encouraging outcomes of the Special General Border Committee meeting in Koh Kong province, Cambodia on Sept. 10, 2025. He expressed appreciation for Viet Nam's support of the Cambodia-Thailand ceasefire agreement and its contribution to the Interim Observer Team.

CAMBODIAN, CHINESE FIRMS SIGN MOU ON CASHEW EXPORT TO CHINA

Cambodian and Chinese firms have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost the export of Cambodian cashew nuts to the Chinese market, with a total value of US\$35 million.

The signing ceremony took place at the Ministry of Commerce on September 12 under the witness of H.E. Samheng Bora, Secretary of State at the Ministry of

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CAMBODIA'S "EGG IN THE NEST" DESSERT WINS FIRST PRIZE AT CULINARY COMPETITION OF INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE OF GASTRONOMY IN PARIS



Cambodia has captured international attention after renowned Chef Sao Sopheak claimed first prize at the International Village of Gastronomy in Paris. His innovation dessert, titled “Egg in the Nest,” stood out among dozens of entries, impressing judges with its creativity, refined presentation, and use of traditional Cambodian ingredients. The official announcement was made by H.E. Luy David, Cambodian Ambassador to France, who expressed pride in Cambodia’s rising profile on the global culinary stage.

The prestigious event was held from September 11 to 14 along the scenic Seine River, near the

iconic Eiffel Tower. It brought together culinary experts, chefs, and enthusiasts from 62 countries, all gathered to celebrate the diversity of world cuisine. This year, Cambodia was given the special title of Guest of Honour, a recognition that allowed the Kingdom to showcase the richness of its culinary traditions and innovations.

Chef Sao’s collaboration with the Paul Dubrule Vocational School of Hospitality and Tourism further emphasized Cambodia’s commitment to advancing culinary education and professional training. Together, they conducted live cooking demonstrations, giving thousands of visitors an opportunity to witness Khmer cooking techniques and taste authentic flavours firsthand.

At Cambodia’s pavilion, international guests sampled signature products such as Kampot pepper, palm sugar, dried mango, and prahok, while learning about cultural symbols like the krama, Cambodia’s traditional scarf.

The landmark win is more than a personal triumph – it positions Khmer cuisine as world-class, inviting food lovers everywhere to discover Cambodia not only as a travel destination, but also as vibrant center for culinary excellence.

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Commerce and Chairman of the Export Promotion Task Force (EPTF), following his meeting with Mr. Zou Zhun of Sinomach Hainan and representatives from five companies in Hangzhou and Guangxi provinces of China, Cambodian Cashew Nut Agro Product Co., Ltd., and the Cambodia Cashew Nut Association.

Under the MoU, 20,000 tonnes of dry cashew nuts and 5,000 tonnes of processed cashew nuts will be exported to China annually for the next three years.

On the occasion, H.E. Samheng Bora expressed appreciation to Sinomach Hainan for its investment and efforts to export Cambodian potential products to the Chinese market. He also encouraged the company to further study the feasibility of expanding local cashew processing and strengthening the cashew value chain in Cambodia.

“This MoU reflects the efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia, through the Ministry of Commerce and the Cambodia Cashew Nut Association, to sustain existing markets, open new ones, and encourage greater investment in Cambodia’s cashew sector,” the Ministry of Commerce underlined.

TECHO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SEES ...



Constructed over a total area of 2,600 hectares, located some 20 kilometres from Phnom Penh, the new airport, designated as a 4F class airport capable of handling large aircraft such as the Airbus A380, is designed to accommodate 13 million passengers annually in its first phase.

It is part of Cambodia’s long-term strategy to enhance its position as a regional aviation hub and is expected to significantly boost tourism and trade.