

Letter of Condemnation of the Thai Invasion of Cambodia and Violations of the Human Rights of the Cambodian People

The undersigned Cambodian Civil Society organizations unequivocally condemns the use of force, military incursions, and serious violations of international law allegedly committed by the Thai government/military within Cambodian territory. These acts constitute grave breaches of the UN Charter, ASEAN Charter, international human rights law, and international humanitarian law, and represent a direct threat to civilian, regional peace, and the international rules-based order.

Following the Thai government's declaration of heavy military operations intended to weaken Cambodian forces over the long term, the Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Cambodia and a few other creditable sources report that, up to 24 December 2025, military actions including airstrikes (F-16), artillery shelling, and the use of various munitions have resulted in at least 21 Cambodian civilian deaths and 83 reported injuries. Many additional civilians have been affected, and the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) has risen to 607,980 people, which mostly women, up to 52% and 32% are children. In addition, 127 civilian houses, schools in 5 locations, 3 local health centers and 1 local market have been destroyed. These populations have been forcibly displaced due to ongoing hostilities and insecurity.

The attacks have caused extensive destruction of homes, personal property, and critical physical infrastructure. CSOs have also observed instances of Thai soldiers entering civilian residences, raising serious concerns regarding the loss and destruction of private property and violations of international humanitarian law.

Civilian objects protected under international law including priceless historic temples, homes, villages, schools, hospitals, bridges, and other essential public infrastructure have reportedly been destroyed or rendered unusable. Hundreds of villages across five provinces along the Cambodia–Thailand border have been abandoned, many homes have been devastated and destroyed by bombs, heavy artilleries, and machine guns, and it is giving rise to a serious humanitarian and protection crisis.

CSOs are deeply alarmed by credible allegations of grave human rights violations, including sexual violence against a Cambodian civilian, allegedly committed by a group of members of the Thai military. Such acts, if substantiated, may amount to war crimes and crimes under international law, and require urgent, independent, impartial, and effective investigation, with perpetrators held individually accountable.

These actions demonstrate a prima facie violation of Article 2(4) of the UN Charter, which prohibits the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, as well as violations of the Geneva Conventions, customary international humanitarian law, and core international human rights treaties. They further contradict Thailand's obligations as a signatory to the Paris Peace Agreements, which expressly commit to respecting Cambodia's sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, national unity, and human rights, to which Thailand is also a signatory.

CSOs underscore that aggression and militarization cannot constitute lawful or legitimate means of addressing bilateral issues. The continued escalation of force not only causes civilian harm and destruction but also undermines regional stability, ASEAN's foundational principles, and prospects for sustainable social and economic development for both countries.

Therefore, we call for:

1. The immediate cessation of hostilities and withdrawal of all invasion war actions from Cambodian territory;
2. Full respect for international law, including the protection of civilians and civilian objects;
3. Independent international investigations into alleged violations, destructions, including sexual violence and unlawful killings;
4. Meaningful accountability and responsibility, through appropriate national, regional, or international mechanisms, including engagement with relevant UN mechanisms and international justice institutions, where jurisdiction permits.
5. Well protecting the civilian and vulnerable groups, especially children, women, persons with disabilities and the elderly, in accordance to the international law.

CSOs urges the international community, the United Nations, and ASEAN to take concrete actions and act proactively rather than reactively. Delayed or selective responses to aggression only entrench impunity and normalize violations. Creative, lawful, and principled measures including diplomatic pressure, preventive engagement, targeted sanctions where appropriate, and international monitoring are both wise and necessary to deter further violations and protect civilians.

Peace, sovereignty, and human rights cannot be preserved through silence or inaction. Immediate, principled, and coordinated international action is required to uphold the international rule of law, prevent further harm, and ensure that accountability not impunity prevails.

This letter of Condemn is endorsed by:

No.	Name of Organizations
1	Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC)
2	Action For Development (AFD)
3	Action for Health Development (AHEAD)
4	Anakot Kumar (AK)
5	AMARA Organization (AMARA)
6	Akphivath Neary Khmer Organization (ANKO)
7	Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (AVSF)
8	Aide Volontaire aux Enfants du Cambodge (AVEC)
9	ARM Cambodia
10	Asia's Hope Cambodia (ASIASHOPE)
11	Building Bridges for Children (BBC)
12	Baha'i Faith Cambodia (BFB)
13	Battambang Disabled People Organization (BDPO)
14	Battambang Ophthalmic Care (BOC)
15	Buddhism for Education of Cambodia (BEC)
16	Buddhism For Development (BFD)
17	Banteay Srey Organization (BS)
18	Building Community Voices (BCV)
19	Cambodia Agency Development of Disability and the Poor (CADDP)
20	Cambodian Ageing Network (CAN)
21	Community Advancement Organization (CAO)
22	Cambodian Catholic Community Association (CCCA)
23	Community Council for Development Organization (CCDO)
24	CARITAS Cambodia
25	Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR)
26	Cambodian Community Economic Coordinating Association (CCECA)

27	Cambodian Center for Independent Media (CCIM)
28	Center for Global Impact (CGI)
29	Cambodian Health Committee (CHC)
30	Cambodian Children Trusts (CCT)
31	Commune development Association (CDA)
32	Cooperation for Development in Cambodia (CDC)
33	Cambodian Community Development Kratie (CCD-Kratie)
34	Khmer Disable women and children development Forum (CDPO)
35	Cambodian Civil Society Partnership (CCSP)
36	Cambodia Children and Young People Movement for Child Rights (CCYMCR)
37	Cooperation Environment Tourism Organization (CETO)
38	Cambodian Health Committee (CHC)
39	Cambodia Family Support (CFF)
40	Cambodian Human Rights Action Coalition (CHRAC)
41	Cambodia Farmer Association Federation of Agriculture Producer (CFAP)
42	Cambodian Industrial Workers Federation (CIWF)
43	Children's Future International (CFI)
44	Cambodian Independent Trade Union Federation (CITUFED)
45	Community Legal Education Center (CLEC)
46	Clear Cambodia
47	Cambodian Institute for Democracy (CID)
48	Coalition for Integrity and Social Accountability (CISA)
49	Chumkriel Language School (CLS)
50	Cambodian Organization for Children and Development (COCD)
51	Co-Operation for Development of Cambodia (CoDec)
52	Cooperation For Alleviation of Poverty Organization (COFAP)
53	Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia (COMFREL)

54	Cambodian Education and Waste Management Organization (COMPED)
55	Creation for Opinion Organization (COO)
56	Cambodian Organization for Research Development and Education (CORDE)
57	Coalition of Apparel & Industrial Union (Coalition-AI)
58	Cambodian Organization for Women Support (COWS)
59	Coalition for Partnership in Democratic Development (CPDD)
60	Child Rights Coalition Cambodia (CRC-Cambodia)
61	Community Poverty Reduction (CPR)
62	Cooperative organization serving the Cambodian people (CSCP)
63	Cambodian Truck Drivers Association (CTDA)
64	Community Translation Organization (CTO)
65	Community Training Organization for development (CTOD)
66	Cambodia Tourism Service Workers Federation (CTSWF)
67	Cultivating Cambodia
68	Cambodian Women's Development Association (CWDA)
69	Children and Women Development Center in Cambodia (CWDCC)
70	Cambodian Youth Network (CYN)
71	Development for Cambodian Children (DCC)
72	Don Bosco Battambang
73	Disabled Veterans Development Association (DVDA)
74	Enfants Du Mekong (EDM)
75	Environment Health and Education Organization (EHE)
76	EMDR Association Cambodia (EMDR)
77	Environmental Protection and Development Organization (EPDO)
78	Ek Phnom Disabled People Organization (EPDPO)
79	Education Rural Community Organization (ERCO)
80	Facilitation Association of Economy for Cooperatives (FAEC Cambodia)

81	Farmer Association For Peace and Development (FAPD)
82	Family Economic Development Association (FEDA)
83	Farmers Livelihood Improvement Association (FLIA)
84	First Light Organization (FLO)
85	Forest and Livelihood Organization (FLO)
86	Finn Church Aid
87	First Step Cambodia (FSC)
88	Federation of Free Trade Union of Workers of the Kingdom of Cambodia
89	Good Neighbors Cambodia (GNC)
90	Great Peace Cambodia (GPC)
91	HelpAge Cambodia (HAC)
92	The Hill of Bamboo Shoot Organization (HBO)
93	Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation (HfCCF)
94	Help the Old Age and Most Vulnerable (HOM)
95	Human Resource and Rural Economic Development Organization (HURREDO)
96	International Cooperation Cambodia (ICC)
97	Independent Democratic Association of the Informal Economy (IDEA)
98	International Hope & Heritage
99	Independent Trade Union Federation (INTUFE)
100	Kampochean Action for primary Education (KAPE)
101	Karuna Battambang Organization (KBO)
102	Khmer Association of Informal Economic (KAI)
103	Khmer Association for development of raising Animal (KADRA)
104	Khmer Association For Development of Countryside (KAFDOC)
105	Samakum Krom Akphiwat Phum (KAWP)
106	Kratie Disabled Peoples Organization (KDPO)
107	KHEMARA Organization (KHEMARA)

108	Khmer New Generation Organization (KNGO)
109	Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi Cambodia (KnK Cambodia)
110	Korea Foundation for International Healthcare
111	Vocational training Khemaran Organization (KR)
112	Komar Rikreay Association Battambang (KRA)
113	Kampuchea Women's Welfare Action (KWWA)
114	Khmer Youth Association (KYA)
115	Lakhon Komnit Organization (LKO)
116	Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW)
117	Lutheran Hope Cambodia Organization (LHCO)
118	Missions of the Heart for Cambodia (MDC)
119	Mother's Heart Organization (MH)
120	Maddox Jolie-Pitt Foundation (MJP)
121	M'lup Prom Vihea Thor Center Organization (MPC)
122	Meahto Phum Komah (MPK)
123	M'lup Russey Organization (MRO)
124	Nak Akphiwath Sahakum (NAS)
125	The Neakpoan Organisation for Development (NOD)
126	Non-Timer Forest Products Organization (NTFP)
127	Opérations Enfants du Cambodge (OEC)
128	Orphanage for Cambodian Children Organization (OCCO)
129	Our Objective Organization (OOO)
130	Peace and Development Aid Organization (PDAO)
131	People Center for Development and Peace (PDP-Center)
132	Partnership for Environment and Development
133	People's Action for Inclusive Development (PID)
134	Ponleur Kumar Organization (PK)

135	Puthi Komar Organization (PKO)
136	Pusan Ming Huor Prey Toch Child Development Center Association (PMH)
137	Phnom Neang Kangrei Association (PNKA)
138	Partners for Rural development Organization (PRD)
139	Phare Ponleu Selpak Association (PPS)
140	Phnom Srey Organization for Development (PSOD)
141	Prek Toal Moving Ahead Organization (PTMA)
142	Ptea Teuk Dong (PTD)
143	Promvihearhor Organization (PVT)
144	Rural Aid Organization (RAO)
145	Rural Development Association (RDA)
146	Rural Community and Enviroment Development Organization (RCEDO)
147	Rural Friend Community for Development (RFCD)
148	Ray of Hope Battambang (ROH)
149	Rachna Satri Organization (RS)
150	Samaky Organization (Samaky)
151	Samsun Akphivat Chamros Khum Svay Ang (SACKS)
152	SATISENA Organization (SATISENA)
153	SeeBeyondBorders (SBB)
154	Street Children Assistance and Development Programme (SCADP)
155	Salvation Centre Cambodia (SCC)
156	Sunshine Cambodia Organization (SCO)
157	Songhai Dham for development Association (SDDA)
158	Social Environment Agricultural Development Organization (SEADO)
159	Seed for Cambodia (SFC)
160	Samakum Krom Akphiwat Phum (SKAP)
161	Society for Community Development in Cambodia (Sofdec)

162	Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)
163	SOS Children's Village Battambang
164	Star Kampuchea Organization
165	Sustainable Soil for Life Association (SSLA)
166	Tekdey Sovanphum Organization (TDSP)
167	Transparency International Cambodia (TI Cambodia)
168	U of N Battambang University Organization (U of N)
169	Vicheasthan Bomreu Neak samrabsamroul Karngae akphiwat (VBNK)
170	Vulnerability & Illiteracy Reduction (VIR)
171	V-world
172	Village Support Group (VSG)
173	Vulnerable Children Assistance Organization (VCAO)
174	World New
175	Women Community Voices (WCV-FM 89-50)
176	Wathnakpheap Organization (WP)
177	World Vision International Cambodia (WVI-C)
178	Youth For Peace (YFP)
179	Urban Poor Women Development (UPWD)
180	Health Action Coordination Committee (HACC)
181	The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF)
182	Mlup Baitong Organization
183	Development Partnership in Action (DPA Cambodia)