

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on a call with Thailand Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet to discuss the ongoing tensions along the two countries' shared border on Tuesday.
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CAMBODIA-THAILAND BORDER DISPUTE

'DIPLOMACY CURBED SERIOUS INCIDENTS'

Malaysia to continue backing meaningful dialogue, says PM

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Ongoing diplomatic engagement between Cambodia and Thailand has ensured that no serious incidents occurred along their shared border during the critical hours.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said this was despite the fact the two countries had yet to reach a definitive resolution.

Anwar said he had held a discussion with Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun

Manet on the ongoing tensions along their shared border.

"I appreciate the openness and willingness of both leaders to continue negotiations aimed at easing tensions and preventing any misunderstandings that could further escalate the situation.

"While a definitive resolution has yet to be reached, sustained diplomatic engagement has ensured that no more serious incidents occurred during these critical hours," he said.

Anwar also said Malaysia would continue to support a peaceful dialogue as well as solutions grounded in international law,

adding that it would also seek to strengthen regional cooperation to safeguard the stability and security of the region.

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It was reported that Thailand launched air strikes along its disputed border with Cambodia after both countries accused the other of breaching a ceasefire.

As of Tuesday night, Cambodia's Defence Ministry said nine civilians had been killed since Monday and 20 seriously injured, while Thai officials said four soldiers had been killed and 68 had been injured.

Earlier yesterday, United States President Donald Trump said he would make a phone call to "stop the conflict".

He had previously spoken to leaders of both countries and been central to the fragile truce between them since fighting broke out in July, which killed at least 48 people.

Thailand's foreign minister said in an interview on Tuesday he saw no potential for negotiations in the border conflict, adding that the situation was not conducive to third-party mediation.

However, a top adviser to Hun Manet told Reuters that his country was "ready to talk at any time".