

## RENEWED THAILAND-CAMBODIA TENSIONS

# 'I SPOKE WITH ANUTIN, HUN MANET'

I discussed latest developments at border with both prime ministers, says Anwar

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Malaysia has again engaged with Thailand and Cambodia following renewed tensions on their shared border, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"I had discussions yesterday (Thursday). I spoke with the Thai prime minister (Anutin Charnvi-

rakul) and the Cambodian prime minister (Hun Manet) on the latest developments at the Thailand-Cambodia border," he said after officiating at the Global Halal Summit 2025 and Malaysia International Halal Showcase here yesterday.

Anwar, who is Asean chair, was asked if Malaysia would offer assistance to resolve the conflict.

The latest flare-up came after Hun Manet accused Thailand of preventing more than 20 families

from returning to their homes in a disputed border area.

This was revealed in a letter he sent to the head of the United Nations on Thursday.

The Thai army said the Cambodian residents had "illegally occupied" Thai territory.

In the letter, Hun Manet asked Malaysia to urge Thailand to refrain from using force against civilians and to "halt planned forced evictions".

Putrajaya previously helped mediate in the conflict, with both sides reaching a consensus on five key issues during the Extraordinary General Border Committee meeting.

On July 28, Anwar chaired a special meeting between Hun Manet and then Thai acting prime minister Phumtham Wechayachai, which led to an immediate and unconditional ceasefire.

Tensions between the two nations over their 817km border have persisted for decades.

On May 28, a Cambodian soldier was killed during a skirmish at the Preah Vihear area.

In a social media post on Thursday, Anwar urged all parties to remain calm and exercise restraint amid the border developments.

He said any arising issues should be addressed through the Joint Border Committee, which serves

as the key platform for bilateral engagement and dispute resolution.

"Malaysia believes that dialogue, diplomacy and mutual understanding are the best way to safeguard regional peace and stability."

Anwar said Anutin would make an official visit to Malaysia to strengthen ties.

Anutin was sworn in earlier this month as Thailand's 31st prime minister.

He is expected to focus on enhancing cooperation in key areas such as border security, trade, tourism and regional diplomacy during his visit.