

Border Row With Thailand No Longer Hot Topic In Asean Meetings
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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said on Thursday Cambodia will no longer raise the border dispute with Thailand in the meetings of Asean, reports Xinhua news agency.

The 19th Asean Summit will be held in Bali, Indonesia in November.

"I think that the topic of Cambodian and Thai border issues will be no longer covered in the meetings of Asean," he said during a graduation ceremony of students at the Human Resources University. "The dispute will not be the burden and the concern of Asean anymore."

In May during the 18th Asean summit in Jakarta, Hun Sen lashed out former Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva-led government for triggering the border conflict.

"From now on, the Cambodian and Thai border issues are probably no longer negotiated in the Asean meetings because the order of the International Court of Justice on July 18 has made a clear indication on both sides' troop withdrawals from the newly defined demilitarised zone of 17 kilometers surrounding Preah Vihear temple," he said. "I believe that Cambodia and Thailand can comply with it."

The border tension between the two countries has been eased since the former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's Pheu Thai Party won a landslide victory in the general elections in July.

Cambodia and Thailand have had sporadic border conflict over territorial dispute near the Preah Vihear temple since the UNESCO listed the 11th century Preah Vihear temple as a World Heritage Site in 2008.

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