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CAMBODIAN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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**CCHR calls for internationally brokered and monitored peace deal to end clashes at the border permanently**

The [Cambodian Center for Human Rights](http://www.cchrcambodia.org) (“CCHR”), a non-political, independent, non-governmental organization that works to promote and protect democracy and respect for human rights throughout the Kingdom of Cambodia, condemns the ongoing fighting in the area surrounding the Preah Vihear on the Cambodian-Thai border and calls for an internationally brokered and monitored peace deal between the countries.

The fighting at the border, which today entered its fourth day, is the second period of fighting this year. In May 2009 after a Thai attack resulted in the destruction of a village near the temple and damage to the temple itself, CCHR called upon the United Nations (“UN”) and the Association of South East Asian Nations (“ASEAN”) to intervene and mediate between the two sides. Two years on, the stand-off between the two nations is worse than ever and the human toll is rising, with as many as eleven soldiers killed and thousands of civilians displaced on either side of the border. As it is beyond any doubt that this issue cannot be resolved bilaterally, CCHR repeats our call for an international interlocutor to broker and monitor peace between the two countries.

**Ou Virak, President of CCHR, commented:**

*"We have already seen eleven soldiers killed at the border and thousands of civilians have been displaced since the fighting has broken out again. This is the human cost of what appears to be a cynical political ploy on the part of both governments to satisfy nationalist sentiment. This most recent series of clashes is proof perfect that an international interlocutor is needed, both to broker a peace deal and to monitor it. The international community needs to stop flip flopping and to exert pressure on both sides to accept international assistance to end this farce."*

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