

# Thailand-Cambodia clashes flare, killing soldier, civilians

Thailand launched air strikes Monday on its neighbour Cambodia, with both sides trading blame for renewed fighting on their disputed border that has killed four Cambodian civilians and a Thai soldier.

Around 35,000 people in Thailand have been evacuated from border areas, the country's Second Army Region said in a statement.

Five days of combat between Thailand and Cambodia this summer killed 43 people and displaced around 300,000 on both sides of the border before a truce took effect.

But last month Thailand paused a follow-on deal backed by US President Donald Trump to wind down hostilities, saying a landmine blast at the border had wounded several soldiers. Since then, Cambodian and Thai officials have reported sporadic skirmishes along

their frontier, which reignited Sunday and Monday. Cambodia's information minister Neth Pheaktra told AFP that "at least four Cambodian civilians were killed in the Thai attacks" on Monday, including a woman who died when a shell hit in Preah Vihear province. The three others were killed by shelling in Oddar Meanchey, and more than 10 civilians were wounded, Neth Pheaktra said.

A Cambodian journalist was wounded by shrapnel from a Thai rocket in Oddar Meanchey, he added.

The fresh fighting has sent thousands of civilians in both countries fleeing their homes.

"The village head told us to evacuate, and given what happened in July, I complied immediately," said farmer Pannarat Woratham who lives just a few kilometres from the border in Thailand's Surin prov-

ince and evacuated Sunday afternoon to a temple sheltering the displaced.

It was the second time the 59-year-old had fled since late July when open combat was waged with fighter jets, missile strikes and ground troops, killing both civilians and soldiers.

"Of course many of us thought the conflict was finally over. It shouldn't have happened again like this," Pannarat told AFP.

Neth Pheaktra, the minister, told reporters at least 1,157 families had evacuated to safety in Oddar Meanchey alone.

The conflict centres on a century-old disagreement over borders mapped during France's colonial rule in the region, with both sides claiming a smattering of boundary temples.

Both sides reported a brief skirmish on Sunday, which Thailand's



People flee amid clashes between Thailand and Cambodia along a disputed border area in Oddar Meanchey Province, Cambodia, on Monday. — REUTERS

military had said left two soldiers wounded. But the fighting escalated early Monday morning. Thai army spokesman Winthai Suvaree told reporters on Monday that one soldier was killed and eight were

wounded in attacks by Cambodian troops near the border.

Thailand had launched air strikes against its neighbour in an act of self-defence, he said.

"The Thai air power is being

used only against Cambodian military targets, which allows damage to be contained and halts Cambodia's supporting fire that caused Thai casualties," Winthai said at a press conference. — AFP

# Lanka sends tens of thousands of troops for flood disaster recovery

Sri Lanka has almost doubled its military deployment to regions struck by a cyclone that has killed 627, sending tens of thousands of troops to help areas hit by a wave of destruction, the army said Monday.

More than two million people -- nearly 10 percent of the population -- have been affected by the disaster caused by Cyclone Ditwah, the worst on the island this century.

Sri Lanka is expecting further heavy monsoon rains on Monday, topping 50 millimetres in many places, including the worst-affected central region, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said. It has also issued warnings of further landslides.

The DMC has confirmed 627 deaths, with another 190 people unaccounted for since November 27, when intense rains brought on by Cyclone Ditwah triggered landslides and floods.

The disaster management agency warned residents to "take adequate precautions to minimise damage caused by temporary localised strong winds and lightning during thundershowers".

Army chief Lasantha Rodrigo said 38,500 security personnel had been deployed to boost recovery and clean-up operations in flood-affected and landslide-hit areas, nearly doubling the initial deployment. "Since the disaster, security forces have been able to rescue 31,116 people who were in distress," Rodrigo said in a pre-recorded statement.

Army spokesman Waruna Gamage said additional troops were deployed as the rescue efforts turned into a recovery operation.

"We have almost doubled the deployment as we are now engaged in rebuilding roads, bridges and also helping with the clean-up of drinking water wells contaminated with floodwaters," Gamage told AFP. The tea-growing central region was the hardest hit, with 471 deaths reported, according to official data. President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, who has described the disaster as the most challenging faced by any Sri Lankan government, last week visited affected areas to monitor relief operations. — AFP



People walk past damaged houses following landslides in the aftermath of Cyclone Ditwah in Ulapane village near Nawalapitiya town in Kandy. — AFP

# Indonesia suffers food, medical shortages

Regions hit by floods that killed hundreds in Indonesia were suffering from food and medical shortages, authorities said, as elephants pitched in on Monday to help clear up debris.

Tropical storms and monsoon rains have pummelled Southeast and South Asia this month, triggering landslides and flash floods from the rainforests of Indonesia's western Sumatra island to highland plantations in Sri Lanka.

"Everything is lacking, especially medical personnel. We are short on doctors," Muzakir Manaf, the governor of Indonesia's Aceh province, told reporters late Sunday.

Indonesia's national disaster mitigation agency (BNPB) said

961 people in Aceh, North Sumatra and West Sumatra had been killed, while 293 were missing. More than a million people were displaced, the agency said.

In Pidie Jaya, a district in Aceh badly affected by the floods, four elephants from a nearby training centre picked up large pieces of rubble with their trunks and helped shift stuck vehicles.

"We brought four elephants to clear the debris from the houses of the communities that were swept away by the flood," Hadi Sofyan, the head of a local conservation agency, told AFP.

"Our target is to clean the debris near the residents' houses so they can access their homes," he said,

adding the elephants would be used for the rest of the week.

The downpours and subsequent landslides throughout western Indonesia have injured at least 5,000 people and devastated infrastructure, including schools and hospitals.

In the city of Banda Aceh, long queues formed for drinking water and fuel, and prices of basic commodities such as eggs were skyrocketing, an AFP correspondent

said. Costs to rebuild after the disaster could run up to 51.82 trillion rupiah (\$3.1 billion), the BNPB said late Sunday.

Seasonal monsoon rains are a feature of life in South Asia and Southeast Asia, flooding rice fields and nourishing the growth of other key crops.

However, climate change is making the phenomenon more erratic, unpredictable, and deadly throughout the regions. — AFP

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PROJECT BRIEF

The Balochistan Public-Private Partnership Authority (BPPPA), in lead of Forest & Wildlife Department, Government of Balochistan, is inviting proposal from potential bidders to develop and implement the **Balochistan Carbon Offset Project** under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) for a concession period of **46 Years** (01 Year Development and 45 Years O&M period). The project is for the Afforestation, Reforestation and Revegetation (ARR) Project across 34,351 ha of eligible land across the coast of Balochistan in Districts Gwadar and Lasbela.

**PRE-BID MEETING:** Jan 06, 2026 at 12:00 pm PST

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