
ASEAN TO CONDUCT ON-SITE PROBE OF LANDMINE INCIDENT THAT DERAILED THAI-CAMBODIAN TRUCE, THAILAND SAYS

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A landmine explosion on the contested Thai-Cambodian border that has threatened to derail a US-brokered truce was scheduled to be investigated by Asean observers on Nov 14, Thailand said, a day after Malaysias Foreign Minister said a regional team had reported that mines found at the site of the incident were new.

Thailand has suspended the ceasefire deal and demanded an apology from Cambodia after accusing it of laying fresh PMN-2 landmines, one of which maimed a Thai soldier on Nov 10 in the Kantharalak district of Thailands Sisaket province, which is opposite Cambodias province of Preah Vihear.

Cambodia has denied the charge and urged Bangkok to adhere to the truce agreement signed in Malaysia in October. The truce set up an observer team, made up of military officials from Asean, to ensure that Thailand and Cambodia follow through and de-escalate tensions.

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