



**STATEMENT BY ASEAN CHAIR, SINGAPORE'S  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GEORGE YEO,  
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The ASEAN Foreign Ministers were briefed by both Cambodia and Thailand on the situation in the area around the Temple of Preah Vihear and noted this with concern. We urged both sides to exercise utmost restraint and resolve this issue amicably, in the spirit of ASEAN solidarity and good neighbourliness. We hope the General Border Commission (GBC) between Thailand and Cambodia which will be meeting tomorrow, and other bilateral talks, will find a way to defuse the situation. Both sides affirmed that they would abide by their ASEAN and international obligations and exert their utmost efforts to find a peaceful solution to the issue.

Recognising the importance of maintaining peace and stability in the region, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers also decided to offer its facilities to be placed at the disposal of Cambodia and Thailand, in the event that they felt the need for further support to find an early resolution to the issue.

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