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# India donates infantry weapon training simulator to RCA

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General Mao Sophan (R), Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and Commander of the Army, and Vanlalvawna Bawitlung, Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Kingdom of Cambodia, preside over the handover ceremony of the Infantry Weapon Training Simulator, a donation from the Indian Army to the Royal Cambodian Army. RCA


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The Indian government donated an Infantry Weapon Training Simulator to the Royal Cambodian Army (RCA) yesterday, a gift from the Indian Army.



The handover ceremony took place at the RCA Headquarters, reaffirming the strong defence cooperation between the two nations.



General Mao Sophon, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) and Commander of the RCA, and Vanlalvawna Bawitlung, Indian Ambassador to Cambodia, presided over the handover ceremony of the simulator.

Gen Sophon highlighted the longstanding relationship and cooperation between Cambodia and India over the past 73 years.

He noted that military cooperation between the two nations has steadily strengthened and expanded, culminating in the signing of the Terms of Reference (TOR) between their respective armies.

The TOR has created new opportunities for enhanced collaboration and engagement.

He noted that the simulator, provided by the Indian Army, represents valuable support for the modernisation of Cambodia's national defence and underscored that this advanced training system will contribute significantly to enhancing the operational capabilities of the RCA.

Ambassador Bawitlung said that the provision of the simulator was in response to a request made by the then-commander of the RCA, Hun Manet, now Prime Minister, during his visit to India in February 2023. This request laid a strong foundation for enhanced defence cooperation between the two armies.

He added that the donation of the training system is a testament to the enduring friendship between the Cambodian and Indian armies. It also reflects India's commitment to further strengthening and expanding defence ties with Cambodia, reinforcing the deep-rooted partnership between the two nations.

After the signing of the TOR between the two armies in 2023, the RCA deployed personnel for training at various military institutions in India. Additionally, both armies conducted the inaugural bilateral military exercise, CINBAX, which underscored their shared commitment to enhancing interoperability, strengthening counter-terrorism cooperation, and improving readiness for joint operations under the framework of United Nations peacekeeping missions.

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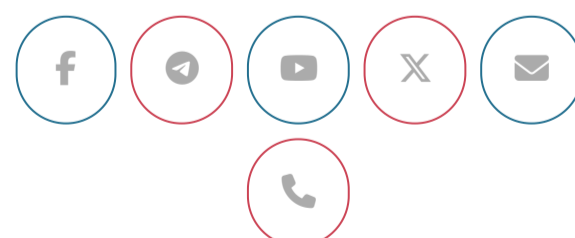
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