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Letter dated 23 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative of  
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter (A/34/580-S/13575) dated 16 October 1979, I have the honour, upon instructions of my Government, to bring to your attention the following:

On 21 October 1979, at 12 p.m., 15 mortar shells, coming from inside Kampuchea, landed in Thai territory at Ban Kok Samet and Ban Kok Soong in the eastern border province of Prachinburi, instantly killing three Thais, including a woman and a child, and one Kampuchean, as well as seriously wounding seven other Thais. Again on the same date, at 7.08 p.m., several rounds of machine-gun were fired to the Thai side of the border north of Klong Leuk Bridge, Tambon Klong Nam Sai, in the same province of Prachinburi.

This is another round of gross violation of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity causing senseless loss of lives and destruction of property, and exacerbating the already tense situation along the Thai-Kampuchean border.

The Thai Government strongly protests this blatant provocation on the part of the irresponsible perpetrators. As already stated in my previous letter, the Thai Government will take necessary and legitimate measures in safeguarding the lives and property of its citizens.

The Thai Government once more reiterates its intention to remain uninvolved in the armed conflict in Kampuchea and wishes to remind the community of nations of the potential dangers to international peace and security.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 123, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pracha GUNA-KASEM  
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Permanent Representative of Thailand  
to the United Nations