

# **ASEAN News Update**

# December 2025

### Contents

ASEAN Chairmanship - Outgoing & Incoming	. 1
Commentary	2
Thailand-Cambodia Conflict	2
Timor-Leste	3
Myanmar	3
ASEAN External Relations	4
Energy, Environment	4
Human Rights	4
Cybersecurity	5
ASEAN Economic Community	. 5

# ASEAN Chairmanship - Outgoing & Incoming

Malaysia's Year as ASEAN Chair: Managing Disorder Carnegie China, 29 December 2025

The Philippines seeks maritime security through 2026 ASEAN chairmanship Nikkei Asian Review, Don McLain Gill, 26 December 2025

#### <u>2026 ASEAN Chair: Philippines prepared to facilitate Cambodia-Thailand issue</u> The Nation, 23 December 2025

#### What the Philippines chairmanship means for ASEAN

The Jakarta Post, Aaron Jed Rabena, 22 December 2025

#### Malaysia guides Asean through turbulent year, wraps up over 320 meetings

New Straits Times, 20 December 2025

#### What can ASEAN expect from incoming chair Philippines?

Channel News Asia, Nirmal Ghosh, 19 December 2025

## Commentary

#### Reading ASEAN's Sentiments in a Year of Crosswinds

Fulcrum, Joanne Lin and Jasmine Yeo, 19 December 2025

#### Can the ASEAN Way Survive 2026?

The Diplomat, Kevin Zongzhe Li, 17 December 2025

#### ASEAN struggles with the return of Trumpian diplomacy

East Asia Forum, Klaus Heinrich Raditio, 9 December 2025

#### US-ASEAN trade is too important for short-term thinking

East Asia Forum, Dmitry Grozoubinski and Felix Christian Haas, 5 December 2025

#### ASEAN must be ready if Taiwan crisis hits

East Asia Forum, Muhammad Waffaa Kharisma, 4 December 2025

#### Thailand-Cambodia Conflict

<u>China steps out of diplomatic shadows to take credit for efforts on Cambodia-Thailand ceasefire</u> The Straits Times, 29 December 2025

#### 3rd Cambodia-Thailand Ceasefire Holds Amid Talks in China

The Diplomat, Luke Hunt, 29 December 2025

#### Thailand and Cambodia agree on 72-hour ceasefire

Nikkei Asian Review, 27 December 2025

#### Why Peace Keeps Failing on the Cambodia—Thailand Border

The Diplomat, 22 December 2025

Compiled by the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore. Please note that links to third-party websites were checked for accuracy in the month of the updates. No responsibility can be taken for subsequent changes on these websites.



ASEAN Chair's Statement on the Special ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the Current Situation Between Cambodia and Thailand

ASEAN Secretariat, 22 December 2025

<u>Thailand, Cambodia Agree to Deployment of ASEAN Observers, Malaysian PM Says</u>
The Diplomat, 18 December 2025

Does collapse of Thailand-Cambodia truce expose Asean's limits?

South China Morning Post, Sam Beltran, 11 December 2025

#### Timor-Leste

<u>Can Timor-Leste's Accession to ASEAN Contribute Meaningfully to Sino-ASEAN Relations?</u>
China-US Focus, Brian Wong, 18 December 2025

Policy Speech by His Excellency Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

ASEAN Secretariat News, 11 December 2025

Why bringing East Timor into ASEAN cuts both ways

Nikkei Asian Review, Toru Takahashi, 7 December 2025

# Myanmar

ASEAN must not legitimize a sham election in Myanmar

The Jakarta Post, Yuyun Wahyuningrum, 30 December 2025

Why ASEAN Must Hold the Line on Myanmar's Election

Fulcrum, Joanne Lin and Moe Thuzar, 23 December 2025

International Court of Justice to Hear Rohingya Genocide Case Next Month

The Diplomat, 22 December 2025



Women, Peace, and Security in Myanmar: How Can ASEAN Live Up to Its Commitments? IPI Global Observatory, Phyu Phyu Oo and Sara E. Davies, 19 December 2025

ASEAN Chair's Statement on the Airstrike on Mrauk-U Hospital, Western Rakhine State ASEAN Secretariat, 14 December 2025

#### **ASEAN External Relations**

ASEAN-China Digital Cooperation: Deeper but Clear-Eyed Engagement Carnegie Endowment, Elina Noor, 25 December 2025

<u>China expands digital-yuan push to Singapore and Asean trade routes</u> South China Morning Post, 24 December 2025

Beyond ASEAN, Southeast Asia reasserts its Global South identity
Nikkei Asian Review, Sarang Shidore and Joanne Lin, 8 December 2025

# Energy, Environment

ASEAN Power Grid: Gleaning Best Practices from Worst Cases Fulcrum, Mirza Sadaqat Huda, 18 December 2025

A New Deal for the Mekong

Fulcrum, Anoulak Kittikhoun, 11 December 2025

COP30: Highlighting the Importance of the Agri-food and Forestry Sectors in Southeast Asia Fulcrum, Elyssa Kaur Ludher and Paul Teng, 8 December 2025

# Human Rights

ASEAN Advances Regional Action on the Right to a Safe, Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment

AICHR, 17 December 2025

AICHR convenes Regional Consultation on Promoting Rights to a Safe, Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable Environment of Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN

ASEAN Secretariat News, 8 December 2025



# Cybersecurity

Analysis of Cyber Attacks in Southeast Asia: Strategic Dynamics, Policy Gaps, and Recommendations

ISEAS Perspective, Surachanee "Hammerli" Sriyai, 16 December 2025

# **ASEAN Economic Community**

What will power South-east Asia in the coming year? 5 trends to watch in 2026 Business Times Singapore, 26 December 2025

Asean economies head into 2026 on a strong note

Business Times Singapore, 20 December 2025

ASEAN Business Entity: Integration at the Cost of Inclusion

Fulcrum, Tham Siew Yean, 19 December 2025

ASEAN's Regional Ambitions for the Semiconductor Industry

Fulcrum, George Tan and Maria Monica Wihardja, 1 December 2025