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No. 6779. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF BURMA ON BORDER ARRANGEMENTS AND CO-OPERATION. SIGNED AT RANGOON, ON 17 MAY 1963

The Government of Thailand and the Government of the Union of Burma, Desirous of concluding an agreement on border arrangements and co-operation with a view to strengthening the existing friendly ties between the two countries and to fostering economic well-being, and in order to give full and practical effect to the maintenance of peace and security along the common border,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

(a) There shall be a High-Level Committee consisting of such representatives and senior officers of the Governments of Thailand and of the Union of Burma as are specified in Annex I to this Agreement and as may be mutually agreed upon from time to time.

(b) The terms of reference of the High-Level Committee shall be as follows :

“ To meet and confer on measures which might be adopted with a view to strengthening border security and solving such specific border problems as may arise and devising measures of economic and cultural co-operation in general. ”

(c) The High-Level Committees will normally meet twice yearly alternately in Bangkok and Rangoon.

(d) There may be direct communication by telegram or letter between the Thai and Burmese Joint Chairmen of the High-Level Committee. Such communications will be passed through diplomatic channels.

Article II

(a) There shall be Committees on Border Security and Specific Border Problems consisting of such officers of the Government of Thailand and the Government of the Union of Burma as may be agreed upon from time to time by the High-Level Committee.

¹ Came into force on 17 May 1963, upon signature, in accordance with article IV.

(b) The main function of the Committees on Border Security and Specific Border Problems shall be to consult on measures which may be necessary to resolve common security problems and other specific problems which may arise in the border area.

(c) The Committees shall be responsible for ensuring the execution of measures by the competent border authorities and for its effective co-ordination and supervision. Day-to-day co-ordination of the execution of the overall measures will be effected by liaison between the Border Committees of the two countries.

(d) The Committees shall hold border conferences at such frequencies and places as are specified in Annex II to this Agreement.

Article III

This Agreement and its Annexes may be amended by mutual agreement of the Governments of Thailand and of the Union of Burma on the recommendation of the High-Level Committee.

Article IV

This Agreement shall come into force on the day of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the two Governments.

Article V

This Agreement shall continue in force until a date to be agreed upon by the two Governments or may be terminated three months after a written notification has been given by either Government to the other.

DONE in duplicate in Rangoon on the 17th day of May 1963, in the English language.

For the Government
of Thailand :
(Signed) Thanat KHOMAN

For the Government
of the Union of Burma :
(Signed) Thi HAN

ANNEX I

Pursuant to Article I (a) of the Agreement between the Government of Thailand and the Government of the Union of Burma on Border Arrangements and Co-operation of the 17th May 1963,¹ it is further agreed as follows :

(1) The High-Level Committee shall be chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the host country.

¹ See p. 320 of this volume.

(2) The High-Level Committee shall consist of the following members and/or such other members as may be required :

From the Thai Side

- (1) Minister of Foreign Affairs (Chairman)
- (2) Chief of Staff, Supreme Command
- (3) Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
- (4) Deputy-Director-General of the Police Department
- (5) Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture
- (6) Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs
- (7) Director-General of the Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- (8) Director-General of the Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

From the Burmese Side

- (1) Minister for Foreign Affairs (Chairman)
- (2) Vice-Chief of Staff, Defence Services (Army)
- (3) Director-General of National Intelligence Bureau
- (4) Vice Inspector-General of Police
- (5) Administrator-General, Frontier Areas Administration

ANNEX II

Pursuant to Article II (a) of the Agreement between the Government of Thailand and the Government of the Union of Burma on Border Arrangements and Co-operation of the 17th May 1963, it is further agreed with regard to border security and other specific border problems as follows :

I. For the purpose of solving common security problems and other specific problems along the border by friendly contacts and co-operation, both sides agree to establish a number of Border Committees in their respective countries.

II. Border Committees of each side shall comprise :

- (a) A general Border Committee,
- (b) Regional Border Committees,
- (c) Sub-Regional Border Committees.

III. General Border Committees

The Committees shall consist of the following members, and/or such other members as may be required :

On the Thai Side

- (1) Chief of Staff, Supreme Command
- (2) Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
- (3) Representatives of the Royal Thai Army, Navy and Air Force
- (4) Chief of the Provincial Police and Chief of Border Patrol Police
- (5) Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- (6) Military Attache in Rangoon
- (7) Consul-General in Kengtung

On the Burmese Side

- (1) Vice-Chief of Staff, Defence Services (Army)
- (2) Director-General of National Intelligence Bureau
- (3) Vice Inspector-General of Police
- (4) Administrator-General, Frontier Areas Administration
- (5) Foreign Office Representative
- (6) Armed Forces Attaché in Bangkok
- (7) Consul-General in Chiengmai

The General Border Committees shall hold joint meeting quarterly or when required by circumstances. These meetings shall take place either in Rangoon or Bangkok or any other place to be agreed upon.

These Committees are directed in the execution of their functions by the Thai-Burmese High-Level Committee.

IV. Regional Border Committees

Each side shall set up a number of Regional Border Committees, each composed of the following members, and/or such other members as may be required :

On the Thai Side

- (1) Provincial Governor
- (2) Police Superintendent of the Province
- (3) Superintendent of the Border Patrol Police of the Area
- (4) Military District Commander
- (5) Immigration Officer
- (6) Customs Officer

On the Burmese Side

- (1) Divisional Commander (Chairman of Security and Administrative Committee)
- (2) Divisional Commissioner (member of the S.A.C.)
- (3) Deputy Inspector-General of Police (member of the S.A.C.)
- (4) Commissioner of Frontier Areas Administration

The number and locations of the Regional Border Committees shall be determined by joint decision of the General Border Committees.

The Regional Border Committees of both sides shall hold joint meetings quarterly or when required by circumstances. These Committees are directed in the execution of their functions by the General Border Committees.

V. Sub-Regional Border Committees

These Committees shall be set up along the Thai-Burmese border at the corresponding points, which are initially fixed as follows :

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| 1. Mae-Sai . . . | . . . | Tachilek |
| 2. Chieng-Dao . . . | . . . | Pungpahkyen (LD 7708) |
| 3. Mae-Sarieng . . . | . . . | Dagwin |
| 4. Mae-Sod . . . | . . . | Myawaddy |
| 5. District of Ranong | . . . | Kawthaung (Victoria Point) |

Each of the Sub-Regional Border Committees shall be composed of the following members, and/or such other members as may be required :

On the Thai Side

- (1) District Officer
- (2) Representatives of the Army
- (3) Provincial and Border Patrol Police Officers
- (4) Immigration Officer
- (5) Customs Officer

On the Burmese Side

- (1) Local Military Commander (Chairman of the S.A.C.)
- (2) Deputy Commissioner/Sub-divisional Officer/Township Officer (members of the S.A.C.)
- (3) Local Police Officer (member of the S.A.C.)

The Sub-Regional Border Committees shall meet at least once a month, and/or whenever required by the situation.

These Committees shall be directed in the execution of their functions by the Regional Border Committees.

VI. Apart from the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, the frequency and places of meetings of the General Border Committees, the Regional Border Committees as well as of the Sub-Regional Border Committees shall be determined by mutual agreement.

VII. Terms of reference of the Border Committees are :

- A. On border security problems,
 - (1) To extend to each other full co-operation in suppressing crimes along the border area in order to ensure peaceful living of the local inhabitants,
 - (2) To exchange with each other information concerning crimes of all nature committed in the border area,
 - (3) To establish liaison between two Committees of the same level.
- B. On other specific border problems,
To deal with any specific border problems other than those relating to security.

VIII. The Committees shall carry out their functions in accordance with the laws and regulations of their respective countries and in conformity with International Law.

IX. In order to suppress border crimes efficiently, both sides agree that police actions across the border shall be allowed within five miles from the frontier, provided that prior notification shall be given and the authorities of one side shall always be accompanied by a liaison officer(s) of the other side.