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The Preah Vihear Temple Dispute:

When cosmic nationalisms fuel conflict

with

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The dispute between Cambodia and Thailand marks the first time that two ASEAN member states have engaged in armed conflict. In view of the rapidly evolving regional security, what are the implications for Southeast Asia?

Julio Jeldres will provide the historical background and overview present current developments in the Cambodia-Thai border dispute over the Preah Vihear temple complex. While Preah Vihear was judged to be on territory belonging to Cambodia by the International Court of Justice in 1962, some of the territory bordering the sanctuary is still claimed by Thailand. The issue has been complicated by strident nationalisms and also by decades of cultural acrimony, which have made a settlement of the dispute through the involvement of ASEAN or the UN impractical. Now, the ICJ has been asked to once again judge whether the territory bordering the Preah Vihear temple actually belongs to Cambodia or to Thailand. But even an ICJ ruling is unlikely to settle the dispute between these two neighbours.

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