

III. SIHANOUK CONGRATULATES SAMPHAN ON  
HIGHWAY 6 VICTORIES OF CPNLAF

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Peking, December 5 (Hsinhua) -- Samdech Norodom Sihanouk Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, sent a message yesterday to Khieu Samphan, Vice-Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and Commander-in-Chief of the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces (CPNLAF), extending the warmest congratulations to the CPNLAF on the new great victories scored by them recently on Highway 6. The message reads:

His Excellency Khieu Samphan,

Vice-Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and Commander-in-Chief of the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces,  
Liberated Zone in Cambodia.

It is with profound admiration for our glorious and heroic combatants under your command and with great enthusiasm that we Khmers of the National United Front of Cambodia (NUFC) on mission in the friendly countries have learned the news of the great victories scored on December 1 and 2, 1971 by the CPNLAF on Highway 6, routing and wiping out a number of battalions and even whole brigades of the army of traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Son Ngoc Thanh, sub-valets of U.S. imperialism, and liberating on the same occasion the strategic cities of Baray and Kompong Thmar. The big American, British and French news agencies which have reporters in our country unanimously held that these victories of our NUFC constitute the biggest humiliation for the anti-national, anti-popular and anti-constitutional regime of Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Son Ngoc Thanh and the most serious military defeat sustained by this regime and its master U.S. imperialism since the latter launched its war of aggression in Cambodia. Please accept for yourself and convey to our beloved people and to all the heroic and glorious cadres and members of the CPNLAF my warmest congratulations and my profound thanks for the immense and unparalleled historic contribution that the CPNLAF have made to national salvation and then complete liberation of our Fatherland Cambodia.

With high and affectionate consideration,

Norodom Sihanouk

Peking, December 4, 1971