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Sihanouk Leaves Peking for 'Other Countries'

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[Text] Peking, November 15, 1975 (REUTERS)--Sihanouk Norodon Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia [NUFC], and Madame Sihanouk left hereby special plane this morning to pay friendly visits to a number of Asian, African and European countries. [In its report of Sihanouk's departure, Peking Domestic Service in Mandarin at 0400 GMT on 15 November says that he departed for Iraq.] Accompanying them on the visits are Sarin Chhak, minister of foreign affairs of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Keat Chhon, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the NUFC Central Committee.

Seeing them off at the airport were Chinese Vice-Premiers Teng Hsiao-ping and Li Hsien-nien, Vice-Chairmen of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Wu Te and Hsu Hsiang-chien, Vice-Foreign Minister Han Hsien-lung and leading members of departments concerned Lin Chia-mei, Chu Huan-hsien and Liang Feng.

On hand were also Cambodian Ambassador to China Teoh Khan Doeun and other Cambodian friends in Peking as well as diplomatic envoys of Iraq, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Pakistan, Syria, the Yemen Arab Republic, Burundi, Somalia, the Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Albania, Romania and Yugoslavia to China and their wives and head of the mission of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Peking.

In a brief stopover in Sinkiang, Sihanouk and Madame Sihanouk were greeted and seen off at the airport by Ho Lin-chao and Li Chao-ming, leading members of the Revolutionary Committee of the Sinkiang Uighur Autonomous Region, and were guests of honour at a banquet there.

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PREPARATIONS FOR DRY SEASON CROP REPORTED

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[Commentary: "The Brothers of All Solidarity Groups for Increasing Production Are Preparing To Launch This Year's Dry Season Crop"]

[Text] The cold season has arrived. The brothers of all solidarity groups for increasing production are gradually reaping their crop and at the same time are preparing for the coming dry season crop. The brothers in every region, sector and district throughout the country, as well as those in the plain areas on the banks of Tonle Sap Lake, rivers and in the highland and lowland areas, are determined to strive hard to reap this year's dry season crop--expected to be several times better than any year--to produce more to improve our people's livelihood and contribute to defending and building the country.

The brothers have focused attention on the following conditions:

1. Selection of high-yield strains of seeds. The brothers have prepared enough seeds for the dry season crop so that they can master and begin cultivation immediately.
2. Preparation of water supply so as to master it throughout the dry season. The brothers have made artificial lakes and ditches to retain water and prevent it from flowing into the rivers.
3. The brothers have prepared to build, strengthen and expand big and high field embankments to retain and conserve rainwater at the end of this year so that the drive to grow the dry season crop can begin immediately.
4. In places where transplanting has commenced early, the brothers have prepared seedlings beforehand so that after the harvest we can begin cultivating another crop immediately without wasting time and water.
5. At the same time, the brothers have prepared farm tools and other equipment for this dry season crop, such as plows, harrows, cattle, buffalo, and particularly water-wheels and various water pumps.

With all these preparations, our brothers will be able to fully grow a dry season crop and reap better yields than in previous years in order to contribute to defending and building our country and making it progress rapidly.

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PHNOM PENH REPORTS SIHANOUK BAGHDAD ARRIVAL

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[Text] On Saturday afternoon, 15 November 1975, Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, chief of state and chairman of the NUPC; Madame Sihanouk; Sarin Chhak and Keat Chhon arrived in Baghdad for a 3-day friendship visit to friendly Iraq. The NUPC delegation expressed thanks to the people and Government of the Arab Republic of Iraq and Ahmad Hasan al-Bakr for according our Cambodian people constant support and assistance to our national and people's liberation cause during the past more than 5 years.

This visit of the Cambodian delegation will greatly contribute to further strengthening and developing the friendship and militant unity between the Cambodian and Iraqi peoples.

Tours Middle East Countries

For radio and press agency accounts of the visit of Prince Norodom Sihanouk to Iraq, Syria and Sudan, see the Iraq, Syria and Sudan sections of the 18 November and subsequent issues of the Middle East and North Africa DAILY REPORT.