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✓ SIHANOUK BEING TRIED FOR TREASON IN ABSENTIA

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[Excerpt] Phnom Penh, Cambodia, April 28 (REUTERS)--Former Head of State Norodom Sihanouk is being tried for treason in absentia before a military tribunal here, official sources said today. The hearing, in which nine other persons also are being tried in their absence, opened Monday and depositions are being taken in secret. The others on trial include the Prince's wife, Princess Monique, her mother and several advisors. Sihanouk, ousted March 18, could receive a death sentence from the tribunal, the sources said.