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SOVIET LEADERS SEND CONGRATULATIONS TO SIHANOUK, OTHERS

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[Text] Comrades Brezhnev, Podgornyy and Kosygin have sent a message of greetings to Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and president of the National United Front of Cambodia; Penn Nouth, prime minister of the Cambodian Royal Government of National Union; and Khieu Samphan, commander in chief of the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces.

The message says: In the name of the CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, the Soviet Government and the whole Soviet people, we send you and, in your person, the Cambodian people warm congratulations on the occasion of a remarkable victory--the liberation of the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh.

This victory, which was achieved by the Cambodian patriotic forces under the leadership of the National United Front and the Cambodian Royal Government of National Union, is welcomed by all Soviet people with a feeling of deep satisfaction. It is an important stage on the road to the full triumph of the just cause of the Cambodian people.

The Soviet Union, true to the principles of internationalism and solidarity with peoples struggling for their national liberation, has always supported the Cambodian patriots, the National United Front and the Cambodian Royal Government of National Union.

The Soviet Union will continue to develop traditional relations of friendship and fruitful cooperation between our countries and to support the Cambodian people in its efforts to construct a peaceful, independent, neutral, democratic and flourishing Cambodia.