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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

The continued blocking of Cambodia's Route 4 has seriously reduced petroleum stocks in Phnom Penh.
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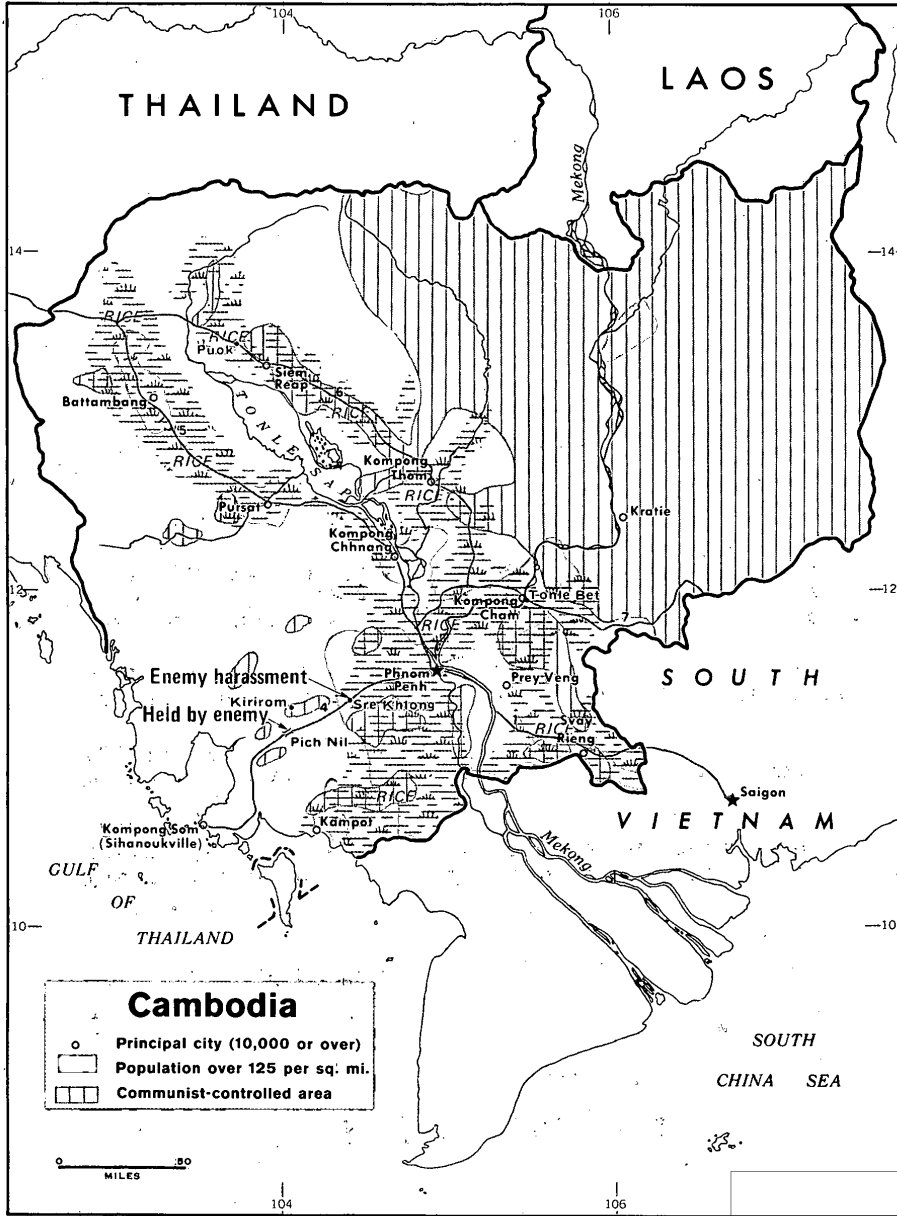
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Current Situation



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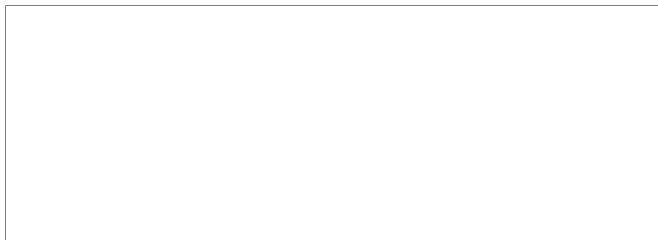
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Route 4 has now been blocked by the enemy since 20 November, disrupting the shipment of petroleum supplies from the coastal refinery at Kompong Som (Sihanoukville) to Phnom Penh. The embassy reports that stocks of gasoline and kerosene for both military and civilian use are expected to run out in mid-December. The Cambodians have asked Saigon for emergency petroleum supplies by truck convoy over Route 1 and by shipments up the Mekong River.

Although the Vietnamese are said to be willing to do all they can, it may already be too late to prevent at least some fuel restrictions.

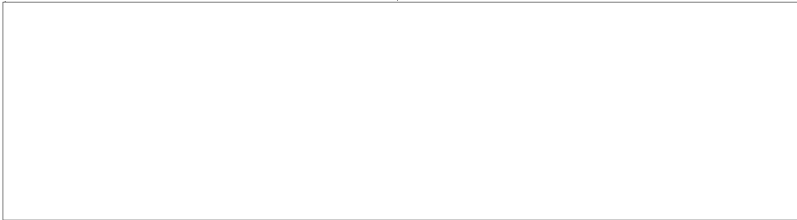
Communist forces remain solidly entrenched along Route 4 at the Pich Nil pass. Enemy harassing attacks against the town of Sre Khlong, near a rear base camp for government troops assigned to retake the pass, have thus far frustrated any Cambodian counter-offensive.

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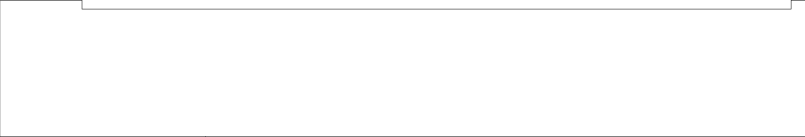
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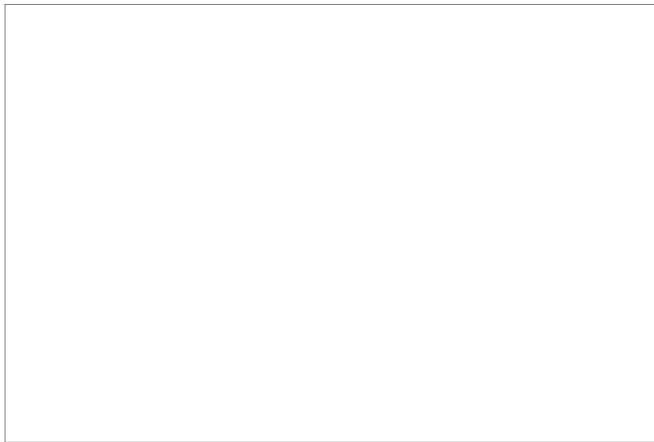
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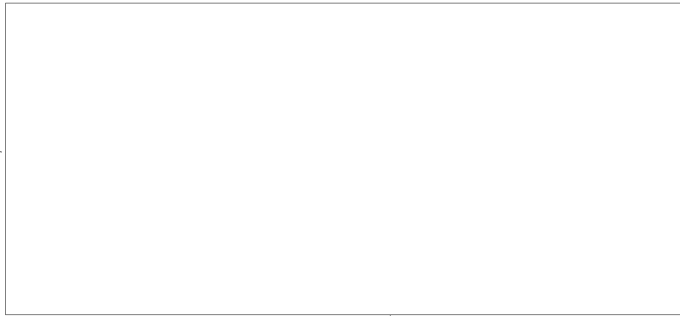
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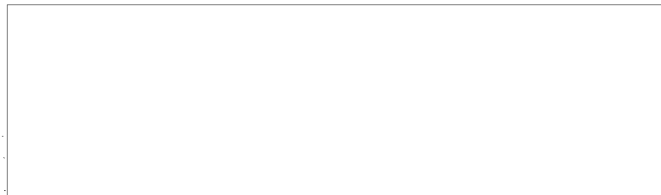
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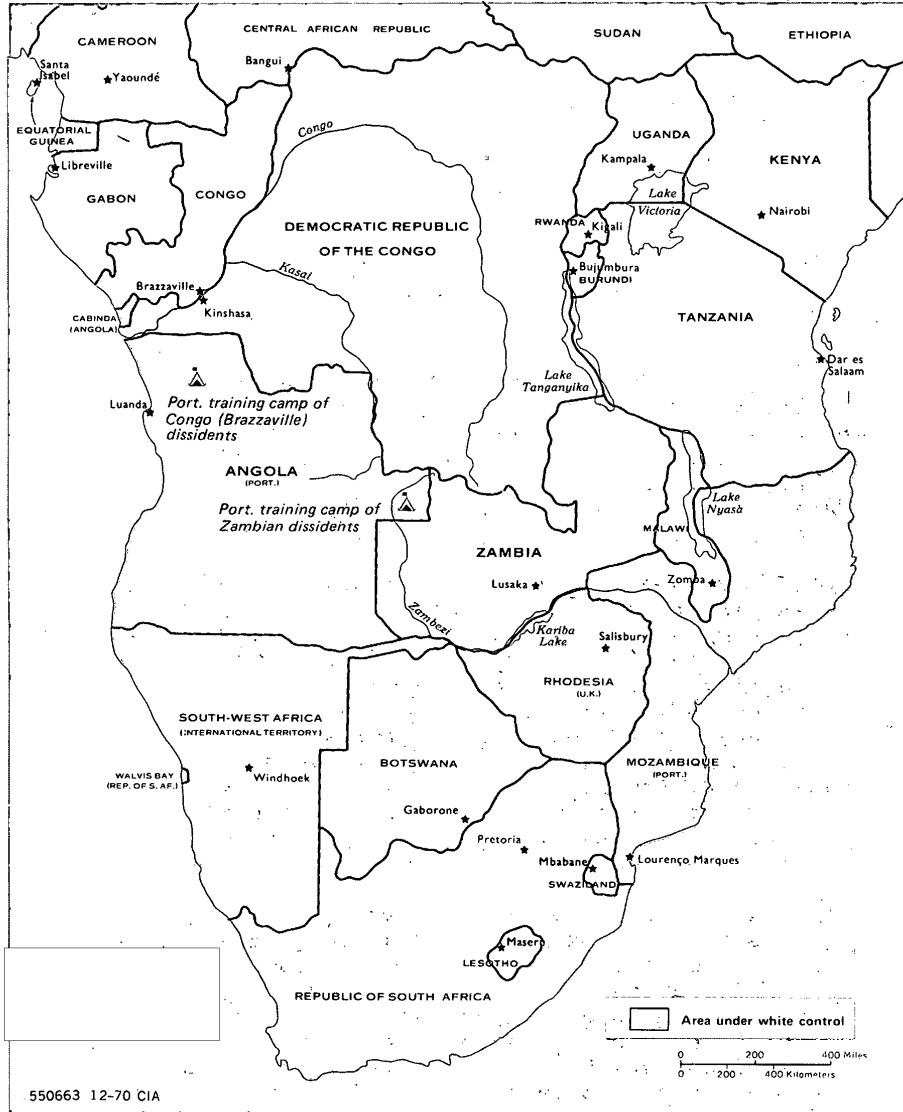
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NOTE

Brazil: The government has asked for and received the names of the 70 prisoners whom the terrorists want released as part of their price for freeing the Swiss ambassador. [REDACTED]

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The government seems to be stalling for time to try to locate the ambassador and his captors, however, by requesting additional proof that he is all right.

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