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((RANARITH)) INSTRUCTED ((SAR)) KHENG, CO-MINISTER OF THE INT (b)(3)
AFFILIATED WITH THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY, TO BEGIN AN
IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION INTO THE CHARGES OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLING ON
THE PART OF HIGH-RANKING CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY
((TENG)) BOONMA. IN LIGHT OF THE PUBLICITY GENERATED BY A RECENT
MAGAZINE ARTICLE, RANARITH WANTED SAR KHENG TO PERSONALLY OVERSEE
THE INVESTIGATION AND EXPECTED AN OBJECTIVE AND IN-DEPTH

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INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER REGARDLESS OF WHERE IT MIGHT LEAD.
RANARITH STRESSED THAT HE DID NOT CARE WHETHER HIGH RANKING
OFFICIALS AND/OR SENSITIVE POSITIONS ARE AFFECTED BY THE
PROSPECTIVE FINDINGS. RANARITH WANTED THE CULPRITS BROUGHT TO
JUSTICE AND PROSECUTED ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF LAW.

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FAR EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW ARTICLE ON ((THENG)) BOONMA

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