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Bank in S. Vietnam To Resume Activity

SAIGON, June 17—South Vietnam's Provisional Revolutionary Government announced today that the national bank is resuming its activities. A communique in the Saigon newspaper, *Giao Phong*, invited foreigners to send deposit funds to be used for aid in reconstructing the country.

No date was given for resuming the bank transactions, although bank staffs have been making preparations for the reopening for several days.

South Vietnam has been without a banking system for more than a month and a half, since the fall of the Thieu government. Today's communique said the national bank will develop banking relations with all foreign countries "regardless of their political and economic systems."

Meanwhile, informed sources here said that former

South Vietnamese President Duong Van Minh and Tran Van Huong have been excused from attending a political re-education course held by the PRG. The move was seen as a goodwill gesture toward political opponents of former President Thieu.

In other developments:

Prince Norodom Sihanouk was reported by a close relative in Bangkok to be threatening to resign his Khmer Rouge posts if he is not allowed to return to Cambodia. The prince, the relative said, has complained that he is being kept in almost total ignorance about the situation in Cambodia.

The port at Phnom Penh has been reopened and is operating around the clock, according to Radio Phnom Penh broadcast monitors in Bangkok. The radio said that dockers are loading and unloading rice, corn, beans, salt, pharmaceutical products, clothing materials and rubber." It did not say where the goods came from.

Thai sailors boarded a Cambodian vessel Monday that had been attacking ships of all nations, including Cambodia, in the Gulf of Thailand, Bangkok police said. The police said six members of the former Cambodian government's navy were taken for questioning.

A delegation of Thai officials led by Thailand's U.S. ambassador, Anand Panyarachun, entered China en route to Peking to discuss establishment of diplomatic relations. Thai Foreign Minister Chatichai Choonhavan is expected to visit China next month. Chatichai said in Bangkok that he has also received an invitation to visit Hanoi in July to discuss improved relations with North Vietnam.