

U.S. Carrier, Marines

Sail Toward Cambodia

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A U.S. helicopter carrier with about 1500 Marines aboard has been ordered into the Gulf of Siam in case it becomes necessary to evacuate American citizens from the beleaguered Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, according to informed sources.

It has also been learned

that a smaller force of Marines at the U.S. Marine base on Okinawa — roughly 300 men — has been put on alert for similar duty.

Sources say these actions are part of a contingency plan that could be put into effect if the need arises to evacuate the roughly 400 U.S. citizens still in Phnom Penh quickly.

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