Indonesia to Move On Communists

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JAKARTA, May 1—Defense Minister Gen. Maraden Panggabean said today that Indonesia would step up operations against underground Communists because of the Communist victories in Indochina.

Commenting on the takeover of Saigon by Communist-led troops Tuesday, Gen. Panggabean said: "We will increase our vigilance, particularly in dealing with remnants of the PKI," the banned Indonesian * Communist Party.

He was speaking to newsmen after a meeting with President Suharto. The minister said the departure of the Americans from Vietnam would not create a vacuum in the region.

Asked if Indonesia would recognize the new government in South Vietnam, Gen. Panggabean said Indonesia would recognize any legal government supported by the people.