Laotian Officers Attend New Politics Seminar

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VIENTIANE, May 28 — Senior Laotian army officers are attending a political seminar this week aimed at helping them adapt to the new leftward political shift.

Sixty-three generals and other senior officers are taking part in the seminar, four miles south of Vientiane.

Gen. Kham Ouan Boupha, Pathet Lao secretary of state for defense in the coalition government, told the officers at the opening session, "This seminar, the first in the Laotian army's history, puts an end to the taboo which meant that military men had no right to take part in politics."

Press reports said the director of the national airline, Prince Panya Souvanna Phouma, son of Premier Souvanna, had agreed to dismiss seven officials of Royal Air Lao as demanded by protesters

Many government agencies have been hit by similar demands in the last two weeks, with right-wing officials being forced out of office.

Pathet Lao police were added to the guard force at the military side of Vientiane's airport yesterday.

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