

All Private Banks Permanently Shut By Saigon Order

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, June 19 (Agence France-Presse) —All banks except the National Bank of Vietnam have been ordered to close their doors permanently under a new banking system being introduced here.

All 34 of the city's banks closed down when the community took over on April 30, fourteen of them were foreign-owned.

Full details of the new system were not available, but they were expected to include orders to transfer all deposits to the National Bank, which will also take charge of collecting debts owed them.

Depositors will be allowed to make limited withdrawals from the National Bank, according to information provided by the Government, which stressed that it would guarantee future foreign investment.

Tran Dunxx Duong was named governor of the National Bank, which will also be responsible for issuing bank notes.

A commercial credit bank will be set up to handle foreign trade but this reorganization will be under South Vietnam's External Trade Department.