

Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Opens in Hanoi

North Vietnam announced the formal opening of a Soviet-financed mausoleum for Ho Chi Minh yesterday in Hanoi where the founder of the Vietnamese Communist Party declared independence from France 320 years ago.

"Uncle Ho is wearing the same old khakhi jacket he used to wear," the broadcast said, adding that the former leader "looks as though he is sleeping, just having a nap between two chats with visitors."

Meanwhile, a high-level Soviet delegation visiting Hanoi pledged continued support for the Vietnamese people.

In Saigon, the new government of South Vietnam announced it had taken over 16 private banks.

Evacuation flights of foreigners from South Vietnam have been suspended indefinitely, airline officials in Bangkok said.