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Cambodia-- Dependents Evacuated

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The United States Embassy, faced with proliferating terrorist attacks against American personnel, has quietly evacuated all families with dependent children and adopted a "single men only" policy for new members of the staff, reliable sources disclosed yesterday.

Officially, the embassy defends its new policies by claiming that proper schooling is not available for American children in the Cambodian capital. But privately, officers admit that terrorist activity and sporadic rocket attacks on Phnom Penh triggered the new regulations.

The need for increased protection for Americans in Phnom Penh was underlined last Wednesday when terrorists attempted to assassinate the U.S. charge d'affaires as he was being driven to his office. He escaped unhurt.

The fathers of 12 children listed as "dependent" were given the choice of moving their families to safe haven in other Asian capitals or requesting a transfer. Most chose transfer.

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