

New Pullout Of Planes In Thailand

Phnom Penh Again Hit By Rockets

Bangkok

The United States is withdrawing another squadron of planes from Thailand and, according to military sources here, 3700 more airmen in a continuation of its phased pullbacks.

The latest reductions will reduce American strength here to about 35,000 men.

The Pentagon said one 24-plane squadron of EB-66 twin-jet electronic jamming and monitoring aircraft is being transferred to Clark Air Base in the Philippines. It was identified as the 42nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron, stationed at the Royal Korat Air Base.

The latest pullout will not affect the more than 300 jet fighter-bombers and B-52 strategic bombers that have remained in Thailand as a deterrent after the halt of Indochina bombing missions.

At the height of the Indochina war, there were 48,000 American servicemen and more than 1000 planes in Thailand.

Thailand has the greatest concentration of American air power outside the United States, located at six air bases built by the U.S. government in the mid-1960s when the Vietnam war was reaching its peak.

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Phnom Penh

Rebels killed eight persons and wounded 37 in a rocket attack on Phnom Penh Wednesday night and yesterday, authorities reported.

The eight rockets fired into the capital made a total of 29 in 12 days. Twenty-two persons have been killed and 61 wounded.

In other war action, field reports from north of the capital on Highway 5 said government operations to retake the Tep Bangsei pagoda have bogged down.

Across the Tonle Sap river, 13 miles north of the capital, government troops engaged insurgents along the river's east bank near the Cambodian army's fuel depot, field reports said.

On Highway 4 leading west from Phnom Penh to the sea, a government force attempting to open the road 39 miles from the capital reported little progress.

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