

# Sihanouk Has Phnom Penh Threat Rebels Plan Attack

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PEKING (UPI) — Exiled Prince Norodom Sihanouk Friday said the Cambodian insurgents would launch an all-out attack on Phnom Penh in December with direct military support by North Vietnam.

He said China would pay for the armament supplied by Hanoi.

Sihanouk, in an exclusive interview with United Press International, said the Paris peace treaty of January would not be violated because the ammunition would come from stockpiles of Communist forces in South Vietnam.

"We signed the agreement in early August and the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong have already begun supplying us from their stocks in South Vietnam," explained the ebullient Prince.

"I met with the Democratic Republic of (North) Vietnam's number one—the first secretary of the central committee of the Vietnam Workers Party, Le Duan, and he promised us that he will give us enough ammunition to make us capable of leading a great offensive against Lon Nol in the dry season.

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"You must tell this news to Sirik Matak, for it will give him great pleasure," laughed the 50-year-old Prince, referring to his cousin, Brig. Gen. Sirik Matak, a member of the high political council in Phnom Penh and the prime mover in the March 18, 1970, coup which sent Sihanouk into exile.

Speaking at his palatial Peking residence, which the Chinese government recently presented him as a gift, Sihanouk explained that the current armament shipments were the first to reach his troops since last Jan. 26, the day before the signing of the Paris peace.

"The Democratic Republic of Vietnam has wanted to help us,

even with weapons and ammunition, but they felt they must respect the Paris accords so they halted all transport," Sihanouk said.

"Also the Americans threatened to send back the United States Air Force to Indochina if the North Vietnamese helped us and the Americans also let them know quite clearly that if they helped us, they would get no aid for their reconstruction, which is now Vietnam's main problem.

"But by giving us ammunition from stocks in South Vietnam, they do not violate the accord as the Americans do every day with their huge shipments of sophisticated weapons to Lon Nol."