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The SAF Assists in the Evacuation from Phnom Penh

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The SAF assisted in the evacuation from Phnom Penh on 9 July 1997 after diplomatic landing clearance was received from the Cambodian authorities late yesterday. The first wave of four RSAF C130 carried out the operation in the morning, taking off from Singapore within a two-hour period. The first C130 aircraft arrived in Phnom Penh at 0930 hrs Singapore time, and the fourth aircraft at 1030 hrs. Arrival at Singapore of the first aircraft was at 1157 hrs, and the fourth at 1345 hrs. A second wave of two C130s will be carried out in the afternoon.

This exercise was in response to requests from Singaporeans who were stranded with their families in Cambodia and who wanted to leave Phnom Penh because of the deterioration of the situation there.

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