

A Thai-Vietnamese Force

It is important that China should cease to give aid to the Khmer Rouge, but in fact it is Thailand that holds the key to peace in Cambodia. The Thai government controls the only military force capable of immobilizing the Khmer Rouge. Thus the main problem now is not Vietnamese withdrawal but obtaining commitments from both the Thais and Vietnamese to restore peace. Compelling them to cooperate would make it unlikely that either would be able to dominate the Cambodians.

Why not let a combined Thai-Vietnamese force assist the Cambodian army in disarming Khmer Rouge guerrillas who refuse to accept a Sihanouk-Hun Sen government in Phnom Penh? A combined force could be supervised by a commission headed by a French or Indonesian officer.

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