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Government forces this weekend succeeded in reopening Route 4 to the southwestern coastal port of Kompong Som after nearly two months of enemy interdiction. Major repairs may be necessary before government resupply convoys can again begin using the road. Sharp fighting has been reported west and northwest of Phnom Penh. Khmer Communist forces on January 6 attacked several government positions 7 miles west of the capital, reportedly herding away the civilian population of a number of villages in the area. Within Phnom Penh itself, Communist terrorists fired rockets and grenades at the residence of Cambodian Army Commander Sosthene Fernandez,

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killing a guard. The Communists also fired three long-range rockets into the capital's northern residential area on January 6 but only a few casualties were reported.