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COMMUNIQUE FROM THE HEADQUARTERS
OF THE ROYAL ARMED FORCES
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ROYAL ARMED FORCES OPPOSED TO HUN SEN
TOOK CONTROL OF O BEI CHOAN MILITARY BASE

In the evening of 14 November 1997, at 9.30 p.m., elements of the Royal Armed Forces belonging to the 12th Division under the command of General Lay Virak took control of O Bei Choan military base located between Poipet and Thmar Puok (Thmar Puok district, Banteay Meanchey province). A unit of 60 soldiers from Lay Virak's forces clashed with a unit of 80 soldiers of Hun Sen's forces.

The toll of the fighting is as follows: 3 Hun Sen soldiers killed (bodies left on the spot), 2 others wounded and captured. Equipment lost by Hun Sen forces: 1 DK75 gun and 1 anti-aircraft gun DCA23 destroyed, 1 DK75 gun with 8 bullets, 1 AK47 gun with 1,000 rounds of bullet, 1 AK57 gun with 500 bullets, 1 M16 gun and 1 PA pistol and other military equipment seized by Lay Virak's forces.

The population of O Bei Choan made up of 500 families warmly welcomed the Royal Armed Forces soldiers.