

## U.S. Marines, Cambodian Forces Continue Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Cooperation

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U.S. Marines and Royal Cambodian Armed Forces have been jointly participating in a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise, taking place from Dec. 12 to 18 in the vicinities of Phnom Penh and Sihanoukville, according to a press release from the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh yesterday.

The U.S. Marines and Sailors from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Amphibious Squadron 5 aboard the USS Pearl Harbor and USS New Orleans will exchange experiences with Cambodian forces pertaining to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief response, as a means to enhance professional relationships and coordination between the two forces, it said.

Components of the exchanges include an engineering civic action project, medical and mass casualty response drills, platoon maneuvers, and a community relations-building blood drive campaign, the press release indicated.

“This exercise serves as another example of how U.S. and Cambodian forces can work together, increase each other’s cultural understanding, enhance capabilities, and improve coordination, while providing services to areas and individuals in need,” said Jeff Daigle, U.S. Embassy Chargé d’Affaires, a.i.

Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercises strengthen the relationship between the U.S. and Cambodian armed forces, while also improving the ability of Asia-Pacific nations to work together effectively to provide relief and assistance in the event of natural disasters and crises, added the press release.