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The Bangkok Post September 4, 1970, quoting "informed sources," reported that the controversial Governor of Ubon Ratchathani, Bunsatataphan, will be transferred to Phitsanulok. According to the Post, that will be replaced by the present Governor of Surin, Police Major General Wichien Simuntara. The Bangkok World the following day, this time quoting the Under Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Puang Suwanarat, carried a similar report.

In other moves, the Post and the World reported that Phitsanulok Governor Phol Chudankura would go to Maha Sarakham to replace Governor Vieng Sakhensindh who would be moved to Uttaradit. Uttaradit Governor Vett Nitjathavorn would replace Governor Sa-nga Chantrasakha in Uthai Thani and Sa-nga would replace Governor Buri Promtakang in Kalasin. Buri would be moving into the position vacated by the retiring Governor of Khon Kaen, Governor Damrong Soontornsaratoon of Nakhon Pathom would replace the Governor of Chon Buri and he would be replaced by Governor Prapot Rekaruji of Saraburi, and Governor Vong Chavichien of Ranong would go to Kanchanaburi. In addition, the Deputy Governor of Ubon, Sa-ngad Rakcharoen, would go to Surin as Governor; Deputy Governor Chalerm Suwanneet of Songkhla would become Governor in Krabi; Police Lt. Gen. Chan Vejchasen of Nakhon Si Thammarat would replace Governor Vong in Ranong; and Visit Chaiyaporn of the Department of Local Administration in the Ministry of Interior would replace Governor Prapot in Saraburi.

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