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MARSHAL LON NOL SWORN IN AS CAMBODIA'S PRESIDENT

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[Marshal Lon Nol's 14 March address on being sworn in as President of Khmer Republic--live]

[Text] My respects to samdech supreme patriarchs of the two denominations. My respects to the monks. Beloved compatriots: First, I would like to express heartfelt thanks to samdech supreme patriarchs, venerable monks, members of the government, functionaries, soldiers, citizens and students representing youth of both sexes for honoring with their presence the ceremony of my being sworn in as president of the Khmer Republic.

In the messages to the nation issued on last 10 March, former head of state Cheng Heng and I explained reasons why I must accept this new eminent position according to the will of the Khmer nation and people who are suffering the savage aggression of the North Vietnamese-Viet Cong. In the next message I spoke of the reorganization of the executive body in conformity with the republican regime by changing the title of head of state into president and setting up new posts in a step towards the only objective, that is, the efficient execution of the law.

In accordance with the Constitution, the president is to be sworn in before the National Assembly before taking office. However, for the time being the parliamentary power is temporarily held by the government according to order No. (?1-CE) dated 18 (?August) 1971. I therefore would like to be sworn in before the representatives of the law-making organ here present and also in the presence of samdech supreme patriarchs of the two denominations, as follows:

I solemnly vow before the people that I will defend the motherland, faithfully fulfill the duties of the president of the Khmer Republic, respect the Constitution, and dedicate soul and body to the interests of the people and nation.

Government Decrees

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[Text] According to order No. 17/72-CE dated 12 March 1972, the head of state of the Khmer Republic will henceforth have the title of president of the Khmer Republic.

According to order No. 1/72-PRK dated 12 March 1972, the president of the Khmer Republic orders the following:

The president of the Khmer Republic is aided by a vice president. The vice president acts as president when the latter is absent or on mission.

According to order No 2/72-PRK dated 12 March 1972, the president of the Khmer Republic orders the following:

1--The president of the Khmer Republic is the head of the government.

2--The president of the Khmer Republic is aided by a first minister in charge of coordinating the activities of the members of the cabinet of ministers.

According to order No. 3/72-PRK dated 12 March 1972, the president of the Khmer Republic orders as follows:

1. --The president of the Khmer Republic has an executive cabinet and a security council.
2. --The organization and procedure of the executive cabinet and security council will be carried out by krets (decrees).
3. --The president of the Khmer Republic may have advisers and assistants.

According to order No. 4/72-PRK dated 12 March 1972, the president of the Khmer Republic orders the following:

The president of the Khmer Republic, who is the supreme commander of the Khmer National Armed Forces, is the chief of staff of the Khmer National Armed Forces.

AKI CITES VICTORY OF NUFK - RGNVC POLITICAL LINE

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[Text] Kampuchea 13 March AKI--The present situation in Kampuchea clearly shows that the enemies--U.S. imperialism, its Saigon and Bangkok lackeys, and traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak and Son Ngoc Thanh are in distress, confusion and passivity. They are suffering increasingly serious defeats in all fields. They can neither improve this state of affairs nor extricate themselves from it.

On the contrary, the situation of struggle is excellent for the people of Kampuchea, who have maintained supremacy over the enemy, relentlessly attacked him and recorded increasingly brilliant victories in all fields--political, military, economic, financial and diplomatic.

These magnificent victories are due to the valiant struggle of the people of Kampuchea and their CPNLF for a just and noble cause which consists of building a new, independent, peaceful, neutral, democratic and prosperous Kampuchea with territorial integrity.

They are also due to the important principles on which the just political line of NUFK is based. The principles of independence, sovereignty, self-reliance and self-determination. The just cause and the judicious and correct policy pursued by NUFK have united, in a monolithic bloc under the victorious NUFK banner, the people of Kampuchea, who entertain no illusions about the nature of the enemy, his activities and his diverse maneuvers. Whatever the deeds of U.S. imperialism and its running dogs, whether they maneuver openly or [words garbled] new deceitful schemes or pursue their old tricks, the people of Kampuchea will always maintain their position of struggle and resolutely, unflinchingly and uncompromisingly fight against the enemy by adhering to the policy of independence, sovereignty, relying mainly on their own forces and being master of the destiny of their country.

This is the banner of NUFK presided over by Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys until total victory. This is the banner of the nation and people of Kampuchea, the banner of national pride and honor, so valuable to the nation of Kampuchea.