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COMMUNIST REACTION TO CAMBODIAN 'MASSACRES'

NFLCC Statement

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[Text] On 21 April the NFLSV Central Committee issued a statement on the savage crimes by the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique against Vietnamese residents in Cambodia. Following is the full text of this statement:

For over than a month, especially since the 18 March coup, the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique--lackeys of the U.S. imperialists--has frenziedly stepped up its anti-Vietnam campaign, massacring many Vietnamese residents in Cambodia.

From resorting to psychological warfare tricks to create enmity between the two nations, the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique has shifted to calling on the Cambodians to kill all the Vietnamese residents in Cambodia. It has intensified the terrorization and massacre of the Vietnamese residents in an unprecedentedly savage manner. It has issued a curfew order to be applicable only to Vietnamese residents. It has detained tens of thousands of Vietnamese residents in concentration camps. It has wantonly shelled villages where many Vietnamese residents have lived. It has manhandled Vietnamese residents, robbed them of their property, burned their houses and churches, raped women, and decapitated, hung, and disembowelled men.

What is more serious is the fact that it has committed massacres: On 10 April it ordered its soldiers to shoot at and kill 150 Vietnamese residents and wounded more than 200 others near Prasaut, on 15 April thousands of Vietnamese residents were killed and their bodies were thrown into the Mekong River; on 16 April, it killed more than 100 Vietnamese residents and wounded many others in Takeo. These massacres and incidents of terrorization are taking place daily in Cambodia, seriously threatening the life and property of more than one-half million Vietnamese residents.

In committing these towering crimes against Vietnamese residents in Cambodia, the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique had dropped its mask as lackeys of the U.S. imperialists, opposed the just resistance of the Vietnamese people, and opposed the policy of national independence, peace, and neutrality of Cambodia.

Its criminal actions have brazenly trampled on international law and customs and are an insolent challenge to humane conscience. Accusing Vietnam of invading Cambodia and terrorizing and massacring Vietnamese residents are very despicable and wicked tricks of the U.S. imperialists aimed at creating enmity between the two nations, implementing the "use Asians to fight the Asians" policy of Nixon, and expanding the U.S. war of aggression to the entire Indochinese peninsula. With these tricks, the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique has increasingly intensified its collusion with the Americans and the Saigon puppets, allowing the U.S.-puppet troops to violate Cambodian territory and to repress the patriotic movement of the Khmer people. It has cooperated with the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique and used all tricks to force Vietnamese residents to return to the areas under the temporary control of the U.S.-puppets in South Vietnam.

These plots and acts of collusion between the Americans and their lackeys, no matter how wicked and savage, cannot help the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique extricate itself from its critical situation and save the U.S. imperialists from ignominious defeats in South Vietnam and other Indochinese countries.

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The NFLSV Central Committee fully agrees with the 20 April 1970 statement of the RSVN PRG denouncing and condemning the towering crimes of the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique against Vietnamese residents in Cambodia.

The NFLSV demands that the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique immediately put an end to its policy of terrorization and massacre of Vietnamese residents, free those who are detained, immediately dismantle the concentration camps for Vietnamese residents, respect international law, and insure the security, right of residence, and the right to a normal life for Vietnamese residents.

Sympathizing with the present difficulties encountered by Vietnamese residents, the NFLSV Central Committee conveys its best wishes to the victims' families and all Vietnamese residents in Cambodia. It is convinced that, faced with these difficulties and hardships, our Vietnamese compatriots will heighten their mutual love and unity and strengthen their solidarity with the fraternal Khmer people in the common struggle against all cunning plots and cruel tricks of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys.

The NFLSV Central Committee is firmly convinced that with their traditional love for peace, justice, and humanity, the Khmer people will surely safeguard the age-old friendship between the two nations and in time check the criminal actions of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique which is frenziedly terrorizing and massacring Vietnamese residents.

The NFLSV Central Committee sincerely thanks Chief of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, the fraternal Khmer people, and the progressive people the world over who, in the past few days, have expressed their indignation and strongly condemned the fascist actions of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique. We eagerly appeal to the governments of all countries, all democratic organizations, charity organizations, and all peace- and justice-loving people the world over to take positive and efficient measures in time to check its bloody hands.

All cruel acts of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique aimed at terrorizing and massacring the Khmer patriots and Vietnamese residents, will, instead of breaking, further strengthen the militant solidarity of the two people in the struggle against the common enemies--the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys. The U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys will surely be defeated. The Indochinese peoples will surely win.

21 April 1970.

Additional Statements

LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East
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[Text] South Vietnam April 22 GPA--Committees of the National Front for Liberation and Alliance of National, Democratic, and Peace Forces in Hue city on April 20 issued statements severely condemning the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique for massacring thousands of Vietnamese residents in Cambodia.

The statement called on the Hue people of all strata to turn hatred for the Cambodian reactionaries into revolutionary deeds by striking hard at the U.S. aggressors and their stooges--the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique--and by smashing the U.S. scheme to prolong the war and expand it to the whole of Indochina.

The same day, representatives of youth and students in Hue held a meeting in support of the above statements and adopted a resolution demanding that the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique stop at once their barbarities against the Vietnamese nationals.

On the previous day, the N.F.L. Committee of Central Trung Bo (Central Vietnam) also issued a statement vehemently protesting against the recent slaughters of Vietnamese residents in Prasaut, Takeo and other parts of Cambodia.

"These barbarous acts of the henchmen of the U.S. imperialist in Cambodia are as odious as the wholesale massacres committed by their U.S. masters at Son My and in other parts of South Vietnam, which have been condemned and spurned by the whole world," the statement said.

Similar statements had been issued earlier by many mass organizations in South Vietnam, namely the Liberation Federation of Trade Unions, Liberation Women's Union, Patriotic Teachers Association and Liberation Peasants Association.

The statement denounced to public opinion in Vietnam and abroad the persecution and terror raids against Vietnamese and Chinese residents in Cambodia, demand that the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak reactionary clique pay compensations to the victims and their families, and respect the international conventions concerning foreign residents, and that the culprits be punished.

On April 15, the Saigon Students Union issued a special communique condemning the mass murder of Vietnamese nationals in Cambodia and the collusion of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique with the U.S. manipulated Cambodian coup makers.

The same day, the Inter-Faculty Council of the Van Hanh Buddhist University in Saigon in a protest letter came out against the administration for keeping mum at the mass killings of Vietnamese civilians by the Cambodian ultra rightists.

The Progressive National Forces in Saigon in a communique on April (21) also protested against the barbarities against their countrymen in Cambodia and the irresponsibility shown by the Saigon junta in this connection.

~~WORLD DEMOCRATIC YOUTH SUPPORT STUDENTS' STRUGGLE:~~

~~LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY (Clandestine) in English to East Europe and the Far East
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~~[Text] South Viet Nam April 21 GPA--The World Federation of Democratic Youth recently sent a message to the South Vietnamese students supporting their current struggle against the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique.~~

~~The message said: "We wish to express our militant solidarity with the students and youth in Saigon and other cities of South Viet Nam, who are demanding the release of the detained students, democratic liberties, and opposing the lackeys of the U.S. imperialists. We sternly condemn the barbarous repression of students by the puppet administration and demand that the detained students be set free immediately, that the U.S. Government pull out speedily and unconditionally all its aggressor troops from South Viet Nam.~~

~~The message reiterated firm support to the war of resistance to U.S. aggression, for national salvation, waged by the Vietnamese people and students till complete victory.~~

MRS BINH INTERVIEWED AT SPECIAL PRESS CONFERENCE

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[Memorandum of Minister Nguyen Thi Binh's special press conference on 20 April]

[Text] Paris, LPA, 20 April 1970--On 20 April, Minister Nguyen Thi Binh held a special press conference in Paris to sternly condemn and denounce before public opinion the barbarous massacres of Vietnamese residents in Cambodia committed by the Lon-Nol-Sirik Matak clique of U.S. hirelings. Following are the minister's answers to newsmen's questions:

Valery (New York DAILY NEWS): As regards the massacre of 1,000 Vietnamese residents that you have mentioned, please tell us more details. Where were the victims killed and by whom? We have no details about this affair.

Answer: We have not yet obtained complete reports on the names of places where the victims were killed and their number--some 1,000 or more. However, according to our compatriots' accounts, it is quite certain that more than 1,000 Vietnamese residents in Cambodia were killed and their corpses were seen floating on the Mekong River. At present, such massacres are occurring throughout Cambodia in places where there are Vietnamese residents.

Renard (LE FIGARO): Please tell us about the present diplomatic relations between the Provisional Revolutionary Government and Phnom Penh. To my knowledge, apparently these relations have not yet been cut off nor interrupted.

Answer: After the ransacking of the embassies of the Republic of South Vietnam and the DRV organized by the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak group and after the launching by the latter of a frantic campaign against the Vietnamese and its collusion with the Saigon administration to repress the Khmer people and Vietnamese residents, the PRG of the RSVN has decided to temporarily suspend its diplomatic relations and all its diplomatic activities in Cambodia.

Renard (LE FIGARO): Excuse me, does this mean that the PRG does not intend to cut its diplomatic relations with Cambodia?

Answer: With regard to [our] diplomatic relations with Cambodia, as I have just mentioned, we have at the present time rarely suspended all our diplomatic activities in Cambodia. As for the relations between us and the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, it is already clear to all. We firmly support Head of State Sihanouk's line, that is, calling on the Khmer people to struggle against U.S. aggression and its lackeys in order to restore the independence and sovereignty of Cambodia. We also endorse Head of State Sihanouk's statement declaring the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak group illegal.

Gunzbourg (AFP): In your speech, you have made an appeal to the peoples and governments of various countries. In your opinion, what do you think are the most effective diplomatic activities to end the massacres? Do you wish that the fraternal countries will enter into contacts with the Lon Nol administration to apply pressure or do you think that an enlarged international conference should be held to settle these questions?