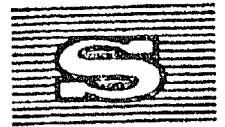


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OF CAMBODIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 4065 of 21 December 1970, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 6 December 1970, from 9 a.m. to noon, Khmer forces engaged in clearing national highway 4 clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, 2.5 kilometres south-west of Srê Khlong, in Kompong Speu.

On the same day, at about 9 a.m., there was another clash for about 20 minutes on National Route 4, 79 kilometres from Phnom-Penh, in Kompong Speu. Cambodian losses were 1 killed and 4 wounded, while a number of dead and wounded were carried off by the enemy.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a Khmer position 2.5 kilometres east of Prey Totung, in Kompong Cham.

On the same day, Khmer forces engaged in clearing national highway 6, clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Phnom Batheay, 16 kilometres south-west of Skoun, in Kompong Cham. The Cambodian forces lost 2 killed and 8 wounded. The enemy losses are unknown.

On the same day, Khmer forces on a reconnaissance mission clashed for 30 minutes with 60 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese south-west of the town of Kompong Chhnang. Four enemy troops were killed on the battlefield and 5 rifles and ammunition were captured.

During the night of 6-7 December 1970, at about 9 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against a position on the Prèk Thnot dam in Kompong Speu. Following a vigorous counter-attack by the Khmer forces, twenty of whom were wounded, the enemy withdrew carrying off several dead and wounded.

On 7 December 1970, from noon to 6 p.m., Cambodian troops advancing towards Srê Khlong, had a sharp clash with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, on National Route 4, 78 kilometres from Phnom-Penh, in Kompong Speu. The fighting resulted in 28 wounded on the Cambodian side and several killed and wounded, who were carried off, and a weapon captured on the enemy side.

On the same day, at about 6.20 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a position on the Prêk Thnot dam, in Kompong Speu, wounding 1 man.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked a Khmer position at Rokar Khpos, 22 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, killing 2 men.

On the same day, Khmer forces on patrol clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese for 20 minutes, 33 kilometres north of the town of Takéo, as a result of which several of the enemy were killed or wounded and carried off.

On the same day, Khmer forces on patrol clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 10 kilometres south of the town of Prey Veng, as a result of which 4 enemy troops were killed on the battlefield and several of their killed and wounded were carried off.

On the same day, a defensive position 9 kilometres north of the town of Svay Rieng was fired on for a short period.

On the same day, at about 9.30 a.m., there was a clash between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces on National Route 6, 5 kilometres west of Puok, in Siemreap, during which Khmer casualties were 1 killed and 10 wounded.

On the same day, at about 11.5 a.m., there was another clash near Phum Khnat, 13 kilometres north-west of the town of Siemreap.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on two Khmer defensive positions situated 9 and 11 kilometres east of Skoun, in Kompong Cham.

During the night of 7 to 8 December 1970, at about 3 a.m., several hundred Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese simultaneously launched two attacks in force against two Khmer positions at O-Sanday, 9 kilometres north-west of Svay Rieng, and at Kompong Chak, 8 kilometres north of Svay Rieng. The Khmer soldiers returned vigorous counter-fire, compelling the enemy to withdraw after a number of unsuccessful assaults, leaving behind 145 dead, 56 sub-machine-guns, 5 light machine-guns, two 60-mm. mortars, 3 Chinese automatic pistols and 20 (PA/AC) rockets. One Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese soldier was captured by the Cambodian forces, whose casualties were 14 dead and 25 wounded.

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On 8 December 1970, at about 8.15 a.m., two clashes took place at Phum Prey Totung, 7 kilometres south-east of Kompong Trach, and at Phum Prey Nop, 4 kilometres north of Tani, in Kampot; the enemy carried with them 2 wounded, while the casualties of the Khmer forces were one dead and one wounded.

On the same day, at about 9.30 a.m., Khmer elements in a reconnaissance operation clashed with Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese soldiers south of Baray Tuk Thlar, 11 kilometres north-east of Siemreap. After about 20 minutes, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind one dead and one sub-machine-gun. The Cambodian casualties were 4 wounded.

On the same day, at about 7.30 a.m., a brief clash took place between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements, 4 kilometres south-west of Srê Khlong, on National Route 4, in Kompong Speu; the Cambodian casualties were 4 wounded.

On the same day, at about 12.15 p.m., another clash took place at Wat Taphem, about 18 kilometres south-east of Kompong Speu; one man was killed on the spot, while the enemy carried with them a number of dead and some wounded.

On the same day, at about 1 p.m., a sharp clash took place between Khmer soldiers and about 300 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, east of Srê Khlong, in Kompong Speu. After about three hours, the enemy withdrew carrying off many dead and wounded. The Cambodian casualties were 5 dead and 18 wounded.

On the same day, Kompong Thom was fired upon with an 82-mm. mortar on two occasions.

On the same day, a clash took place between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements, about 10 kilometres west of Skoun, in Kompong Cham, as a result of which the enemy carried off a number of dead and wounded and 2 Cambodian soldiers were killed.

On the same day, at about 12.30 p.m., another clash took place with about 100 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, 27 kilometres north of Takeo; the enemy left 3 dead on the battlefield and carried off several dead and wounded while the casualties of the Khmer forces were 1 killed.

During the night of 8 to 9 December 1970, a defence position at Chamcar Kor, in Kompong Speu, was fired upon.

During the same night, at about 1 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired sixteen 82-mm. mortar rounds on Siemreap, slightly wounding 2 Khmer soldiers.

On 9 December 1970, at about 4.30 p.m., Puok in Siemreap was recaptured from the enemy. Vigorous mopping-up operations were carried out in the outskirts of the locality.

On the same day, at about 6 p.m., following heavy combat operations, Srê Khlong in Kompong Speu was recaptured by Cambodian troops who then carried out thorough mopping-up operations in the entire area.

During the night of 9 to 10 December 1970, at about 8 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired with an 82 mm. mortar on another position at Peam Kreng, 9 kilometres west of Kompong Thom, killing 1 and wounding 2 persons.

During the same night, at about 8 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a defence position at Kompong Chhnang.

On 10 December 1970, the enemy fired on a naval vessel of the Republic of Viet-Nam, off Tuk Khleang, 24 kilometres below Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

On the same day, at about 12.30 p.m., a clash took place between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements at Prek Taten, 21 kilometres south-west of Phnom-Penh, on the east side of the Bassac, in Kandal.

On the same day, a clash took place 6 kilometres south-west of Tram Khnar, in Takéo. The enemy withdrew in confusion, carrying off a number of wounded.

On the same day, at about 8.30 a.m., a clash took place between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements near Stung Chhay, 26 kilometres north of Veal Rinh, in Kompong Seila; the enemy carried off several dead and wounded, while the casualties of the Cambodian forces were 1 dead and 5 wounded.

On 10 and 11 December 1970, at about 8 p.m. and 6.20 p.m. respectively, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese opened mortar fire on Kompong Thom.

During the night of 10 to 11 December 1970, at about 10.5 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against a position at Rocar Kong, in Kandal, 32 kilometres north of Phnom-Penh, on the west bank of the Mekong. At about 11 p.m., the air force intervened in support of the Khmer soldiers, who returned vigorous counter-fire, smashing all the assaults of the enemy.

During the same night, at about 8.30 p.m., the enemy fired on a position occupied by Khmer soldiers who were defending the Kaong bridge, 38 kilometres north of Veal Rinh.

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On 11 December 1970, at about 5.20 a.m., Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired with an 82 mm. mortar on a position at Kompong Chak, 8 kilometres north of the town of Svay Rieng.

On the same day, at about 6 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese briefly opened mortar fire on a position at Srê Khlong in Kompong Speu.

During the night of 11 to 12 December 1970, at about 10.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired four 82 mm. shells on a position at Trapeang Kraloeng, 17 kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Speu.

During the same night, at about 10 p.m., a Khmer navy convoy clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese off Prêk Po, 38 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh. Cambodian losses were moderate and those of the enemy are unknown.

During the same night, at about midnight, the town of Kompong Cham was fired on.

During the same night, at about 1 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese violently attacked positions at Prey Totung and Khvet Thom, in Kompong Cham. After several hours of fierce fighting, the enemy withdrew at about 7 a.m., while continuing to fire sporadically on the positions until midday. Cambodian losses amounted to 4 dead and about 50 wounded, those of the enemy to 10 dead left behind, several dead and wounded carried off, 7 sub-machine-guns and 7 light machine-guns.

On 12 December 1970, at about 8 a.m., Khmer forces on a reconnaissance operation had a skirmish with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese some 47 kilometres north-east of the town of Kompong Thom; it lasted for about thirty minutes, after which the enemy withdrew leaving behind 3 dead, two Chinese sub-machine-guns and one B40 rocket launcher and taking several dead and wounded with them. One Cambodian was killed and 6 wounded.

During the night of 12 to 13 December 1970, at about 1 a.m., Rocar Kong, in Kandal, was again attacked. The heavy return fire of the Khmer soldiers repulsed several enemy assault attempts. At about 3.15 a.m., aircraft intervened to support the Cambodian ground forces.

During the same night, at about 1.15 a.m., large numbers of Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against a position at the Prey Totung school, in Kompong Cham. Khmer aircraft intervened to support the Cambodian ground forces.

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On 13 December 1970, at about 10 a.m., fighting occurred between Cambodian troops and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese on the slopes of Phnom Batheay, in Kompong Cham. At about 12 p.m., the Khmer forces succeeded in dislodging the enemy from their pockets of resistance and in taking possession of the summit. The Khmer casualties are provisionally established at 8 dead and 24 wounded, and those of the enemy at 24 dead left behind, about 60 wounded and dead carried off, 7 sub-machine-guns, 1 mortar, 1 rocket launcher, 8 mines, 2,000 cartridges, 30 grenades, 3 boxes of medical supplies, clothing and equipment.

On the same day, at about 7.30 p.m., Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese opened mortar fire on the defences of Kompong Cham airfield.

On the same day, at about 9 a.m., another clash took place 2 kilometres east of Stung Chhay, in Kompong Seila. After about 10 minutes' fighting, the enemy withdrew, taking 3 wounded with them.

On the same day, at about 7 a.m., Khmer forces on patrol on National Route 4, were fired on for about an hour by Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at the 69th kilometre mark, in Kompong Speu.

On the same day, a clash took place between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese on the western outskirts of Rocar Kong, in Kandal. Enemy losses amounted to one dead left behind, 6 wounded carried away with them, 1 grenade and 1 mine. Five Cambodians were wounded.

During the night of 13 to 14 December 1970, at about 1.20 a.m., Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against a position at Kompong Seila. Vigorous counteraction by the Khmer soldiers, 1 of whom was killed and 17 wounded, forced the enemy to withdraw taking some dead and wounded with them.

On 14 December 1970, at about 1.30 a.m., Khmer defence forces at Tonle Bet, in Kompong Cham, killed two Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese who had tried to throw grenades into their positions.

On the same day, at about 2.30 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked a defence position at the Prey Totung school, in Kompong Cham.

On the same day, at about 9 a.m., another clash took place 3 kilometres north-east of Prek Kdam, in Kandal. Upon the arrival of reinforcements, at about 11.20 a.m., the enemy withdrew carrying dead and wounded with them. Four Khmer soldiers were wounded.

I wish to reaffirm the strong and energetic protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic against the illegal and permanent occupation of Cambodian territory, followed by savage attacks perpetrated by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese against a neutral and peaceful country to which they have no right and with which they have no ethnic affinity, in flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter, of international law and of the 1954 Geneva Agreements. These criminal attacks reveal for all to see the annexationist aims of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese communist imperialists and represent a dangerous threat to peace and security not only in Cambodia but throughout the region of South-East Asia.

The Government of the Khmer Republic holds the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the so-called Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Viet-Nam entirely responsible for all the extremely grave consequences resulting from this situation and reserves the right to take any necessary action to defend the independence, sovereignty, neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this communication circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) KHIM TIT
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
