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LETTER DATED 7 JANUARY 1971 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 4122 of 29 December 1970 (S/10071), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 14 December 1970, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a defensive position at Prakham and on another 10 kilometres east of Skoun, in Kompong Cham, killing one man and wounding another.

On the same day, at about 12 noon, there was a violent clash between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces at Taing Srey and Trapeang Tea, about 3.7 kilometres north of Batheay, in Kompong Cham. After five hours of hard fighting, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 55 dead and carrying with them many other dead and wounded. Cambodian casualties were 2 killed and 19 wounded.

On the same day, at about 7 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against a position at Veal Rinh, 36 kilometres north-east of Kompong Som, in Kampot. The vigorous counteraction by the Khmer forces, 7 of whom were wounded, compelled the enemy to withdraw at about 9.45 p.m., carrying with them several dead and wounded.

On 15 December 1970, at about 5 a.m., Veal Rinh was again attacked. Cambodian casualties were 5 wounded; enemy losses are unknown.

On the same day, at about 7.5 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese made a brief mortar attack on a position at Srê Khlong, in Kompong Speu.

On the same day, at about 8.40 a.m., Khmer forces on a search operation at Bak Touk, 8 kilometres west of the town of Kompong Thom, clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese; during this engagement, 1 Cambodian soldier was wounded.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against a position at Prey Totung, in Kompong Cham.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a defensive position at Khvet, 4 kilometres west of Prey Totung, in Kompong Cham. The vigorous counteraction by the Khmer forces, 3 of whom were wounded, compelled the enemy to withdraw, carrying with them 5 dead and several wounded.

On the same day, at about 12 noon, Khmer forces on operations at Prék Koy, 2.5 kilometres north of Rocar Kong, in Kandal, clashed with some 400 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese in an engagement lasting an hour and a half. The enemy left behind 7 dead and carried away with them about 20 dead and wounded; Cambodian casualties were 1 killed and 12 wounded.

On 16 December 1970, Cambodian troops mopped up the centre of Prey Totung and the surrounding area, in Kompong Cham. The ground was strewn with hundreds of Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese corpses, and hundreds more were hurriedly buried by the enemy before withdrawing. Preliminary estimates indicate that over 2,000 of the enemy were killed during the fighting at Prey Totung.

On the same day, at about 5 p.m., Veal Rinh, in Kampot, was again violently attacked by some 400 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

On the same day, at about 3 p.m., there was a clash between a Khmer patrol and some 60 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese near Wat Damnak Trayoeung, about 7.5 kilometres north of Tuk Meas, in Kampot.

On the same day, there was a clash lasting about twenty minutes between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces 4.5 kilometres south of the town of Siemreap; the enemy left behind 1 dead and carried away with them several wounded, while Cambodian casualties were 1 killed and 5 wounded.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked a train 2 kilometres north of Tuol Leap station, about 18 kilometres west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, causing casualties of 2 dead and 20 wounded, including 10 civilians.

During the night of 16-17 December 1970, for a short time, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a position at Wat Nokor, a few kilometres north-west of the town of Kompong Cham.

On the same night, at about 7.30 p.m., a position at Kompong Seila was attacked by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

On 17 December 1970, at about 10 a.m., Khmer forces clashed with some 50 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese approximately 4.5 kilometres south-east of Trapeang Kraloeng, in Kompong Speu; Cambodian casualties were 2 wounded.

On the same day, there was a clash, lasting fifteen minutes, between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces at Phum Trapeang Tuol, about 22 kilometres west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, in which the enemy suffered casualties of 5 dead, whom they carried away with them.

On the same day, at about 12 noon, Khmer forces on operations clashed with some 200 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 23 kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Speu.

On the same day, at about 1 p.m., there was another clash on National Highway 4, 73 kilometres from Phnom-Penh; Khmer casualties were 5 killed and 4 wounded, while the enemy carried away with them several dead and wounded.

On the same day, Khmer forces on patrol clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Phum Mrech, 4 kilometres north of Tuk Meas, in Kampot. The enemy carried away with them 2 wounded.

On the night of 17-18 December 1970, at about 9.15 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese were ambushed by Khmer forces 42 kilometres north of Veal Rinh, in Kompong Seila. After an engagement lasting about ten minutes, the enemy were routed, leaving behind 2 wounded and carrying with them several others. One Cambodian was slightly wounded.

On 18 December 1970, at about 11.35 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an 82-mm mortar attack on the defensive positions at Kompong Seila.

On the same day, there was a clash, lasting about thirty minutes, between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces at the Prakhâm-Trapeang Kâk cross-roads, about 10 kilometres south of Taing Kauk, in Kompong Cham. The enemy left behind 2 dead and carried away with them several wounded; 1 Cambodian was wounded.

On the same day, at about 2.30 p.m., there was another clash, lasting for an hour, 21 kilometres south-west of Kompong Speu. The enemy withdrew shortly after Khmer air forces were called in. Three Cambodian soldiers were wounded during this engagement.

On the same day, at about 2 p.m., Khmer forces on operations clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese on National Highway 4, 70 kilometres from Phnom-Penh, in Kompong Speu. The engagement lasted for more than an hour, and 5 Cambodians were wounded.

On the afternoon of 18 December 1970, the Khmer troops coming from Kompong Cham and Skoun respectively to clear National Highway 7 linked up at Prey Totung. Sweep operations continued actively in the area.

On the night of 18-19 December 1970, at about 7 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on the defensive positions at Moha Saing, Talat, Srê Khlong and Trèng Trayoeung, on National Highway 4 in Kompong Speu.

On 19 December 1970, a defensive position about 37 kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Speu was also fired on.

On the same day, at about 5.15 p.m., a position at the Srê Ambel cross-roads, 38 kilometres north of Veal Rinh, in Kompong Seila, was attacked for about four hours by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese. At about 9 p.m., Khmer air forces were called in.

On the same day, there was another clash 8 kilometres north-east of Kep, in Kampot.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese sabotaged a road bridge on National Highway 5, about 8 kilometres south of the town of Kompong Chhnang. When withdrawing, they took away with them 4 Khmer villagers.

On the night of 19-20 December 1970, at about 11.25 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched violent attacks against Srê Khlong and Talat, in Kompong Speu. The Khmer forces took vigorous counteraction and broke up all the enemy's attempted assaults.

On 20 December 1970, at about 12.20 p.m., Cambodian forces recaptured the Talat bridge, 78 kilometres from Phnom-Penh on National Highway 4, in Kompong Speu. Pursuit operations were carried out in the area.

On the same day, at about 8.30 a.m., there was a clash between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces at O Tapong, about 30 kilometres north-west of the town of Kompong Chhnang.

During the night of 20-21 December 1970, the town of Kompong Cham was fired on for a short time.

On the same night, at about 8 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a position at Peam Oknha Ong, about 13 kilometres east of Phnom-Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal.

On 21 December 1970, at about 12.30 p.m., a position 5 kilometres west of Trapeang Krâloeng, in Kompong Speu, was fired on for about twenty minutes.

On the same day, at about 8 a.m. Khmer forces engaged in clearing National Highway 6 had a serious clash with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, lasting one hour, 7 kilometres south-west of Skoun, in Kompong Cham. Khmer casualties were 2 killed and 2 wounded, and several of the enemy were also killed or 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 the Khmer Republic 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, neutrality, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country.

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

(Signed) KHIM TIT

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