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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. 306 of 26 January 1971, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 21 December 1970, at about 9 a.m., Khmer forces on patrol clashed with about 100 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at a spot 6 kilometres west of Kaong, in Kompong Seila, for some 20 minutes. The enemy left behind 3 dead and carried away with them a number of dead and wounded. Cambodian casualties were 2 killed and 10 wounded.

On the same day, at about 8.45 a.m., Khmer forces on patrol clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, 8 kilometres north-east of Kep, in Kampot, for some 30 minutes. The enemy left behind 12 dead and carried away with them about 20 dead and wounded. Khmer casualties were 4 killed and 10 wounded.

On the same day, at about 7.30 a.m., Khmer forces on a disengagement operation on National Highway 4 came under Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fire for several minutes about 70 kilometres south-west of Phnom Penh, in Kompong Speu.

On the same day, at about 12.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese again fired on the same forces, wounding one of them.

On 22 December 1970, at about 8.30 a.m., an engagement lasting some 40 minutes took place between the Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Phum Phlâu Trei, 4 kilometres north-west of Dey Eth, in Kandal. The enemy then withdrew, leaving behind 11 dead and carrying with them several other dead and wounded.

On the same day, at about 4.30 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against a position at the Prêk Thnot dam, 16 kilometres west of Kompong Speu. The enemy withdrew at about 9 a.m., leaving behind 21 dead, 30 grenades, 1,000 rounds of ammunition, 3 Chinese sub-machine-guns, 2 rocket launchers,

10 shells and 20 pair of sandals, and carrying with them several dead and wounded. Khmer casualties were 9 wounded.

On the same day, at about 4.30 a.m., an engagement took place between the Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 4.5 kilometres south-west of Trapeang Kraloeng, in Kompong Speu.

During the night of 22-23 December 1970, at about 7 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against a position at the Srê Ambel crossroad, 37 kilometres north of Veal Ring, in Kompong Seila.

During the same night, at about 7 p.m., another engagement took place in the outskirts of the town of Kampot.

During the same night, at about 8 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed the town of Kompong Thom with mortar and automatic-weapon fire, wounding two persons.

During the same night the town of Prey Veng was fired upon briefly by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

On 23 December 1970, at about 7.30 a.m., Khmer forces on a reconnaissance operation clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 1.5 kilometres south of Prey Totung, in Kompong Cham. The enemy left behind 15 dead and carried away with them several dead and wounded. Khmer casualties were 3 killed and 8 wounded.

On the same day, at about 3.30 p.m., Khmer forces on patrol clashed with some 50 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Dambèk Khpos, 7 kilometres south-west of Tani, in Kampot. After about 30 minutes of fighting, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 2 dead, 1 Chinese sub-machine-gun, about 100 rounds of 7.62-mm ammunition, 1 grenade and equipment, and carrying with them 4 wounded. One member of the Khmer forces was wounded.

On the same day, at about 6.50 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a position at the Talat bridge, 3.5 kilometres north-east of Srê Khlong, in Kompong Speu. The enemy withdrew at about 7.30 p.m., carrying with them several dead and wounded. Khmer casualties were 1 killed and 1 wounded.

During the night of 23-24 December 1970, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on the defence positions of the town of Kompong Cham: the Chiro position, 7.5 kilometres north-east of Tonlé Bet, where they wounded 4 members of the Khmer forces, and the Phaav position, where 2 of the enemy were killed and left behind.

On 24 December 1970, at about 11.10 a.m., an engagement lasting about 10 minutes took place between forces of the Khmer Navy patrolling on the Mekong and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at a spot 5 kilometres south-east of Tuk Khleang, in Kandal. Khmer casualties were 2 wounded, while the enemy carried away with them several dead and wounded.

On the same day, at about 2 p.m., another engagement took place at Sdock Veng, 3 kilometres south of Bat Doeung, in Kandal.

On the same day, at about 11 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked a position at Lovea Sar Loeu, some 30 kilometres south-east of Phnom Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal. The Khmer forces, who suffered 2 wounded, fought back vigorously, forcing the enemy to withdraw after half an hour, carrying away with them several dead and wounded.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a position at Phum Lom Hach, 25 kilometres west of Phnom Penh, in Kandal. The vigorous response of the Khmer forces killed or wounded about 10 of the enemy, who were carried away.

During the night of 24-25 December 1970, at about 11.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against Khmer forces at the Kaong bridge, in Kompong Seila.

During the same night, at about 00.20 a.m., they attacked a Khmer position at the Kompong Som - Srê Ambel crossroads and another situated 9 kilometres north-east of the Kaong bridge, in Kompong Seila. Losses were estimated to be 1 dead and 4 wounded on the Khmer side; on the enemy side, several dead and wounded were carried away and some 75-mm recoilless guns were destroyed.

On 25 December 1970, Khmer forces on patrol clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at a spot 4 kilometres north of Tonlé Bet, in Kompong Cham. Khmer casualties were 2 killed and 6 wounded, while the enemy carried away with them a number of dead and wounded.

On the same day, at about 8.30 a.m., an engagement took place between the Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Kdei Daung, some 3 kilometres west of the town of Kompong Thom. After about 30 minutes of fighting, the enemy withdrew, carrying with them several dead and wounded and leaving behind 3 dead, 1 carbine of United States make, 5 backpacks, 200 litres of petrol, 10 60-mm mortar shells and 2 grenades. Khmer casualties were 2 wounded.

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On the same day, three engagements took place between the Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Wat Prek Thmey, 5.5 kilometres north of Setbo, at Phum Trapeang Totung, 19 kilometres north-west of Phnom Penh, and at a spot 36 kilometres west of the capital, in Kandal.

On the same day, at about 2 p.m., Khmer forces on patrol clashed for some minutes with some 40 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at a spot 12.5 kilometres south-west of Srê Khlong, in Kompong Speu.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack against a Khmer position at Phum Hanouman, 14 kilometres south of Kompong Kantuot, in Takeo. After half an hour of fighting, the enemy withdrew, carrying with them 1 dead and 2 wounded.

During the night of 25-26 December 1970, at about 9 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a position of the Khmer forces at the O Tapaông bridge, 32 kilometres north-east of the town of Pursat.

During the same night, an engagement took place between the Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at a spot 13 kilometres north of the town of Prey Veng.

During the same night, a Khmer position at Kompong Châk, 9 kilometres north of the town of Svay Rieng, was harassed three times by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese. The response of the Khmer forces who suffered 3 wounded, forced the enemy to withdraw, carrying with them a number of dead and wounded.

During the same night, at about 6.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a Khmer position at Angkor College, 700 metres north-east of the town of Siemreap.

During the same night, at about 9 p.m., an engagement took place near Baray, in Siemreap. The enemy withdrew after some 10 minutes of fighting, leaving behind 1 dead.

During the night of 25-26 December 1970, at about 8.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on the administrative building at Tuk Khleang, about 26 kilometres south-west of Phnom Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong.

On 26 December 1970, another engagement, lasting half an hour, took place 3 kilometres west of Skoun. Khmer casualties were 1 killed and 1 wounded.

On the same day, at about 9.45 a.m., Khmer forces on a search operation clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 11 kilometres west of Stung Chral, in Kompong Seila.

On the same day, at about 10.20 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese briefly fired upon a Khmer position at Kompong Seila.

During the night of 26-27 December 1970, another engagement, lasting about 1 hour, took place 9 kilometres north-west of the town of Kompong Cham. Khmer casualties were 1 killed and 2 wounded, while the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese left behind 2 dead and carried away with them several dead and wounded.

During the same night, at about 11 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a Khmer position 6 kilometres east of Tram Khnar, in Takeo.

During the same night, at about 7 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese directed sporadic fire at a Khmer position north-east of the town of Prey Veng.

On 27 December 1970, between 9 a.m. and 4.50 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese opened fire three times on a Khmer position 15 kilometres north-east of Kaong, in Kompong Seila, wounding 2 persons.

On the same day, at about 3.20 p.m., an engagement lasting half an hour took place between the Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at a spot 12 kilometres east of Kaong, in Kompong Seila. Khmer casualties were 1 killed and 7 wounded, while the enemy carried away with them several dead and wounded.

On the same day, another engagement took place at Phum Lovèk, 24 kilometres north-east of the town of Siemreap, causing Khmer casualties of 1 killed and 4 wounded. Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese losses were described as heavy.

On 27 December 1970, at about 11 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched a fierce attack against a Khmer position at Rocar Kong, 32 kilometres north-east of Phnom Penh, in Kandal. With air support, the Khmer forces fought back vigorously and repulsed several enemy attacks. Estimated losses were 4 dead and 12 wounded on the Cambodian side, and several dead and wounded, who were carried away, on the enemy side.

During the night of 27-28 December 1970, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired upon a Khmer position at Phaav, 12 kilometres south-east of Skoun, in Kompong Cham. The response of the Khmer forces, who suffered 7 wounded, forced the enemy to withdraw, carrying with them a number of dead and wounded.

During the same night, following a fierce engagement at Chambâk, in Takeo, the Khmer forces suffered 3 killed and 14 wounded, while the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese dispersed, leaving behind 50 dead, 50 grenades, 3 anti-tank mines,

13 shells, 250 round of machine-gun ammunition, 1 torch and 5 belts, and carrying with them about 100 wounded.

On 28 December 1970, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired upon the Khmer positions at Ampil Thom and Khvet Thom, situated respectively 6 and 4.5 kilometres west of Prey Totung, in Kompong Cham, killing 1 person and wounding 4.

During the night of 28-29 December 1970, at about 00.50 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese directed mortar fire at Khmer forces at the Talat bridge, 3.5 kilometres north of Srê Khlong, in Kompong Speu. The response of the Khmer forces, who suffered 1 dead and 4 wounded, forced the enemy to withdraw, carrying with them a number of dead and wounded.

During the same night, at the same hour, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fiercely attacked a Khmer position at Srê Khlong. By about 5.30 a.m., the Khmer air force had intervened, while the fighting continued. Estimated losses were 3 dead and 14 wounded on the Khmer side, and on the enemy side some 50 dead and about 100 wounded were carried away.

On 29 December 1970, at about 6.15 p.m., 82-mm mortar fire was again directed at Srê Lhlong, in Kompong Speu.

On the same day, at about 7.30 a.m., an engagement took place between the Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at a spot 26 kilometres north-west of the town of Pursat. After half an hour of fighting, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 1 dead, 2 M-17 rifles, 1 barrel of kerosene, 1 revolver and 1 hammock, and carrying with them several dead and wounded.

On the same day, at about 8 a.m., a Khmer position at Phum O Tapaông, in Pursat, was fired upon by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

On the same day, at about 11 a.m., Khmer forces conducting operations clashed for some 20 minutes with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Wat Tuol Sophi, 7.5 kilometres south-west of Oudong, in Kompong Chhnang. During the engagement, 1 member of the Khmer forces was killed and 4 others were wounded.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a Khmer position at Kompong Seila.

During the night of 29-30 December 1970, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired upon a Khmer position at the Doeum Treang bridge and another at Phum Po, situated respectively 3 kilometres south-west and 700 metres south-east of Kompong Kantuot, in Kandal.

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On 30 December 1970, at about 10.40 a.m., a hard-fought engagement lasting half an hour took place 4 kilometres north of Kompong Châk, in Svay Rieng. The enemy left behind 7 dead, 6 Chinese sub-machine-guns, 1 AR-15 and 1 rocket launcher and carried away with them several dead and wounded. Khmer casualties were 1 killed and 2 wounded.

I wish to reaffirm the strong and vigorous 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 forces 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 designs 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 fully responsible for all the extremely grave consequences resulting from this situation and reserves the right to take any necessary action to defend the country's independence, neutrality, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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 the Khmer Republic
