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LETTER DATED 23 FEBRUARY 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. 582 of
16 February 1971 (S/10122), I have the honour to bring the following to your
attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

During the night of 25-26 January 1971, at about 6 p.m., an estimated 500
Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack in force against a Khmer defence
position at Phnom-Prey Khiev, approximately twenty-seven kilometres west of
Phnom-Penh, in Kandal. Vigorous counteraction by the Khmer forces, who had air
support, forced the enemy to withdraw at about midnight.

During the same night, at about 7 p.m., the enemy attacked another Khmer
position at Lovear Sâr Kandal, situated some thirty kilometres south-east of the
capital on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal.

On 26 January 1971, at about 6 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese
launched a violent harassing attack on a Khmer position at Saang, in Kandal.
The Khmer forces, supported from the air, struck back vigorously, forcing the
enemy to stop firing.

The same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack on a Khmer
position at Chrey Loâs, approximately twenty-two kilometres north-west of
Phnom-Penh, in Kandal. Vigorous counteraction by the Khmer defenders forced the
enemy to withdraw after making several unsuccessful attempts to storm the
position.

During the night of 26-27 January 1971, at about 7.10 p.m., the Viet Cong -
North Viet-Nameese launched an attack on a Khmer position at Bat Doeung,
twenty-five kilometres north-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kompong Speu.

During the same night, at about 8 p.m., the enemy directed harassing fire with mortars and automatic weapons at a Khmer position at Prèk Phneou, in Kandal, setting fire to two houses.

During the same night, at about 8.30 and 9 p.m. respectively, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched harassing attacks on Khmer positions at Kambaul and Stung Meanchey, in Kandal.

On 27 January 1971, at about 9.20 a.m., Khmer elements conducting a clearing operation two kilometres north of Saang, in Kandal, clashed with a force of approximately 100 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

The same day, at about 7.25 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched a harassing attack on a Khmer position at the crossroads at Kirirom, in Kompong Speu.

The same day, at about 8.45 p.m., a Khmer position at Leach, situated approximately thirty kilometres south-west of the town of Pursat, was subjected to harassing mortar fire by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

During the night of 27-28 January 1971, at about 8 p.m., the Viet Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched harassing attacks on three Khmer defence positions at Phnom Baset, Saang and Lovear Sâr Krom, situated respectively twenty kilometres north-west, forty kilometres south-east and twenty-five kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, without causing any damage.

On 28 January 1971, at about 8.30 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched a harassing attack on a Khmer position at Leach, approximately thirty kilometres south-west of the town of Pursat.

On 29 January 1971, Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements fought an engagement lasting some thirty minutes at a point seven kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Cham; a number of dead and wounded were carried away by the enemy, and there were seven wounded on the Khmer side.

The same day, at about 1.10 p.m., Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements fought an engagement near Saang; a number of dead and wounded were carried away by the enemy, and there were four wounded on the Khmer side.

The same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched a harassing attack lasting several minutes on an outpost at Kompong Trach, in Kampot.

During the night of 29-30 January 1971, at about 11.5 p.m., Viet Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements harassed a Khmer position situated approximately six kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Cham for twenty minutes, wounding seven persons.

On 30 January 1971, at about 3.30 p.m., a fuel convoy was attacked by Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements, at a point twenty-one kilometres north of Veal Rinh on National Highway 4 in Kompong Seila. Three persons were wounded and three fuel trucks set afire.

The same day, during a clearing operation, Khmer elements clashed with a force of Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at a point five kilometres south of Tani, in Kampot, for half an hour. The enemy suffered three killed and a dozen wounded, whom they carried off.

During the night of 30-31 January 1971, at about 10 p.m., Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements launched a harassing attack on a Khmer position at Kambaul, situated fifteen kilometres south-west of Phnom Penh, in Kandal.

The same night, at about 10.55 p.m., they attacked a Khmer position at Phum Veal Thom, fourteen kilometres east of Phnom-Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal. The Khmer troops, which suffered three killed and seven wounded, returned the fire, forcing the enemy to withdraw, carrying with them a number of dead and wounded.

On 31 January 1971, Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements launched a harassing attack on a Khmer position at Saang, in Kandal, killing one person.

The same day, there was another thirty-minute clash near Phum Thmei, eight kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Cham, resulting in three dead and two wounded on the Khmer side and a number of dead and wounded carried away by the enemy.

The same day, Khmer troops on patrol clashed with Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements at a point forty-two kilometres north-west of the town of Kompong Speu in a thirty-minute engagement which resulted in one dead and one wounded on the Khmer side and a number of dead and wounded carried away on the enemy side.

The same day, there was another engagement at kilometre 92, on National Highway 4, in Kompong Speu, resulting in three wounded on the Khmer side.

During the night of 31 January-1 February 1971, Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements attacked a Khmer position at Trapeang Thnot, approximately twenty-five kilometres north-west of Phnom-Penh.

During the night of 31 January-1 February 1971, at about 8.30 p.m., Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements launched a harassing attack on an outpost at Kompong Seila.

I wish to reaffirm the firm and vigorous protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic against the illegal and permanent occupation of Khmer territory, followed by savage attacks perpetrated by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces against a neutral and peace-loving 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
Permanent Representative
of the Khmer Republic
