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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. 751 of 1 March 1971 (S/10137), 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 4-5 February 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched a 60 mm mortar attack on a Khmer position at Phnom Chilea Châcha, some thirty-seven kilometres north of Phnom-Penh, in Kompong Cham, causing injuries to two persons.

During the same night, at approximately 9.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired four 60 mm mortar shells at a Khmer position at Kompong Dangkor, situated some twenty kilometres south of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

During the same night, between 9.30 p.m. and 11 p.m., another Khmer position, at Phum Phnom Del, 3.5 kilometres south of Chilea, in Kompong Cham, was also harassed.

During the same night, at approximately 10.10 p.m., the enemy fired four 122 mm rockets, which fell near the Transport Brigade Camp at Pochentong, causing injuries to two persons.

On 5 February 1971, at about 4.10 a.m., an encounter took place 2.5 kilometres south of Tram Khnar, in Takeo. The air force intervened, forcing the enemy to withdraw at about 2 p.m., leaving at the scene of the encounter seven dead, one FMAC, one carbine, two AC rifles and six cases of ammunition, and taking away some fifty dead and wounded. There were three dead and five wounded on the Khmer side.

During the night of 5-6 February 1971, at about 8 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked a Khmer position at Chambâk, situated twenty-eight kilometres north of Takeo.

On 6 February 1971, at about 9 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack on a Khmer position situated two kilometres south of Tram Khnar, in Takeo. At approximately 12.30 p.m., the air force intervened, forcing the enemy to withdraw at about 2 p.m.

On the same day, at about 9.15 a.m., there was an encounter six kilometres south of Kralanh, in Siemreap, which lasted some twenty minutes, after which the enemy withdrew, leaving behind one dead and an AC rifle and ammunition.

On the same day, at about 1 p.m., there was an encounter between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements at Phum Ang Tapok, twenty-five kilometres north-east of the town of Kompong Speu. As a result of the encounter one person was wounded on the Khmer side, two dead were left at the scene, one PMAC, one PA/AC and several bags of medical supplies were captured, and there were several dead and injured on the enemy side.

During the same day, at about 1.45 p.m., an engagement took place at Phum Sambuor, approximately ten kilometres south of Kralanh, in Siemreap. The list of casualties so far amounts to one dead and three wounded on the Khmer side and several dead and wounded on the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese side.

During the night of 6-7 February 1971, at about 11 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer position at Sala Lèk Pram, and the Romeas camp, situated respectively thirty-two kilometres south and approximately thirty kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Chhnang.

During the same night, at about 8.45 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese briefly harassed a Khmer defence position at Kompong Trach, thirty-three kilometres east of Kampot.

On 7 February 1971, between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., the Viet Cong - North Viet-Nameese twice attacked a Khmer position at Pich Nil. Two members of the Khmer forces were killed on that occasion.

During the same day, at about 7.35 a.m., patrolling Khmer forces had an encounter with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese one kilometre east of Svay Thom, some eight kilometres east of the town. As a result, three persons were injured on the Khmer side.

On the same day, at about 11.20 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked a military convoy travelling from Kompong Som, 3.5 kilometres south of the Srê Ambel intersection, in Kompong Seila, killing three persons and damaging four trucks.

On the same day, at about 10 a.m., an encounter took place some seventeen kilometres north of the town of Kompong Speu.

On the same day, between 8.45 a.m. and 11.40 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked a Khmer position at Tuk Chhou, eight kilometres north-west of the town of Kampot.

On the same day, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was a violent clash between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces in the region of Vihear Suor. The artillery and air force intervened, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, which left behind some fifty dead and ten PM/AC.

During the night of 7-8 February 1971, at approximately 8 p.m., the enemy harassed the Khmer defence position at Sala Lèk Pram, in Kompong Chhnang.

During the same night, at about 10 p.m., the enemy again attacked the Khmer position at Tuk Chhou, in Kampot. Strong resistance from the Khmer forces obliged the enemy to withdraw.

During the same night, at about 9 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer position at Kraing Chèk, situated fifteen kilometres north of the town of Kompong Speu.

On 8 February 1971, at approximately 8.30 a.m., there was an encounter between Khmer troops who were carrying out a sweep, and some 500 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese in the vicinity of Phum Kantuot Prey, in Kampot.

On the same day, another encounter took place at Phum Kam Nâp, some seven kilometres north of the town of Kampot, resulting in the death of one and injuries to five members of the Khmer forces.

On the same day, at about 10.30 a.m., another clash occurred at Phum Ta Am, some twelve kilometres south of Kralanh, in Siemreap, resulting in a toll of eleven dead on the battlefield and a number of dead and wounded taken away on the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese side.

During the night of 8-9 February 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese twice harassed a Khmer position at Prey Chas, some twenty kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

During the same night, at approximately midnight, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese briefly attacked a Khmer defence position at the town of Kompong Speu, without causing any damage.

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During the morning of 9 February 1971, the Khmer forces, after recapturing all the villages in the region of Vihear Suor, carried out an extensive sweep.

On the same day, at about 10.30 a.m., a clash occurred between Khmer elements carrying out a sweep and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces, who were retrenched at a point 2.5 kilometres north-east of Dey Eth, in Kandal, causing four dead and eight wounded among the Khmer forces.

I wish to reiterate the firm and vigorous protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic at the illegal and continuing 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) OR KOSALAK
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Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
