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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. 1467 of 5 May 1971 (S/10186), I have the honour to transmit the following for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 21 February 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed a Khmer position at Pich Nil, in Kompong Seila.

The same day, a clash occurred at Phum Chiro, 4 kilometres north-east of the town of Kompong Cham, in which 2 Khmer soldiers were killed.

The same day, at 7 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked Khmer elements operating in the region of Kompong Chamlâng, 24 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal. The Khmer forces suffered 1 dead and 9 wounded.

During the night of 21-22 February 1971, they harassed a Khmer position for ten minutes at Trapeang Thnot, 21 kilometres north-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

During the same night, they harassed a Khmer position at Prasat Neang Khmau, 22 kilometres north of the town of Takeo.

During the same night, another Khmer position at Prey Sandek, 8 kilometres south of the town of Takeo, was harassed.

During the same night, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors subjected a Khmer position to harassment by heavy weapons fire for a few minutes at Kar Andoeuk, 30 kilometres south-east of Neak Loeng, in Prey Veng, wounding 6 Khmer soldiers.

On 22 February 1971, there was a clash between Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors at a point 10 kilometres north of Neak Luong, in Kandal.

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The same day, another 20-minute clash was reported at a point 3 kilometres south-east of Lovear Sâr, in Kandal, on the east bank of the Mekong, which killed one Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese and resulted in several killed and wounded which were carried away by the enemy. On the Khmer side, 3 soldiers were wounded.

The same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked Kompong Chamlâng, in Kandal. They withdrew after heavy fighting leaving behind 2 dead. One Khmer soldier was killed.

The same day, a clash was also reported at a point 18 kilometres east of Phnom-Penh on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal, in which the Khmer forces suffered 12 wounded.

The same day, two Khmer positions in Prey Veng, one at a point 14 kilometres south-east of the town and the other at a point 6 kilometres east of the town, were subjected to harassment.

During the night of 22-23 February 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed Rokar Kong, 32 kilometres north of Phnom-Penh, on the west bank of the Mekong, in Kandal.

During the same night, they also harassed a Khmer position at Thmat Pong, 24 kilometres west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

On 23 February 1971, several clashes were reported in the region between Phum Prek Ta Ong and Phum Phlaur Trey on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal, between the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors and Khmer forces carrying out a sweep between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Khmer forces suffered 1 dead and 4 wounded and the aggressor lost 31 dead and carried away several dead and wounded. The Khmer forces also managed to seize 2 B40 rocket-launchers, 1 B41, 1 30-machine-gun, 1 CKC rifle, 6 AK rifles, 1 79 rifle, 12 B40 shells, 24 79 shells, 3 cases of cartridges for 30 mm machine-guns and 13 knapsacks.

The same day, at about midnight, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors launched an attack on a Khmer position at Bavet, 40 kilometres east of the chief town of Svay Rieng, on National Highway 1. After four hours of fighting, they withdrew, leaving behind 8 dead and carrying off several dead and wounded. The Khmer forces lost 9 men.

During the night of 23-24 February 1971, they launched a harassing attack on Kompong Yaul, 15 kilometres south-east of the town of Takeo.

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During the same night, they harassed a Khmer position at Kompong Boeng, in Kompong Chhnang.

On 24 February 1971, they subjected to harassment Sâang, in Kandal, wounding 3 Khmer soldiers.

The same day, they derailed a passenger train at a point near Phum Prey Smol, 4.5 kilometres north-west of the face of Tuol Leap, in Kandal, killing one, wounding 7 and damaging a number of cars.

The same day, they harassed Han Chey, 18 kilometres north-east of the town of Kompong Cham.

The same day, at about 1 a.m., they attacked Bavet, in Svay Rieng, and withdrew at about 5 a.m., leaving behind 10 dead. The Khmer forces lost 4 men.

During the night of 24-25 February 1971, they subjected to harassment Khmer elements protecting gasoline storage dumps at Prek Phneou, 15 kilometres north-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

During the same night, the training centre at Kambaul, 15 kilometres south-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, was harassed by fire from 82-mm mortars and automatic weapons, but it was not damaged.

On 25 February 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed Sala Lek Pram, 35 kilometres south of the chief town of Kompong Chhnang.

During the night of 25-26 February 1971, Khmer elements at Srang, in Kompong Speu, were attacked.

During the same night, at about 8 p.m., two Khmer positions, situated about 25 kilometres north-east of the capital, one at Prek Tamak and the other at Prek Prasâp, in Kandal, were harassed for one hour by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces.

On 26 February 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed Khmer elements protecting the bridge of Koh Kuy, situated 19 kilometres west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

On 27 February 1971, a clash was reported at Kompong Chamlâng, 8.5 kilometres east of Vihear Suor, in Kandal.

The same day, Tram Khnar, in Takeo, was subjected to harassing fire from the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

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The same day, Khmer elements at Tuk Chhou, 8 kilometres north-west of the town of Kampot, were attacked by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. After six hours of heavy fighting, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 21 dead. The Khmer forces suffered 2 wounded.

During the night of 27-28 February 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors launched an attack lasting forty minutes on Khmer elements guarding the Bak Khèng bridge, which is situated 4 kilometres north of Prek Leap, in Kandal. The aggressors lost 4 dead. The Khmer casualties were 1 dead and 4 wounded.

During the same night, Sala Lek Pram, situated 35 kilometres south of the town of Kompong Chhnang, was subjected to harassing attacks by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

During the same night, at midnight, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked the bridge at Entanou, 2 kilometres east of Kompong Trabèk on National Highway 1, in Prey Vèng. During four hours of heavy fighting, the Khmer side suffered 3 dead and 4 wounded and the aggressor lost 3 dead. The Khmer forces also captured 3 PM/AC's and 50 grenades.

During the same night, Kirivong, situated 40 kilometres south of the town of Takeo, was subjected to harassing fire for several minutes.

During the night of 28 February-1 March 1971, a clash was reported in the area of Prek Eng, 6 kilometres north-east of Takhmau, in Kandal.

During the same night, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors subjected Chiphou, 24 kilometres east of the town of Svay Rieng, to harassing fire with 82-mm mortars.

During the same night, harassing fire was also reported at Prey Phdau, 10 kilometres south-west of the town of Svay Rieng, causing the Khmer side to suffer 5 wounded.

During the same night, Khmer positions in Kandal - the position at Phnôm Thmar Dos, 33 kilometres south of Phnom-Penh; the position at Sâang, 24 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, and the position at Phum Prey Bang, 6 kilometres east of Vihear Suor - were subjected to harassing fire by the enemy.

During the same night, O ROUNG, situated 25 kilometres south of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, was also subjected to harassing attacks. Counteraction by the Khmer forces caused the aggressor to suffer 2 dead.

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During the night of 1-2 March 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors launched harassing attacks on Prey Phdau, 10 kilometres south-west of the town of Svay Rieng, causing the Khmer side to suffer one dead.

On 2 March 1971, a clash was reported at Chiphou, in Svay Rieng.

The same day, from 4 to 6 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked the oil refinery, causing the Khmer side to suffer 3 dead and 6 wounded. Four tanks were set afire.

The same day, at about noon, the airfield at the town of Kompong Som was also subjected to harassing fire with mortars. One truck was damaged.

The same day, at 7 a.m., a three-hour engagement took place at a point 10 kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Speu between the Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors, resulting in 2 dead and 5 wounded on the Khmer side and causing the aggressor to lose 7 dead.

During the night of 2-3 March 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors launched harassing attacks with mortars on Phum Wat Phnom, 25 kilometres west of Phnom-Penh, in Kompong Speu.

During the same night, Trapeang Krâloeung, 16 kilometres west of the town of Kompong Speu, was also subjected to harassment.

During the same night, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors launched harassing attacks with mortars on Phum Thnâl Bât, which is situated on National Highway 2, 17 kilometres north of the town of Takeo, causing the Khmer side to suffer 3 wounded.

On 3 March 1971, they attacked Chiphou, in Svay Rieng.

During the night of 3-4 March 1971, they attacked Khmer elements at Phum Vat Phnom, 24 kilometres west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

During the same night, they launched harassing attacks on a Khmer defence position 3 kilometres east of the town of Kompong Chhnang and on another position 2 kilometres south of that town, causing the Khmer side to suffer one wounded.

During the same night, they launched three harassing attacks on Khmer elements holding a position 10 kilometres north-east of the town of Kompong Som.

During the same night, they launched harassing attacks on the Khmer defence positions at the town of Takeo.

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During the same night, they launched harassing attacks on Angtasom, which is situated 13 kilometres west of the town of Takeo.

On 4 March 1971, a force of about 100 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked the locality of Puok, in Siemreap.

The same day, at about noon, another Khmer position situated 3.5 kilometres north of Puok, in Siemreap, was also attacked. During an engagement lasting one hour, the Khmer side suffered one wounded and the aggressors lost one dead.

The same day, they attacked Prek Yuon, in Kandal, for fifteen minutes, causing the Khmer side to suffer one wounded.

During the night of 4-5 March 1971, they launched harassing attacks on Lovear Sâr, 30 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

On 5 March 1971, a clash took place at a point 6 kilometres north-west of the town of Kompong Cham, causing the Khmer side to suffer one dead.

The same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors launched harassing attacks on Kompong Dangkor, 24 kilometres south of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, causing the Khmer side to suffer 3 wounded.

During the night of 5-6 March 1971, they launched harassing attacks on a Khmer position situated 14 kilometres north-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

During the same night, they launched harassing attacks on a Khmer position at Pich Nil on National Highway 4, in Kompong Seila.

On 6 March 1971, a clash took place at a point 5 kilometres east of Peam Chikâng, in Kompong Cham, between the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors and Khmer troops conducting an operation on the west bank of the Mekong. After half an hour, the aggressors withdrew, leaving behind 2 dead.

The same day, at 6 p.m., the university at Kompong Cham was subjected to harassing fire with mortars and 75-mm artillery.

The same day, at 6 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched harassing attacks on Pich Nil.

During the night of 6-7 March 1971, Khmer elements at the experimental school at Kompong Kantuot, 20 kilometres south-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, were subjected to harassing fire with mortars and automatic weapons.

I wish to reiterate the firm and vigorous protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic against the illegal and permanent occupation of Khmer territory,

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followed by savage attacks perpetrated by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors 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, international law and the 1954 Geneva Agreements. These criminal attacks reveal clearly 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 fully responsible for all the extremely grave consequences resulting from this situation and reserves the right to take the 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
