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LETTER DATED 20 MAY 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. 1576 of 14 May 1971 (S/10198), I have the honour to transmit the following for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 28 March 1971, at 2 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors fired two shells from a 75 mm recoilless gun at the eastern side of the Grand Hotel in the town of Siemreap; no damage was inflicted.

During the night of 28/29 March 1971, at 7 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese ambushed Khmer troops in Phum Kandal Krom, 8 kilometres south-east of Dey-Eth, in Kandal, wounding twelve men.

During the same night, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired three 82 mm mortar shells at the armoured vehicle camp at Srê-Khlong, in Kompong Speu, without causing any damage.

During the same night, at about 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively, the Khmer positions at Veal Rinh, 36 kilometres north-east of Kompong-Som and at O Chamnar, 28 kilometres from Kompong-Som, were attacked by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

During the morning of 29 March 1971, a clash occurred between the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors and Khmer troops at Phum Kompong-Lovea and Phum Chumnik, 25 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal. The toll of casualties was as follows:

On the Khmer side, three dead and fourteen wounded;

On the enemy side, twenty-three left dead;

One Chinese light machine-gun, three CKCs and three AK-47s seized by the Khmer forces.

On the same day, at 10 a.m., Khmer forces conducting a search operation clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors 4 kilometres south of Srang, in Kandal. As a result of vigorous retaliation by the Khmer forces, backed up by air support, the enemy was forced to withdraw at about 10.35 a.m., carrying with them dead and wounded; two members of the Khmer forces were wounded.

On the same day, at 10 a.m., Khmer troops advancing along National Highway 4 at kilometre marker 94.3 clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors and six of their number were wounded, including two journalists. The enemy carried away seven dead and wounded; several enemy bunkers were destroyed as a result of air force intervention.

On the same day, at 6.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors fired five 82 mm mortar shells at the Khmer position at Rocakoy, 14 kilometres south-east of the town of Kompong Cham.

During the afternoon of the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked Khmer troops who were clearing a stretch of road at the Kirirom intersection in the Pich Nil Pass; about twenty members of the Khmer troops were wounded.

On 30 March 1971, at 8 a.m., a clash occurred between Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors at Prèk Taong, 12 kilometres east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal; the toll on the Khmer side amounted to one dead and four wounded. After a thirty-minute engagement the aggressors withdrew, carrying with them their dead and wounded.

On the same day, at 9 a.m., a further clash occurred between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Moat Krasas Khnong, 10 kilometres east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, in the course of which three Khmer soldiers were wounded.

On the same day, at 6.15 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed the Khmer position at Phum Psar Kor, 15 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, using 122 mm rockets.

During the night of 30/31 March 1971, at 9.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked Kraing Chèk, 15 kilometres from the town of Kompong Speu. The Khmer forces retaliated and the enemy fire ceased fifteen minutes later.

During the same night, the Khmer position at Thnaï Totung, 18 kilometres north of the town of Takeo, was attacked by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

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During the same night, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed the Khmer position at Pich Nil with mortar fire.

On 31 March 1971, at about 5.30 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed the camp at Treng Traying with 82 mm mortar fire.

During the night of 31 March/1 April 1971, at 10 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors launched an attack on the Khmer position 5 kilometres north-west of Troeung, in Kompong Cham, withdrawing at about 6 a.m., on 1 April after making several unsuccessful attempts to storm the position. There were five dead and thirteen wounded on the Khmer side, while the enemy left behind twenty-two dead and carried several dead and wounded away with them. The Khmer forces seized five automatic pistols, five B-40 shells, one 60 mm mortar, five Chinese sub-machine-guns, one B-40 and various articles of clothing.

On 1 April 1971, at 6 a.m., Khmer forces conducting an operation clashed with an estimated 400 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors 7 kilometres south-west of the town of Pursat. The aggressors withdrew at about 12.30 p.m., after fierce fighting. A further clash between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese occurred at 4 p.m.; the toll on the Khmer side amounted to one dead and seven wounded, and the enemy left behind seven dead.

During the night of 1/2 April 1971, at about 1 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed O Chamnar, 12 kilometres south of Veal Rinh, in Kompong Som. Counter-fire by the Khmer troops forced the enemy to withdraw after a fifteen-minute engagement.

During the same night, the enemy fell into an ambush laid by the Khmer forces 2 kilometres north-east of Kirivong, in Takeo, and left behind four dead and five grenades.

During the same night, enemy forces attacked the Khmer position at Tonle Bet, in Kompong Cham and were forced to withdraw after a thirty-minute engagement, leaving behind seven wounded. Two members of the Khmer forces were killed.

During the same night, at about 11 p.m., enemy forces attacked the Khmer position at Phnom Khieu, in Kompong Speu, with 82 mm mortar fire.

During the night of 2/3 April 1971, at about 9 p.m., enemy forces fired three 82 mm mortar shells at the Khmer defence position guarding the petrol depot at Prèk Phnéou.

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During the same night, at about 1 a.m., there was also an attack on the Khmer position at Moat Krasas, 9 kilometres east of Phnom-Penh on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal.

During the same night, at about 12.30 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed the Khmer position at Pich Nil, wounding two Khmer soldiers.

On 3 April, at about 7 a.m., Khmer forces engaged in a search operation clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors at Phum Khléang Sambath, 26 kilometres south of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal. After an exchange of fire lasting twenty minutes, the aggressors withdrew.

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, 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
