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LETTER DATED 1 JULY 1971 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES a.i. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION 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. 1917 of 9 June 1971 (S/10221), I have the honour to communicate the following to you for the information of the members of the Security Council:

During the night of 19-20 May 1971, at about 7.15 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed with 82 mm mortar fire the position of the Khmer forces at Preah Prasap, province of Kandal, situated 26 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, wounding three persons.

During the same night, at about 8.20 p.m., the Khmer forces based 10 kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Speu on national road 4, returned the harassing fire of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese. No damage was reported.

During the same night, at about 9.30 p.m., the Khmer forces based 10 kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Cham came under harassing fire from the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors for several minutes, one person being wounded.

On 21 May 1971, at about 5.30 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a position of the Khmer forces based 15 kilometres north-west of the town of Kompong Cham. No damage was reported.

During the same morning of 21 May 1971, a sharp engagement occurred between the Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors 3 kilometres north of Chong Kal, province of Oddar Meanchey, causing 7 killed and 20 wounded on the Khmer side and 16 killed on the enemy side; one 60 mortar, 3 sub-machine guns and one 75-SR canon were recovered by the Khmer forces.

During the night of 21-22 May 1971, at Kambaul, 15 kilometres south-west of Phnom-Penh; at Preah Prasap, in Kandal, 26 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh;

and at Bat Doeung, 25 kilometres north-west of Phnom-Penh, the Khmer forces forcefully returned the harassing mortar and automatic-weapons fire of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. One Khmer was killed and two wounded at Preah Prasap.

On 27 May 1971, at 9 a.m., Khmer forces operating in the field engaged Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces in the area of Svay Chek, province of Svay Rieng, 12 kilometres north of the town. The engagement lasted several hours and resulted in two dead and 5 wounded on the Khmer side. The enemy left behind 14 dead. Four sub-machine guns, 2 Chinese light machine-guns and 12 B-40 shells were recovered by the Khmer forces.

On the same day, at about 11 a.m., the Khmer forces engaged a force of Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors estimated at 300 men in the area of Preah Prasap, in Kandal, 26 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh. After several hours of heavy fighting, the aggressors withdrew, leaving behind 40 dead. On the Khmer side, there were 2 killed and 14 wounded.

On 29 May 1971, at 5.20 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired three 122 rocket shells at the Khmer Naval Base at Chruoy Changvar. At about 1.10 a.m., the Khmer forces at Vihear Suor, in Kandal, were subjected to an enemy attack which left 10 wounded, and at about 1.40 a.m., the Khmer forces at Khnor Kac, in Kandal, 16 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, returned the harassing fire of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. On the Khmer side, there were 4 wounded, and on the enemy side, 3 killed were left behind. Four AK-47 and 1 carbine were recovered by the Khmer forces.

On 30 May 1971, at 8.15 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors launched an attack against the Khmer forces at Kompong Popil, 9 Kilometres south-east of Vihear Suor, province of Kandal.

On the same day, at 8 p.m., Khmer forces on patrol in the area of Vihear Suor, in Kandal, 19 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, were involved in an engagement with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese. At 8.30 p.m., the Khmer forces at Preah Prasap, in Kandal, with the support of fire from the Khmer Navy, warded off an attack of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, who were compelled to withdraw after heavy fighting.

On 31 May 1971, at 12.30 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired five 122 rocket shells at the Khmer forces at Preah Prasap, and three 122 rocket shells at Prek Tameak, province of Kandal; at 5.10 a.m. on the same day, the Khmer Naval Base at Chruoy Changvar was likewise harassed by three rounds of 122 rockets. No damage was reported.

During the night of 31 May - 1 June 1971, at about 7.15 p.m., the Khmer forces at Barong Khnor Kar, in Kandal, 7.5 kilometres south of Vihear Suor, were subjected to harassment from 82 mortar-fire and the fire of automatic weapons.

During the same night, at about 9.50 p.m., an engagement took place between Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors in the area of Prek Tameak, in Kandal, resulting in 2 killed on the Khmer side.

During the same night, at about 10.25 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired five B-40 shells at a Khmer position north of Troeung, province of Kompong Cham, without, however, causing any damage.

On 1 June 1971, at about 12.02 a.m., another Khmer position, 6 kilometres east of Prey Totung, in Kompong Cham, was likewise harassed by three rounds of 60-mortar shells, the result being 1 killed.

On the same day, at 4 a.m., the Khmer forces at Vihear Suor, in Kandal, returned the harassing fire of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. No damage was reported.

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.

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