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TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 2425 of 1 July 1970, 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 14/15 June 1970, at about 11.15 p.m., the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong harassed the cement factory at Chakrei Ting in Kampot with mortar fire. The heavy fire returned by the defenders of the factory forced the enemy to withdraw, carrying with them, to judge from the many bloodstains on the field, several dead and wounded.

On 17 June 1970, Khmer aircraft machine-gunned the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong positions around the airfield at Kompong Chhnang. The enemy lost many killed, who were buried, and carried off their wounded.

On 17 June 1970, at about 9 a.m., the town of Kompong Thom was harassed with mortar fire by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer defenders forced the enemy to cease firing and to withdraw, carrying with them dead and wounded.

On the Cambodian side about ten were slightly wounded.

On the same day, at about 10 p.m., the town of Kompong Thom again came under harassment from North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. The Khmer defenders vigorously returned the fire, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

On 17 June 1970, in the evening, a goods train coming from Battambang was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong at Kraing Lovea, in Kompong Chhnang, about 68 kilometres north-west of Phnom Penh. Reinforcements were sent in and on the morning of 18 June 1970 aircraft machine-gunned and bombed the enemy positions.

During the night of 17/18 June 1970, the town of Siemreap was harassed by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. A Khmer inhabitant was wounded and two houses set afire. The enemy carried off their wounded.

During the night of 17/18 June 1970, at about 9 p.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong attacked the defence posts of the town of Kompong Thom with mortars and automatic weapons. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer forces obliged the enemy to withdraw at about 5 a.m., leaving behind 24 dead, weapons and ammunition, and carrying off several dead and wounded.

The Cambodian losses were 3 dead and 18 wounded.

On 18 June 1970, at about 3.50 a.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong harassed the town of Prey Veng with mortar fire, wounding 2 Khmer inhabitants.

On 18 June 1970, at about 6 a.m., the centre Trapeang Kraloeung in Kompong Speu was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong.

On 18 June 1970, at about 11.30 a.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces attacked the defence positions of Trapeang Kraloeung, in Kompong Speu. After several hours of heavy fighting, the enemy withdrew, taking with them a number of dead and wounded. The Cambodian forces suffered 4 dead and 9 wounded.

On the same day, during a search operation at Takeo, the Cambodian forces seized 2 light vehicles and 6 rifles, and destroyed a case of ammunition for anti-tank machine guns. A suspect was arrested by the Cambodian forces.

On 18 June 1970, the centre of Kompong Phlouk, about 20 kilometres south-east of Siemreap, was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong.

During the night of 18/19 June 1970, North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong harassed the town of Kompong Thom with mortars.

During the night of 18/19 June 1970, at about 8 p.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong troops estimated at approximately 200 in number attacked the Khmer positions at Spean Bey, some 32 kilometres north of Kompong Speu. The heavy fire returned by the Cambodian defenders compelled the enemy to withdraw at about 3 a.m., carrying off dead and wounded and leaving behind 5 bush hats and 150 rounds of 7.62-calibre ammunition.

During the night of 18/19 June 1970, at about 10.30 p.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong struck mines laid by Khmer forces at Tonlé Bet, in Kompong Cham.

During the same night, at about 11.30 p.m., a clash took place at the village of Roliek, in Kompong Cham, at the end of which the enemy had dead and wounded whom they carried off, while the Cambodian forces suffered 2 dead and 2 wounded.

On the morning of 19 June 1970, an engagement took place between Cambodian and North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces which lasted until 2 p.m., in the town of Kompong Thom. The Khmer forces repeatedly succeeded in driving back the attackers.

On 19 June 1970, at about 8 a.m., a clash took place at Prey Kandieng 6 kilometres south of Prey Veng with about 100 North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. The enemy withdrew, leaving 14 dead and carrying off several wounded. The Cambodian forces suffered 3 dead and 3 wounded.

On 19 June 1970 about 50 North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong troops were ambushed by Cambodian forces near Krol Ko, in Svay Rieng. The enemy withdrew, leaving behind 1 dead and carrying off several dead and wounded.

On 19 June 1970, on National Highway 1, at kilometre sign 43 in Kendal, a lorry and a bus struck mines. Two children and a woman were wounded.

On 19 June 1970, at about 1.30 p.m., a clash took place between Cambodian sailors and North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong troops in the province of Kompong Cham. After an engagement lasting one hour, the enemy withdrew in the direction of Prek Chik, carrying off several dead and wounded.

During the night of 19/20 June 1970, at about 8 p.m., the town of Kompong Thom was harassed by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong mortar fire. At about 4 a.m. the enemy launched an attack in force against the town's defences. Supported by aircraft which attacked the enemy positions, the Cambodian defenders counter-attacked strongly, obliging the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong to withdraw with considerable losses.

Cambodian losses were 3 dead and several wounded.

Throughout the night of 20/21 June 1970 the town of Kompong Thom was again harassed by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. The Cambodian Air Force intervened and destroyed several enemy positions.

During the night of 19/20 June 1970, at about 1.15 a.m., an estimated force of about 100 North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong attacked a Khmer defensive position 500 metres north of the town of Prey Veng. At about 5 a.m. the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 8 dead and 2 Chinese machine pistols.

Cambodian losses were 5 dead and 10 wounded.

On 20 June 1970, at Angkor Wat, in Siemreap, North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong elements in cowardly fashion murdered an unarmed school-teacher because he had refused to collaborate with them.

On 20 June 1970 a clash took place at the village of Samrong, in Kien Svay, Kandal, between Khmer and North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces.

Two Cambodian soldiers were killed and 10 others wounded. Enemy losses are not known.

On 20 June 1970, at about 2.15 a.m., the centre of Tonlé Bet, in Kompong Cham, was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces.

On the same day the centre of Skoun, in Kompong Cham, situated about 85 kilometres north-east of Phnom Penh, was also attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong troops.

On 20 June 1970, at about 3.30 p.m., a clash took place at the Phum Thmey pagoda, in Kandal, about 20 kilometres north-east of Saang, in the course of which 2 North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong were killed.

On 20 June 1970, in the commune of Thnot, district of Kompong Rau, in Svay Rieng, 13 North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong surrendered to the Khmer authorities, bringing with them 8 anti-tank guns, 2 carbine, 1 Garand M1 rifle, 1 Chinese automatic pistol and 2 US rocket launchers.

On 20 June 1970, two clashes took place 3 kilometres west of the Veal Labang pagoda and 1 kilometre north of Baray, in Prey Veng, at the end of which the enemy left behind 20 dead and carried off about 30 dead and wounded.

Cambodian losses were 2 dead and 7 slightly wounded.

During the night of 20/21 June 1970, North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces harassed the centre of Labansiek, in Rattanakiri, with mortar fire, slightly wounding 1 Khmer soldier.

On the same night another engagement took place 1 kilometre east of Skoun, in Kompong Cham. After a brief exchange of fire the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 1 dead, 1 BAR light machine-gun, one anti-tank machine pistol, 14 plastic charges and 3 Chinese rocket-launcher shells.

During the night of 20/21 June 1970, North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong troops were ambushed by Khmer forces at Neak Luong, in Prey Veng. One North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong was killed.

During the night of 20/21 June 1970, at about 2 a.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces harassed the town of Kompong Cham with mortar and gun-fire. The fire was vigorously returned by the Cambodian artillery. The Air Force intervened, bombing and machine-gunning the enemy positions, which were obliged to cease firing at about 4 a.m. The enemy left behind 80 dead and carried off a number of dead and wounded.

Cambodian losses were 3 dead, including 2 civilians, and a number of wounded.

On 21 June 1970, the centre of Bokéo, in Rattanakiri, was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. The enemy withdrew, carrying with them several dead and wounded.

Khmer losses were 2 dead and 1 wounded.

On 21 June 1970, Khmer forces engaged North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong 500 metres east of Skoun, in Kompong Cham. One North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong officer was captured by the Cambodian forces. One carbine, 1 shell, a quantity of plastic charges and a compass were seized.

On the same day, in the course of a sweep through the western and south-western part of the Peam Cheang plantation in Kompong Cham, a clash took place between Khmer and North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces, at the end of which the enemy carried off several dead and wounded. Two North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong were captured and 10 140-m rockets seized.

On 21 June 1970, at about 7.20 p.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong troops harassed the Longvek munitions dump in Kompong Chhnang for about 50 minutes, wounding 1 Cambodian soldier.

During the night of 21/22 June 1970, at about 11 p.m., a violent clash took place at Prek Tameak, in Kandal, between Khmer forces and a large number of North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. The enemy withdrew, leaving behind 10 dead,

about a dozen weapons, a large quantity of ammunition, about 20 grenades and a 122-mm rocket-launcher, and carrying off about 100 dead and wounded.

Cambodian losses were 7 dead and about 20 wounded. Two mortars and 1 radio set were damaged.

During the night of 21/22 June 1970, the Lycée of Peam Chikâng at Kompong Cham was harassed by North Viet-Namese - Viet-Cong, 1 Khmer soldier being wounded.

On 22 June 1970, during an operation carried out in Srakar Neak by Khmer forces, 2 North Viet-Namese - Viet-Cong were killed and others who were killed and wounded were carried away. Three mechanical pumps, 1 mechanical saw, 1 engine, 7 oxen, 2 buffalo, 3 carts, 4 loaders, 443 rounds of ammunition, 1 packet of plastic charges, drugs and documents were seized by Cambodian forces, who suffered 3 wounded.

On 22 June 1970, a clash took place at Chong O Andèng 35 kilometres west of Kompong Thom. The enemy withdrew hastily, leaving behind 2 dead.

On 22 June 1970, during a sweep about 4.5 kilometres from the town of Siemreap on National Highway 6, Khmer forces fell into an enemy ambush. After a brief engagement, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 4 dead, 3 machine pistols, 1 anti-tank rocket launcher and 10 grenades. The Khmer forces suffered 2 dead and 3 wounded.

On 22 June 1970, at about 2 p.m., a clash took place in the vicinity of the village of Daun Thy, about 20 kilometres north-west of Kompong Cham. The enemy withdrew at about 4.30 p.m., leaving behind 3 dead and taking with them several dead and wounded. The Cambodian forces suffered 1 dead and 1 wounded.

On 22 June 1970, 2 clashes took place in the village of Chruï Assey, in Kandal, about 8 kilometres north-east of Saang, and in front of the administrative building at Saang, after which the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 5 dead and taking with them several dead and wounded. The Khmer losses were 1 killed and 3 wounded.

On the same day, Khmer aircraft bombed North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong positions at Saang, killing 27 of the enemy who were left behind and about 20 who, with the wounded, were carried away.

On 23 June 1970, at about 3 p.m. Khmer forces operating at Taing Kauk, in Kompong Thom, clashed with North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. Aircraft intervened, bombing enemy positions. The provisional total of enemy losses on that occasion was 6 North Viet-Nameese - Viet Cong dead and left behind, some 15 dead or wounded carried away, one anti-tank machine pistol and a large quantity of ammunition and equipment seized.

Cambodian losses were 4 wounded.

During the night of 23/24 June 1970, the town of Kompong Thom was harassed by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong.

During the night of 23/24 June 1970, North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces launched an attack against the town of Kompong Speu, during which Khmer forces suffered 1 killed and 8 wounded. Enemy losses were not known.

During the night of 23/24 June 1970, at about 8.30 p.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces, most of whom were aboard 3 sampans and 2 launches, harassed the defence positions at the centre of Tonlé Bet in Khompong Cham. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer forces silenced the enemy. Two launches were sunk.

On 24 June 1970, at about 4.30 a.m., the centre of Labansiek in Rattanakiri was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong over a period of 30 minutes, during which 3 members of the Khmer defence forces were wounded.

On 24 June 1970, a sharp clash took place at Peam Bang about 70 kilometres west of Kompong Thom, on the shores of the Tonlé Sap. After a brief engagement, the enemy withdrew, leaving 5 dead.

Cambodian losses were 2 dead and 6 wounded.

On 24 June 1970, the centre of Labansiek in Rattanakiri was again harassed by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong, leaving 3 Khmer soldiers wounded.

On the same day at about 7.30 p.m., the centre of Puok, situated about 15 kilometres west of Siemreap, was attacked by a North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong force estimated at 200 men. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer defenders forced the enemy to withdraw at about 1.30 a.m., carrying with them several wounded. Two Khmer defenders were wounded.

During the night of 24/25 June 1970, the administrative building at Puok in Siemreap was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong.

On 25 June 1970, at about 1.45 a.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces again attacked the centre of Longvèk in Kompong Chhnang. A strong counter-attack by Khmer troops forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind 4 dead. The Cambodian forces suffered 7 wounded.

On 25 June 1970, at about 7 a.m., a lorry carrying North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong struck a mine laid by Khmer troops, 7 kilometres east of Siemreap.

On 25 June 1970, at about 7.15 a.m., a Khmer defence position at Romlong, 45 kilometres south-east of Kompong Thom, was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong coming from Chamcar Andaung in a Land-Rover and lorries. With air support and the help of reinforcements from Baray, the Khmer forces reacted vigorously and forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind 30 dead, 2 automatic pistols, 4 machine pistols, two carbines, a rocket-launcher and a Honda motor-cycle. Two North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong were captured and 1 Land-Rover and 1 lorry were destroyed.

Cambodian losses were 2 wounded.

The attack against the defence positions at Longvèk in Kompong Chhnang, launched on 25 June by several hundred North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong, continued with heavy fighting until dawn on 26 June. The Khmer forces counter-attacked vigorously, frustrating all attempts by the enemy to seize the positions. At about 2 p.m. the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces succeeded in approaching these positions and hid in the nearby forest. The Cambodian forces had to carry out search operations there.

On 25 June 1970, at about 3 p.m., during a search operation in the southern part of the town of Kompong Speu, Khmer forces clashed with North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. After a sharp engagement, the enemy scattered, leaving behind 10 dead, 10 rocket-launcher shells, 19 grenades, 7 60-mm mortar shells, machine-gun ammunition, tins of food and documents, and carrying away with them several wounded.

In addition the Khmer forces found at the site of the clash 50 bodies of North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong half buried and probably killed during the enemy assault against the Khmer defence positions during the night of 23 June.

On 25 June 1970, North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong launched an attack against the centre of Oudong in Kompong Speu.

On 26 June 1970, shortly before dawn, the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong again launched an attack against the town of Kompong Speu.

The Khmer Government and people are profoundly indignant at these new overt acts of criminal aggression committed inside Cambodian territory by the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces, who are thus shamelessly violating the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of neutral, peaceful Cambodia, and are trampling underfoot the 1954 Geneva Agreements and international law.

The Khmer Government and people call upon all countries devoted to peace and justice to bear witness to these facts, and hold the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the National Liberation Front of South Viet-Nam (Viet-Cong) responsible for any serious consequences which might result from their present policy of aggression and expansionism.

They are entitled to take all necessary measures to ensure the defence and survival of their homeland, which can in no circumstances bow to the jungle law imposed by the imperialist Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese invaders.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) KHIM TIT
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