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THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information news of the most recent developments in the people's war of resistance against the Vietnamese invasion and occupation of Democratic Kampuchea (18-27 February 1979).

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

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and Plenipotentiary
of Democratic Kampuchea

Annex

Summary of developments in the people's war of resistance against the
Vietnamese invasion and occupation of Democratic Kampuchea
(disseminated by the Ministry of Information of Democratic Kampuchea)
(from 18 to 27 February 1979)

The Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea is continuing to encircle the Vietnamese occupiers on all fronts, to destroy their vital forces daily and to cut their lines of communication and supply. The Vietnamese invaders are having to resort to parachute landings to obtain supplies. At the present time their troops, constantly on the defensive and in extremely low spirits, have no option but to remain in positions which are being besieged by the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea (ARK). Whenever they attempt to move, they are subjected to heavy attacks by ARK, which inflicts heavy losses on them. ARK and the local guerrillas have captured many weapons, large quantities of ammunition and other war matériel from the enemy.

1. AROUND PHNOM PENH

On 21 February, units of the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea attacked enemy troops to the north-west and south of Phnom Penh, killing 58 enemy soldiers, wounding 25 and capturing weapons and ammunition.

On 24 February, to the north-west of Phnom Penh, the units killed more than 50 enemy soldiers and wounded 27 others. On 25 and 28 February, they killed more than 30 Vietnamese soldiers.

2. SOUTH-WEST REGION

In the south-west region the ARK units are continuing to encircle the enemy in the town of Takéo and to destroy their vital forces every day. National highway No. 3 is still under the control of ARK.

On 28 February, at Chek Tum, on national highway No. 3, an entire battalion of Vietnamese aggressors was eliminated by ARK.

On 24, 25 and 28 February, at Prey Totung and other localities on national highway No. 3, ARK killed more than 190 enemy soldiers, wounded many others, destroyed four military vehicles and captured a large amount of war matériel.

On 25 and 26 February, ARK attacked the enemy at Trapaang Antak and other localities in the Takéo-Kampot area. It killed 65 enemy soldiers, including 3 Soviet military personnel, and wounded several others. Two enemy tanks and three military vehicles were destroyed and large quantities of weapons, ammunition and other military matériel were captured.

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3. WESTERN REGION

On 20 February, the guerrilla units attacked the enemy on national highway No. 4, destroyed one mounted gun and two military vehicles and eliminated all the enemy soldiers in them.

On 24 and 26 February, ARK killed more than 100 enemy soldiers and destroyed two military vehicles on the same highway No. 4.

4. NORTH-WEST REGION

ARK continues to encircle the enemy in the town of Battambang and to cut all the roads linking the enemy to the outside world. It has launched frequent attacks inside the town itself and has inflicted heavy daily losses on the enemy. The enemy is still encircled at Nimit, where his vital forces are being destroyed daily by ARK and the guerrilla units. The road linking Nimit to Sisophon is still controlled by ARK, which is continuing to exert very strong pressure on the towns of Pursat and Kompong Chnang on highway No. 5.

On 20 February, the guerrilla units attacked a group of Vietnamese invaders near Me Choa, north of Battambang, and destroyed a military vehicle with all its occupants. The next day, they killed 10 enemy soldiers who had come to steal the rice of the population.

On 23 February, ARK carried out a raid inside the town of Battambang, where it killed 30 of the enemy and captured 30 weapons. On 23 and 24 February, the local guerrilla units killed 20 of the enemy near Battambang and captured a large quantity of weapons and ammunition.

On 25 and 28 February, ARK units launched attacks near Battambang and Sisophon. They killed more than 130 enemy soldiers, wounded many others and captured a large quantity of weapons, ammunition and war matériel.

On 19 and 20 February, ARK units killed 60 of the enemy and captured a quantity of military matériel and medicines at Krakor, 30 kilometres south of the town of Pursat. On 23 and 25 February, they killed 20 enemy soldiers at the Pursat station.

On 24 February, they killed 100 enemy soldiers and wounded several others at Kompong Chnang. From 18 to 26 February, near the town of Kompong Chnang, ARK killed more than 90 of the enemy, including Cubans, and captured one tank, one jeep and a large quantity of weapons and ammunition.

5. NORTH-EAST REGION

ARK continues to encircle the Vietnamese enemy in the town of Kratié and to cut his lines of communication and supply. It still controls the west bank of the Mekong opposite the town of Kratié.

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On 18, 19 and 20 February, ARK and the local guerrilla units killed 35 of the enemy and wounded several others among those who were trying to steal the rice of the population, and also captured a large quantity of weapons and ammunition.

In Ratanakiri and Stung Treng provinces, ARK and the local guerrilla units have launched repeated attacks against the enemy, killing 15 enemy soldiers and wounding several others, destroying 30 military vehicles and capturing a large quantity of weapons and ammunition.

On 21 February, during an ambush, they destroyed three military vehicles and on 22 February they killed 15 of the enemy.

On highway No. 19, the Vietnamese invaders have been isolated in their positions and cut off from all supplies, since the highway is controlled by ARK.

In Mondulkiri province, at Koh Khék, on 22 and 23 February, the local guerrilla units killed 30 enemy soldiers who were trying to steal the rice of the inhabitants.

6. EASTERN REGION

ARK continues to encircle the Vietnamese enemy in the town of Kompong Cham and its airport. It is subjecting the districts of Troeung and Dos Knor to violent attacks and inflicting heavy daily losses in men and matériel on the enemy.

FROM 18 TO 27 FEBRUARY 1979, ENEMY LOSSES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- More than 2,600 Vietnamese soldiers killed and many other wounded;
- 74 military vehicles, 2 tanks, 1 105 mm. cannon and an ammunition depot destroyed;
- 684 weapons of various categories captured, including two 155 mm. cannons and three 105 mm. cannons in Takeo province (south-west region), together with four radio transmitter-receivers, a large quantity of ammunition and one tank.
