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Letter dated 28 August 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government and further to my letter of 25 March 1981 (A/36/152-S/14420), I have the honour to inform you of the following incidents:

1. On 25 August 1981, between 4.00 and 4.30 p.m., heavy fighting erupted between forces of Democratic Kampuchea and Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces in Kampuchean territory opposite Ban Nang Ian village, Aranyaprathet District, Prachinburi Province. Subsequently, 80 107-mm rockets, fired from a Vietnamese-Heng Samrin base inside Kampuchea, landed in Thai territory at Ban Nang Ian, Ban Saen Suk, Ban Mai Pak Hong and Ban Klong Nam Sai villages in Aranyaprathet District, Prachinburi Province, killing one Thai villager, seriously wounding another, damaging one house and killing a number of livestock.

2. On 26 August 1981 at 4.45 p.m., Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces inside Kampuchea fired 2 rounds of 88-mm recoilless rifle at a helicopter of the Royal Thai Air Force at the Thai Red Cross displaced persons' centre at Ban Khao Larn, Trad Province, and later Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces opposite Ban Hard Tab Tin fired three mortar shells at the centre; fortunately no-one was injured.

The Royal Thai Government wishes to draw your attention to the fact that these last two incidents are only examples of the over 46 serious violations of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity by Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces which have occurred since 1 May, in which altogether 4 innocent Thai citizens have lost their lives and 17 have been seriously wounded.

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The Royal Thai Government strongly condemns these unprovoked acts of aggression and reserves its legitimate right to take all necessary measures to safeguard Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22, 34 and 83 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI
Permanent Representative
