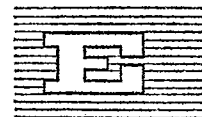


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THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO
PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION

Letter dated 31 December 1981 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Kampuchea addressed to the Director of the
Division of Human Rights

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith for your information a text entitled "Crimes perpetrated by the Vietnamese authorities", circulated by the Minister of Information of Democratic Kampuchea, for the period 1 February to 28 September 1981 (part II).

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights under item 9 of the agenda for its forthcoming thirty-eighth session.

(Signed) TE SUN HOA
Permanent Representative

CRIMES PERPETRATED BY THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES

II. USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

The Vietnamese troops are stepping up the use of chemical weapons in Kampuchea:

On 15 February, airplanes sprayed chemicals on Angkrong and Sala villages, district of Leach, Pursat Province: 72 victims, two in serious condition.

On 15 February, chemicals were dumped into well water, ponds and springs at Phnom Prey Choeung, district of Kiriwong, Takeo Province: 11 victims, one death.

On 24 February, airplanes sprayed chemicals on Rokar, Pongro and Anlong villages, district of Leach, Pursat Province: 40 victims, 18 in serious condition.

On 1 March, gas shells were fired west of Chipang village, district of Samlaut, Battambang Province: 20 victims, six of whom died immediately.

On 10 March, chemicals were sprayed 4 Km from Chipang village, district of Samlaut, Battambang Province: several victims.

On 9, 10 and 11 March, at O Da, district of Sisophon, Battambang Province, chemicals were dumped into streams south of National Highway No. 5, 5 Km from Thaokè Yar pond: six dead and 15 other persons in serious condition.

On 11, 12 and 13 March, chemicals were sprayed in the district of Pailin, Battambang Province: several victims.

On 17 and 18 March, gas shells were fired in Bâ Taing Sou village, on Khieu hill, along Highway No. 10, Sala Krao, and along the Kampuchea-Thailand border at Pailin, district of Pailin, Battambang Province: 19 victims, five deaths.

On 19 March, chemicals were dumped into the marshes and ponds used by the inhabitants of the district of Choam Ksan, Preah Vihear Province: several victims.

On 20 March, helicopters sprayed chemicals on Anlong Krauch, Pornng Pung and Phateah Muoy villages, district of Leach, Pursat Province: 17 victims, two deaths.

From 13 to 21 March, gas shells were fired repeatedly in the district of Pailin and along National Highway No. 10, Battambang Province: 124 victims, eight dead and 65 in serious condition.

On 24 March, chemicals were sprayed on forests and villages from Tumpor hill to Anlong Reap, district of Leach, Pursat Province: seven dead and 10 others in serious condition.

On 25 March, in Kraing Cham village, district of Siembauk, Stung Treng Province, poison disguised as medicine was injected into a sick child who died on the spot.

On 2 April, chemicals were dumped into streams, ponds and marshes in the district of Leach, Pursat Province: 18 victims, five in serious condition.

On 2 April, gas shells were fired in the villages located near O Trav, Bâ Taing Sou and Khieu hill, district of Pailin, Battambang Province: several victims.

On 8 April, gas shells were fired in the region of O Lahong, district of Bâvel, Battambang Province: six victims.

On 8 April, chemicals were dumped into the streams used by the population and sprayed on the villages of Daung Khleaing, Sala and Pong Pung, district of Leach, Pursat Province: 17 victims, five in serious condition.

On 13 April, six persons were poisoned in Kompong Luong, district of Krâkor, Pursat Province.

On 27 April, airplanes sprayed chemicals on the villages located near Phnom Kamchay, district of Koh Sla, Kampot Province: 55 victims, five in serious condition.

On 9 May, gas shells were fired along Highway No. 10 at Chipang, district of Pailin, Battambang Province: nine victims, four in serious condition.

On 10 May, chemicals were sprayed west of Chipang and at Dâng Tuong, district of Samlaut, Battambang Province: 16 victims, one in serious condition.

On 18 May, chemicals were sprayed on village 82 north of Trang, district of Bâvel, Battambang Province: three victims, two in serious condition.

On 29 May, chemicals were sprayed on the villages south of Chi Neang village, along Highway No. 10: 10 victims, two dead and three seriously poisoned.

In May, chemicals were dumped into ponds, marshes and wells around the town of Stung Treng: several inhabitants died and many head of cattle were killed.

In June, poisons were sold as medicine in Khbal Thnâl, a suburb of Phnom Penh: several victims.

On 21 July, defoliants were sprayed over many rice paddies in the district of Sambaur, Kratié Province, to destroy the rice that had been planted out.

On 1 August, chemicals were dumped into wells, ponds and marches in the commune of Sambaur, Kratié Province: several victims and many head of cattle killed.

On 3 and 5 August, chemicals were sprayed in areas along Highway No. 10, district of Pailin, Battambang Province: 10 victims, two in serious condition.

On 22 August, chemicals were dumped into water in jars and other containers in the chief town of Udong, Kompong Speu Province: several victims.

On 19 September, chemicals were dumped into the water in marshes and ponds in the district of Bâvel, Battambang Province: several victims, nine in serious condition.