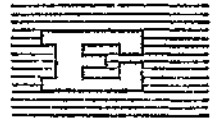


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WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND
OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Letter dated 23 February 1983 from the Permanent
Representative of Democratic Kampuchea to the
United Nations Office at Geneva, addressed to
the Chairman of the thirty-ninth session of
the Commission on Human Rights

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a document entitled: "Visit by
Samdech Norodom Sihanouk to an area of Democratic Kampuchea".

I would be most obliged if you would arrange for this text to be circulated
as an official document of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) Te Sun Hoa
Permanent Representative

Annex

Visit by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk to an area of
Democratic Kampuchea

On 27 January 1983 Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, President of Democratic Kampuchea, and Neak Moneang Monique Sihanouk visited the Phnom Malay region in the province of Battambang, which is under the control of Democratic Kampuchea. Prince Norodom Chakrapong, Minister of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, and Princess Norodom Arun Rasmy, Samdech's son and daughter, together with Minister Châk Saroeun, accompanied Samdech during this visit.

On their arrival in this area of Democratic Kampuchea, Samdech and Neak Moneang were warmly welcomed by His Excellency Khieu Samphân, Vice-President of Democratic Kampuchea with responsibility for foreign affairs, Their Excellencies Ieng Sary, Son Sên and Thiounn Thooun, Ministers of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, Mrs. Ieng Thirith, General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and numerous other leading figures of Democratic Kampuchea and their wives.

Two girls presented Samdech and Neak Moneang with a garland and a bouquet of flowers, respectively. Escorted by Vice-President Khieu Samphân, Samdech then reviewed a unit of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea, which presented arms.

All the way along the route to the residence, Samdech and Neak Moneang were greeted by a particularly large and happy crowd in festive garb.

Deeply impressed by the orderliness and combativeness of our National Army and by the atmosphere of gaiety and harmony prevailing in our villages, Samdech exclaimed: "Faced with such a heroic and disciplined Army as ours and with such rapid development of our liberated area, the Vietnamese aggressor will never succeed in exterminating our race".

After a brief rest, Samdech, accompanied by Ministers Norodom Chakrapong and Châk Saroeun, held talks with Vice-President Khieu Samphân and Ministers Ieng Sary, Son Sên and Thiounn Thooun on the most recent developments in the struggle of the people of Kampuchea and on the co-ordination of the activities of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea with a view to gaining new and greater victories against the Vietnamese aggressors.

At the end of the meeting, Samdech gave Vice-President Khieu Samphân presents intended for the soldiers and officers of the National Army. Mr. Khieu Samphân expressed his deepest thanks and said that the presents, together with Samdech's visit, were a great encouragement to the National Army and the guerrillas who were fighting the Vietnamese aggressors on the front line.

Shortly afterwards, in another room, Samdech gave a press conference at which several dozen representatives of the international press were present.

Samdech, Neak Moneang and the members of their retinue then attended a luncheon hosted by Vice-President Khieu Samphân.

On this occasion, the Phnom Malay arts group gave a display of folk and patriotic dances and songs in their honour.

Samdech, Neak Moneang and their retinue left this area of Democratic Kampuchea in the afternoon, having successfully concluded their visit to the Phnom Malay region.