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

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 1493 of 10 May 1971 (S/10192), I have the honour to transmit the following for the information of the members of the Security Council:

During the night of 7/8 March 1971, at about 7 and 8 p.m., Khmer forces based at Kompong Chamlâng, seven kilometres east of Vihear Suor, in Kandal, responded vigorously to continuous fire from the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

On 8 March 1971, at about 2 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors subjected Troeung, thirteen kilometres north-west of the provincial capital, Kompong Cham, to continuous fire, wounding one Khmer citizen.

On the same day, there was a clash at Phum Moan Hoer, sixteen kilometres north-east of the town of Kompong Cham. One of the Khmer party was wounded.

On 9 March 1971, at 10.10 a.m., Khmer forces carrying out an operation clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors at Phum Bat Lovear, twenty-two kilometres south-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal. After an exchange of fire lasting about ten minutes, the aggressors withdrew, leaving behind one M2 carbine, one grenade, one knapsack, 200 cartridges, five black suits and a large supply of medicines.

On the same day, at about 4.30 a.m., approximately 200 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors launched an attack against the Khmer forces defending the bridge of Tuk Laäk, twenty-two kilometres south-east of the town of Kompong Chhnang, causing two Khmer deaths and leaving behind one enemy dead. One Chinese automatic pistol (PA/AC) was seized.

During the night of 9/10 March 1971, Khmer forces based twelve kilometres south of the town of Pursat were subjected to continuous fire from the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

During the same night, from 10.40 to 11.40 p.m., Phum Kraing Ponhea, twenty-three kilometres north-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, came under continuous fire from the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

On 10 March 1971, at 10.35 a.m., Khmer forces clashed with the Viet Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors for fifteen minutes at a spot four kilometres south-east of Srang, in Kompong Speu.

On the same day, at about 10 a.m., there was a clash at Phum Sandol, five kilometres west of Tram Khnar, in Kompong Speu.

On the same day, there was a clash between Khmer forces on patrol and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors four kilometres south of Tram Khnar, in Takeo, in which two of the Khmer forces were wounded.

On the same day, at about 3 p.m., Khmer forces on patrol clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors at Phum Sragne, fifty-six kilometres west of the town of Siemreap.

During the night of 10/11 March 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors subjected Ang Tassom, twelve kilometres west of the town of Takeo, to continuous fire.

On 11 March 1971, at about 3 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired two 122 rockets at Phum Boeung Krum, twenty-eight kilometres south-east of Phom-Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal, killing one Khmer and wounding seven.

On the same day, at about 6 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors brought a Khmer defence position at Tonlé Om, in Kompong Cham under continuous fire.

During the night of 11/12 March 1971, they brought Troeung, in Kompong Cham, under continuous fire, wounding one Khmer.

During the same night, Prey Totung, in Kompong Cham, was also fired on. There was another clash at O Dar, between Prey Totung and Phum Mien, in which two of the aggressors were killed.

During the same night, at 8 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors brought Pich Nil, in Kompong Speu, under continuous fire, wounding five Khmers.

During the same night, they attacked Khmer forces on patrol eleven kilometres south-west of Phsar Oudong, in Kandal, wounding four Khmer soldiers.

On 12 March 1971, they attacked Khmer forces on patrol nine kilometres south-east of Ang Snoul, in Kompong Speu, wounding one Khmer soldier.

On 13 March 1971, they attacked Phum Sdok Krol, thirty-five kilometres north-east of the town of Kompong Speu. After some thirty-five minutes of fighting, the aggressors withdrew, carrying with them their dead and wounded. Three Khmers were wounded.

On the same day, two clashes were reported south-east of Vihear Suor, at Kompong Chamlang and Phum Tbooq Damrey, in Kandal, in which two Khmer soldiers were killed and three wounded.

On the same day, Khmer troops carrying out an operation clashed with approximately 150 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors in the region of Wat Angkor Thom, ten kilometres north of the town of Kampot.

During the night of 13/14 March 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors brought Kompong Yaul, fifteen kilometres south-east of the town of Takeo under continuous fire, wounding one Khmer.

During the same night, they brought Prasat Neang Khmau, twenty-two kilometres north of the town of Takeo on National Highway 2, under continuous fire.

During the same night, at 8 p.m., Bat Doeng, twenty-five kilometres west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, came under continuous fire from the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

During the same night, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors directed continuous fire at a Khmer position ten kilometres east of Tram Khnar, in Takeo.

On 14 March 1971, at about 11.20 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked Phum Pong Tuk, seven kilometres north-west of Thmat Pong, in Kompong Speu. After several minutes of fighting, the Khmer forces were able to seize one light machine-gun, one 30-mm machine-gun and one Chinese sub-machine-gun (PM/AC).

During the night of 14/15 March 1971, they subjected to continuous fire a position of the Khmer forces at Prek Prāsâp, twenty-five kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal.

During the same night, they directed continuous fire from 75-mm recoilless artillery at a position of the Khmer 2.5 kilometres east of Phey Totung on National Highway 7, in Kompong Cham.

During the same night, they attacked a Khmer position at Mien, six kilometres west of Troeung on National Highway 2, in Kompong Cham, killing one Khmer soldier and wounding six; fifteen of the aggressors were found dead.

During the same night, at about 8 p.m., they fired on Stung Chhay, twenty-two kilometres north of Veal Rinh, and another Khmer position situated thirty-four kilometres south-west of Srè Khlông, in Kompong Seila.

On 15 March 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors clashed violently with Khmer forces carrying out an operation in the area of Kompong Chamlâng, twelve kilometres south-east of Vihear Suor, in Kandal. Khmer casualties were five dead and ten wounded, while the aggressors left behind forty-seven dead and carried away with them several dead and wounded. In addition, the Khmer forces were able to seize a large quantity of weapons of all calibres, including B 40s, AK 47s, 12-mm and 7-mm machine-guns, light machine-guns and hand guns.

On the same day, they clashed with Khmer forces carrying out a search operation one kilometre north-east of Trapeang Kraloeung, on National Highway 4, in Kompong Speu. After half an hour of fighting, Khmer casualties were two dead and one wounded.

On the same day, they clashed with Khmer forces carrying out a search operation thirteen kilometres north-east of Chambâk, in Takeo. Khmer casualties were four wounded.

During the night of 15/16 March 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked Phum Kbal Po, ten kilometres east of the town and Khmer defence forces in the vicinity of Sala Srok, Prey Sandek, in Takeo.

On 16 March 1971, at 1 p.m., there was a brief clash at Phum Prek Yuon, two kilometres west of Saâng, in Kandal, in which one Khmer soldier was wounded.

On the same day, at about 9 a.m., there was a clash six kilometres south-west of Svay Rieng between the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors and Khmer forces carrying out a search operation.

During the night of 16/17 March 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors fired five 122-mm rocket shells at the town of Kompong Speu, wounded six

On 17 March 1971, there was a fierce clash 6.5 kilometres north-east of Troeung, in Kompong Cham, in which three Khmers were killed and six wounded, and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese losses were sixteen dead. The Khmer forces were able to seize two sub-machine-guns and one automatic pistol.

On the same day, at 2 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors clashed with Khmer forces carrying out an operation seven kilometres north-east of Chhnoc Trou, in Kompong Chhnang, wounding five Khmers; the enemy carried away several dead and wounded.

During the night of 18/19 March 1971, at 11 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors brought a Khmer position at Mien, in Kompong Cham, under continuous fire.

During the same night, at about 8 p.m., they fired on Phum Thmar Dos, fourteen kilometres south of Kompong Kantuot, in Kandal.

During the same night, Kauk Banh Chân, ten kilometres south-west of the capital and another Khmer position three kilometres east of Tonlé Bati, in Kandal, were fired on by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

On 19 March 1971, at about 3.20 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors fired continuously for several minutes on Rokar Kong, thirty-two kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh in Kandal.

On the same day a fierce engagement took place nine kilometres north of the town of Kompong Cham. It lasted the whole day and left one killed and five wounded on the Khmer side; the enemy left behind one killed and carried away a number of dead and wounded.

On the same day a Khmer position at Thnâl Totung, seventeen kilometres to the north of the town of Kompong Speu, came under continuous mortar and rocket fire.

On the same day Khmer forces at Spean Po, six kilometres north-west of the Long Vek camp in Kompong Chhnang, came under automatic weapons fire from the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. Two villagers were killed and two others wounded.

During the night of 19/20 March 1971 the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked a Khmer defensive position at Dangkor, twenty-five kilometres south of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal; the Khmer forces lost one dead and five wounded.

On 20 March 1971 Khmer troops on a search operation clashed with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors for approximately twenty minutes at a point 8.6 kilometres south of Prakhâm, in Kompong Cham.

On the same day a Khmer position defending the Svay Tayean bridge, eighteen kilometres to the east of the town of Svay Rieng, was attacked by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

On the same day a clash was reported seven kilometres south-east of Romeas, in Kompong Chhnang, between Khmer forces conducting an operation and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

During the night of 20/21 March 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors twice fired on Phum Arey Khsat, situated opposite Phnom-Penh and a few kilometres away from it, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal.

During the same night they also fired on Phum Koh Chen, 1.5 kilometres north of the Prek Kdam ferry, in Kandal.

During the same night, at about 10 p.m., they fell into an ambush set by Khmer troops conducting an operation 4.5 kilometres north-west of the provincial capital of Takeo. The enemy left behind three dead and one Chinese sub-machine-gun.

During the same night they fired continuously for several minutes on Khmer forces at Thnâl Totung, seventeen kilometres north of the town of Takeo.

During the same night, at about 8 p.m., they attacked Sala Lek Pram, seventeen kilometres north-west of Prek Kdam, in Kompong Chhnang.

On 21 March 1971 they fired on Khmer forces protecting the Chrâlong Mao bridge 3.5 kilometres south of Sala Lek Pram, in Kompong Chhnang, one Khmer was wounded.

On the same day, at about 1 p.m., approximately 100 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors clashed with Khmer forces on reconnaissance patrol twenty-two kilometres north-west of the provincial capital of Siemreap on National Highway 6.

On the same day, at about 6.30 p.m., there was a clash 3.5 kilometres north-east of Phum Prey Chrouk, thirty-eight kilometres to the north-west of the town of Siemreap.

On the same day, at about 1.30 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors fired on the Prek Kdam ferry in Kandal. One scow was sunk and four workmen were wounded.

During the night of 21/22 March 1971 they fired continuously for fourteen minutes on Khmer forces protecting the Kompong Som oil refinery.

On 22 March 1971 they fired two 75-mm. recoilless artillery shells on the town of Siemreap, killing one woman and one child and wounding another child.

On the same day, at 6.15 p.m., they fired fifteen 75-mm. recoilless artillery shells on Rocar Koy, seven kilometres east of Peam Chikang, in Kompong Cham.

On the same day, at 2 p.m., an engagement took place between Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces and Khmer troops conducting an operation at Phum Prèk Tabèn, 6.5 kilometres north-east of Saang, in Kandal. The Khmer side lost one killed and four wounded.

During the night of 22/23 March 1971 the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors also fired on the "Chuon Nath" lycée in Kompong Cham.

During the same night they fired on a Khmer defensive position 22.5 kilometres north of Veal Rinh, in Kompong Seila.

On 23 March 1971, at about 7.30 p.m., they fired on Trapeang Krâloeung, seventeen kilometres south-west of the provincial capital of Kompong Speu, on National Highway 4.

On the same day a clash was reported at Phum O Pong Ro, five kilometres north-west of Srând, in Kompong Speu.

On the same day two clashes took place in the Saang region, one at Phum Chrauy Russey, at about 1 p.m., and the other at Phum Prek Teahean Sau, at about 2 p.m., in Kandal.

On the same day the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors opened fire with 122 mm. rockets on a Khmer defensive position at Phlaur Trei, three kilometres north-west of Tuk Khleang, in Kandal, wounding five persons on the Khmer side.

On the same day Prek Tameak, in Kandal, was fired on. The return fire of the Khmer troops left one aggressor killed on the spot.

On 24 March 1971 the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors fired five rockets at Khmer defence forces near the Transport Brigade grounds in Pochentong, wounding five persons.

On the same day they attacked Khmer forces conducting an operation 6.5 kilometres north-west of Srâng, in Kompong Speu.

On 25 March 1971, at about 8 p.m., Phum Baren, situated opposite Saang, in Kandal, was harassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

On the same day a clash took place at Phum Prahout, nine kilometres north-west of Puok, in Siemreap. Two persons were wounded on the Khmer side and two of the aggressors were found dead.

On the same day the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors clashed with Khmer forces conducting an operation to open National Highway 4, near Pich Nil.

On 26 March 1971, at about 11 a.m., a fierce engagement took place at Phum Baren, leaving one killed on the Khmer side and ten of the enemy killed on the spot.

On the same day, at about 11 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors attacked a munitions convoy of the Khmer National Armed Forces on National Highway 4 in the Pich Nil area. The Khmer forces sustained about thirty wounded and three trucks set afire.

On the same day, at about 5 p.m., they harassed the Khmer positions at Srè Kholong and Trèng Trayeang, in Kompong Speu.

I wish to reiterate the firm and vigorous protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic against the illegal and permanent occupation of Khmer territory, followed by savage attacks perpetrated by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors against a neutral and peace-loving country to which they have no right and with which they have no ethnic affinity, in flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter, international law and the 1954 Geneva Agreements. These criminal attacks reveal clearly the annexationist aims of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese communist imperialists and represent a dangerous threat to peace and security not only in the Khmer Republic but throughout the region of South-East Asia.

The Government of the Khmer Republic holds the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the so-called Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Viet-Nam fully responsible for all the extremely grave consequences resulting from this situation and reserves the right to take the necessary action to defend the independence, neutrality, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country.

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

(Signed) KHIM TIT
Permanent Representative of the
Khmer Republic