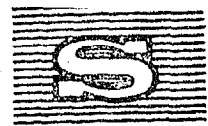


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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1971 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 325 of 27 January 1971 (S/10093) I have the honour to transmit the following for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 30 December 1970, at about 6.20 p.m., the Communist Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed a Khmer defence position at Kompong Seila, using mortars and automatic weapons. Vigorous counteraction by the Khmer defenders succeeded in silencing the enemy at about 7 p.m.

During the night of 30-31 December 1970, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer defence position at Prèk Tameak, in Kandal, without causing any damage.

On the same night, a Khmer defence position north of the town of Prey Veng was briefly subjected to harassment by Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

On 31 December 1970, at about 5 a.m., Khmer operational forces engaged the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Kraing Chèk, approximately 13 kilometres north of the town of Kompong Speu. The enemy, having been surprised and subjected to heavy fire by the Khmer forces, tried to avoid a clash and managed to withdraw at about 11 a.m., leaving behind 30 dead and 60 Chinese sub-machine-guns (PM/AC) and carrying away a number of other dead and wounded. The Khmer casualties were 7 wounded.

On the same day, at about 8.45 a.m., there was a clash lasting about five hours several kilometres north of Kompong Seila between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, during which 7 Khmer were wounded.

On the same day, at about 4.15 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese briefly harassed a Khmer position at Thnal Totang, about 17 kilometres north of the town of Takeo.

On the same day, at about 8 a.m., there was a clash between Khmer forces and a Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese force estimated at about 200 men, 16 kilometres north-east of the town of Kampot. After nearly an hour's fighting the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 5 dead, 700 cartridges for Chinese sub-machine-guns, 25 hand shovels, 15 grenades and 10 boxes of loaders, and carrying away several dead and wounded. Two Khmer were wounded.

On 1 January 1971, at about 12 noon, there was another clash about 20 kilometres north of Veal Rinh, on National Highway 4, in Kompong Seila.

On the same day, Khmer troops recaptured and reoccupied the region and the hill of Phnom-Krom, 7 kilometres south of Siem Reap, and the district of Svay Thom, 7 kilometres east of the same town. Contacts were re-established between the civilian and military authorities and the clergy and population of the district.

On the same day, at about 6 a.m., a clash lasting half an hour took place between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese about 6 kilometres east of the town of Siem Reap, on National Highway 6. Two Khmer soldiers were slightly wounded.

On the night of 1-2 January 1971, at about 8 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired on a Khmer defence position at Srâng, in Kompong Speu, using 82-mm mortars and automatic weapons. Under return fire from the Khmer forces, the enemy withdrew after about ten minutes, carrying away with them several dead and wounded.

On 2 January 1971, at about 2.30 a.m., Khmer forces on patrol in the vicinity of the defence position at Kompong Seila briefly engaged a force of about 25 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

On the same day, at about 9.45 a.m., there was another clash north-east of that same position between Khmer forces carrying out a mopping-up operation and about 300 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese in entrenched positions. After three hours of heavy fighting the Khmer forces, 4 of whom were wounded, succeeded in dislodging the Communist aggressors from their positions. The enemy withdrew at about 12.40 p.m., carrying away their dead and wounded.

On the night of 2-3 January 1971, at about 8 p.m., Khmer forces patrolling in the southern sector of the defence position at Kompong Seila, clashed for half an hour with an estimated 200 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, wounding several, whom the enemy carried away with them.

On the same night, at about midnight, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer defence position situated 2.5 kilometres west of the town of Kompong Cham, wounding 1 Cambodian soldier.

On the same night, at about midnight, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer defence position at Kraing Tasame, 10 kilometres east of the town of Pursat.

On 3 January 1971, there was a clash between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 12 kilometres north of Pursat. The enemy withdrew after half an hour, carrying away about 10 wounded.

On the same day, at about 7 a.m., during a mopping-up operation, Khmer forces clashed violently for three and a half hours with a force of some 200 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese about 23 kilometres north of the town of Takeo; 6 Khmer were killed and 12 wounded, while enemy casualties were several dead and wounded, whom they carried away with them.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack on the Khmer defence position at Svay Thom. Under the return fire from the Khmer forces, 2 of whom were killed and 4 wounded, the enemy was forced to withdraw, leaving behind 2 dead and carrying away a number of dead and wounded.

On the same day, at about 4.15 a.m., after about ten minutes of harassing the Khmer defence position at Kompong Seila with 82-mm and 120-mm mortar fire, and 75-mm recoilless guns, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked the position. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer forces frustrated all thrusts by the enemy, forcing them to withdraw at about 6.20 a.m.

On 4 January 1971, between 3 and 4 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese again sporadically harassed the same position with 82-mm mortar fire. The Khmer defenders, who suffered 8 wounded, returned the fire and forced the enemy to withdraw, carrying away with them a number of dead and wounded.

On the same day, at about 11.40 a.m., there was a clash between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Phum Phlau Trey, about 22 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong, in the province of Kandal. After about twenty minutes the enemy withdrew, carrying away several dead and wounded. Khmer casualties were 2 wounded.

I wish to reiterate the firm and vigorous protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic against the illegal and permanent occupation of Cambodian territory, followed by savage attacks perpetrated by Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 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 entirely responsible for all the extremely grave consequences resulting from this situation and reserves the right to take any 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
