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CAMBODIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government and further to my letter No. 2492 of 9 July 1970 (S/9862), I have the honour to transmit the following for the information of the members of the Security Council:

An operation carried out by Cambodian land and air forces in the areas of Skun, Kompong Thmar and Romlong, in Kompong Thom, from 21 to 29 June 1970, left approximately 300 North Viet-Nameese - Viet Cong dead, about 40 of whom were left behind; 200 to 300 were disabled, and 2 North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong were taken prisoner; 2 automatic pistols, 4 sub-machine-guns, 2 carbines, a rocket launcher and a Honda motor cycle were captured. A Land-Rover and a lorry were destroyed by the Cambodian forces.

On 22 June 1970, a Viet-Cong surrendered to the Khmer military authorities of Chipou, in Svay Rieng, and handed over a 12.7 mm machine-gun and a spare barrel.

On 25 June 1970, during a search operation, Khmer forces engaged North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong in the Trapeang Vèng area 5 kilometres south of the town of Kampong Thom. Following a brief engagement, the enemy withdrew towards Santuk mountain, leaving behind 2 anti-personnel mines. Traces of blood were found, indicating that the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong definitely suffered casualties.

The explosion of a Khmer-laid mine on 25 June 1970, 7 kilometres east of the town of Siemreap, left 15 North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong dead, about 20 wounded and 1 lorry destroyed.

During the night of 25/26 June 1970, at about 11.30 p.m., the centre at Puok in Siemreap was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. The Khmer forces returned heavy fire; the enemy were forced to withdraw at about 5 a.m., carrying with them 6 wounded.

On 26 June 1970, at about 4.30 a.m., an engagement took place near the village of Kraing Russey, about 30 kilometres south-east of the town of Kompong Speu.

On the same date, at about 9.00 a.m., a heavy skirmish took place in the village of Phsar Trach - approximately 45 kilometres south of the town of Kompong Chhnang - between the Cambodian forces and those of the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong, whose strength was estimated to be 400 men. In withdrawing the enemy carried away several dead and wounded and left behind an anti-tank sub-machine-gun with 2 loaded magazines and a diver's mask.

On the same date, during a sweep at Tuk Meas, in Kampot, Cambodian forces captured 1,424 weapons of various calibres.

On the same date, at about 5.00 p.m., an engagement took place at the Kompong Thnmâr secondary school, approximately 35 kilometres south-east of the town of Kompong Thom; the enemy withdrew after the engagement, carrying away a number of dead and wounded and leaving behind two 12.7- and 30-mm machine-guns. One enemy armoured car was set afire.

On the same date, at about 11.00 p.m., an engagement took place at the Choam Ksan - Thbeng Meanchey cross-roads, in Preah Vihear. Reinforcements were sent to the area to support the Khmer forces.

On 27 June 1970, the centre at Tonlé Bet, in Kompong Cham was harassed with mortar and automatic weapon fire by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. After a brief engagement the enemy withdrew, carrying away dead and wounded.

On the Cambodian side 1 was slightly wounded.

On the same date, at about 9.30 a.m., a further engagement took place at the Kompong Thnmâr market in Kompong Thom. The enemy withdrew following heavy fighting, leaving behind 2 dead and carrying away a number of dead and wounded.

On the Cambodian side 5 were killed and 10 wounded.

During the night of 27/28 June 1970, North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces harassed the town of Kompong Chhnang, the Svay Chrum Camps and the National Officers' School. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer forces obliged the enemy to withdraw, carrying with them dead and wounded.

During the same night, the ammunition dump at Longvèk in Kompong Chhnang was attacked by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong; as a result, there were 1 dead and 3 wounded among the Cambodian forces.

That same night, the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong returned to launch another attack against the centre of Toplé Bet in Kompong Cham. The Khmer forces vigorously returned the fire and the enemy was forced to withdraw, carrying away dead and wounded.

On the Cambodian side 1 was slightly wounded.

During the same night, a North-Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong force whose strength was estimated roughly at 100 men harassed a defence position at Koki, in Kandal. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer forces obliged the enemy to retreat.

During the same night, the commune of Chruai Dâng, in Kandal, was attacked by about 100 North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. The enemy did not withdraw until the following day, 28 June, carrying away a number of dead and wounded.

On the Cambodian side 3 were slightly wounded.

On 28 June 1970, at about 2 p.m., an engagement took place at the village of Smach, 12 kilometres north-west of Kralanh, in Siemreap.

On the same date, at about 3 p.m., during a search operation in the Kompong Thom secondary school area, Cambodian forces captured a 60-mm mortar with 12 shells.

On the same date, at about 7 p.m., a North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong force whose strength was estimated roughly at 100 men attacked the centre at Lovea Em, in Kandal. After several hours of unsuccessful assaults, the enemy withdrew at about 12.30 a.m., carrying away dead and wounded.

On the Cambodian side 2 were killed and 3 were slightly wounded.

During the night of 28/29 June 1970, at about 11.30 p.m., North Viet-Nameese - Viet Cong forces harassed the defence positions at the Kompong Thom secondary school with mortar fire for half an hour, wounding a Khmer soldier.

During the same night, the town of Kompong Thom and the centre at Kompong Thmâr were harassed by North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong.

During the same night, an engagement lasting approximately 30 minutes took place in the commune of Sambour Meas, in Kompong Cham, after which the enemy withdrew carrying away dead and wounded.

On the Khmer side 4 were slightly wounded.

During the same night, at about midnight, a North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong force whose strength was estimated to be 300 men attacked Khmer defence positions at the Svay-Chrum bridge 12 kilometres west of Svay Rieng. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer forces obliged the enemy to withdraw at about 4.30 a.m., carrying away a number of dead and wounded and leaving behind 2 grenades, ammunition and accessories for 12.7-mm machine-guns.

On the Cambodian side 13 were slightly wounded.

During the same night, at almost the same time, approximately 100 North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong attacked Khmer defence positions at the Krol Ko bridge, killing 2 boys and a girl and wounding 4 men.

On 29 June 1970, during a search operation at Oudong, Cambodian forces killed 17 North-Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong, who were left behind, and captured a number of weapons and destroyed an enemy resistance centre at Kraing Ponley, in Kompong Speu.

On the same date, North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces twice harassed defence positions of the town of Kompong Thom. Khmer forces vigorously counter-attacked, routing the enemy. At about 3 a.m., Khmer aircraft destroyed an enemy position approximately 10 kilometres north-east of the town.

On 30 June 1970, an engagement took place north-east of the Romlong market, in Kompong Thom, between Cambodian forces and those of the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong, whose strength was estimated roughly at 100 men; after the engagement the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 13 dead and carrying away a number of dead and wounded. The Khmer forces suffered 4 dead and 17 wounded.

On the same date, during a search operation in the northern part of Kompong Thom secondary school, Khmer forces engaged North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong and after a brief engagement the enemy retreated, leaving behind 4 dead, 12 grenades, 30,000 rounds of ammunition and one van.

On the same date, at about 5.00 p.m., after harassing defence positions in the town of Siemreap, North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces attacked these positions. Khmer forces, supported by aircraft, returned heavy fire and obliged the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind 52 dead and carrying away a number of dead and wounded in 5 ox-carts.

On the Cambodian side 2 were killed and 7 wounded.

On the same date an engagement took place between the Cambodian and the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong forces at Tonlé Bet in Kompong Cham.

During the night of 30 June/1 July 1970, a position of the Khmer defence forces at the town of Prey Veng was attacked by a North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong force whose strength was estimated at 200 men. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer defence forces obliged the enemy to withdraw at approximately 2 a.m., leaving behind 11 dead and carrying away a number of dead and wounded.

During the same night, the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong harassed the centre at Neak Luong in Prey Veng with 122-mm rocket fire, killing 1 girl and 1 woman and wounding 5 children.

On 1 July 1970, during a sweep, Cambodian forces engaged the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong approximately 5 kilometres west of the town of Kompong Cham. After an exchange of fire, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 2 dead.

The casualties of the Cambodian forces were 1 wounded.

On the same date, at approximately 7.45 p.m., the North-Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong harassed a defensive position at Tonlé Bet in Kompong Cham with mortar fire. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer defence force obliged the enemy to withdraw, carrying with them a number of dead and wounded, as indicated by traces of blood.

During the night of 1/2 July 1970, a defensive position at Thpong in Damnak Smach, some 38 kilometres north-east of Kompong Speu, was harassed by the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer defenders forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind 1 anti-tank sub-machine-gun with 4 clips, 1 grenade and some cartridges.

On 2 July 1970, at approximately 1 a.m., the North Viet-Nameese - Viet-Cong harassed the town of Svay Rieng with mortar and automatic weapon fire. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer forces obliged the enemy to withdraw at dawn, leaving behind 6 dead, 1 anti-tank sub-machine-gun and some grenades and carrying off their dead and wounded.

The casualties sustained by the Cambodian side were 6 killed, including 2 boys, and 6 slightly wounded.

The Khmer Government and people are profoundly indignant at these new overt acts of criminal aggression perpetrated in Cambodian territory by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces, which are thus shamelessly violating the sovereignty,

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independence and territorial integrity of neutral, peaceful Cambodia and are trampling underfoot the 1954 Geneva Agreements and international law.

The Khmer Government and people call upon all countries devoted to peace and justice to bear witness to these facts, and hold the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the National Liberation Front of South Viet-Nam (Viet-Cong) responsible for any serious consequences which may ensue from their present policy of aggression and expansionism.

They are entitled to take all necessary measures to ensure the defence and survival of their country, which can in no circumstances accept the law of the jungle imposed by the imperialist Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese invaders.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) KHIM TIT
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