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LETTER DATED 24 APRIL 1970 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES a.i. OF CAMBODIA TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 1886 of 23 April 1970 (S/9762), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 18 April 1970, at approximately 4 p.m., more than 200 Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese attacked Kcheay, about ten kilometres north of Kompong Trach, province of Kampot. The attack continued throughout the night, during which several of the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese were killed or wounded. Five members of the Khmer National Defence Forces were captured and some weapons were lost.

On 19 April 1970, at approximately 9 a.m., the Khmer National Defence Forces surprised a group of Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese on motorcycles at the village of Svay Rompea, Rumduol, Svay Rieng. After an engagement lasting some fifteen minutes, the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese withdrew, leaving two dead, as well as two motorcycles, a machine pistol and two Chinese pistols. Important documents were seized.

On 19 April 1970, at approximately 1 p.m., the Cambodian Joint Defence Forces engaged a band of Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese for about thirty minutes at Kbal Po, about ten kilometres south-east of the centre of Takéo.

On the same day, from 1 p.m. to 3.10 p.m., the Khmer National Armed Forces engaged about 100 Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese near Vat Tachey, seven kilometres south-west of Svay Rieng. Both sides suffered casualties.

On the night of 19-20 April 1970, at approximately 1 a.m., Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces attacked the post of Krabao, in Kamchay Mea. Both sides suffered casualties.

On 20 April 1970 the Khmer National Defence Forces, with air support, took the offensive against several hundred Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese at Khal Po, in Takéo, as a result of which the enemy left several dead on the field. The Cambodian forces lost five dead and several wounded.

On the same day, at approximately 6.35 a.m., the Khmer National Armed Forces engaged the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces twelve kilometres south-east of Neak Luong. During the engagement the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese lost one soldier.

On the same day, at approximately 7 a.m., hundreds of Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese blocked the road from Phnom-Penh to Neak Luong with felled trees in the vicinity of Samrong Kae, twelve kilometres before Neak Luong, and on the bridges at Kompong Phnom and Koki Thom, five and eight kilometres before Neak Luong respectively.

On the same day, at approximately 10 a.m., about 500 Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese occupied the village of Prey Chraing, twenty-three kilometres to the east of the chief town of Prey Veng. Five Khmer soldiers were captured.

On the same day, at about the same hour, Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese attacked the village of Prey Chraing, twenty-five kilometres east of Prey Veng, and captured the unarmed Cambodian villagers. Five Cambodian soldiers were listed as missing.

On the same day, at approximately 3 p.m., the Cambodian Provincial Guard post at Kompong Trach, Kampot, was attacked by several hundred Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. The defenders of the post were obliged to withdraw. Both sides suffered casualties.

On the same day, at approximately 5 p.m., several hundred Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese attacked and occupied the centre of Tani, Kampot, where they terrorized the inhabitants.

On the same day, a large number of Khmer operational troops attacked the Viet-Cong and North-Viet-Nameese position at Saang and Prek Koy, Kandal. Some of the Khmer troops were wounded, while the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese left sixteen dead.

On the night of 20-21 April 1970, at approximately 10 p.m., the centre of Prasaut was harassed for the tenth time by Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese for a period of about half an hour.

On the same night, at about midnight, Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese attacked the post of Kaam Samnar, Kandal. The vigorous response of the Khmer National Defence Forces obliged the enemy to withdraw, leaving two dead. On the Cambodian side one soldier was wounded, a woman was killed and material losses were sustained.

On 21 April 1970, at approximately 8 a.m., Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese destroyed the metal bridge on National Route No. 7, in the village of Stung, about ten kilometres east of Kandal Chrum, in Kompong Cham.

On the same day, at about 11.45 a.m., the Khmer Armed Forces were ambushed by several hundred Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese at Pramol Dom, about eight kilometres south-west of Kamchay Mea. The Khmer forces reacted vigorously.

On the same day, at about 7.30 p.m., Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese attacked the centre of Takéo with heavy weapons. Khmer soldiers on patrol engaged them one mile south-west of the residence of the Governor of the province. Intensive fighting, lasting half an hour, ensued. The Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese withdrew under cover of 82-mm mortar fire, leaving ten dead. The casualties suffered by the Khmer National Defence Forces were five dead, one wounded and one missing.

On the night of 21-22 April 1970, at approximately 2 a.m., the centre of Snuol came under mortar fire from Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. The firing continued until 4 a.m., causing three dead and two wounded among the Khmer National Defence Forces.

On 22 April 1970, at approximately 7.30 a.m., the rail line was cut at PK58, 200 near the village of Ponley Chas, Takéo, by Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese.

On the same day, at approximately 4 p.m., two transport vehicles of the Khmer Navy returning from Kaam Samnar with the evacuated families of soldiers were attacked by Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese with recoilless 75-mm artillery rockets and machine-guns. A girl was killed and thirty-four passengers were wounded, ten of them seriously. The vehicles were damaged to some extent.

The Khmer Government and people protest with the greatest indignation this escalation of overt acts of criminal aggression perpetrated in Cambodian territory by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces, which thus shamelessly violate the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of neutral and peaceful Cambodia, and trample under foot the Geneva Accords of 1954 and international laws.

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The Khmer Government and people call upon all countries which love peace and justice to bear witness to the foregoing, and they hold the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Viet-Nam entirely responsible for all the serious consequences which may result therefrom and endanger the peace and security of Cambodia and of that part of the world.

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

Accept, etc.

(Signed) OR KOSALAK
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