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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. 1897 of 24 April 1970 (S/9763), I have the honour to communicate the following to you for the information of the members of the Security Council:

- On 22 April 1970, at about 7.30 p.m., the Khmer National Defence Forces engaged a force of some thirty Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese at a point four kilometres east of the town of Takéo, killing four Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese and capturing four Chinese machine-pistols and three grenades.
- On 23 April 1970, at dawn, the town of Angtassom was attacked by several hundred Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. The fighting lasted throughout the day. Cambodian reinforcements arrived and began the task of clearing the town.
- The same day, at about 7.45 a.m., vessels of the Khmer Navy, proceeding on the Mekong towards Kaam Samnar, were attacked by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese at Peam Chor, in Prey Veng.
- The same day, at about 12.50 p.m., the town of Kaam Samnar was attacked by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. The vigorous response of the Khmer National Defence Forces resulted in two enemy dead.
- The same day, at about 1 p.m., the Khmer National Armed Forces launched an operation to clear the town of Saang and succeeded in driving the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese from the town to a distance of several kilometres. Hundreds of Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese were killed, and four were captured.
- The same day, at about 2 p.m., it was reported that Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese were mingling with the villagers in Kompong Soeng and Chhoeu Kach, in Prey Veng.

- The same day, at about 2.25 p.m., an engagement was fought between the Khmer National Defence Forces and the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese at Krol Ko, some twenty kilometres west of Svay Rieng. Cambodian reinforcements came under heavy-weapons fire by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese before arriving at the scene. The fighting was still under way at 5 p.m.
- The same day, the Khmer National Armed Forces began an operation to clear the town of Mimot, which had been encircled by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese since 22 April 1970.
- The same day, some hundreds of Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese occupied the area of the Prek/Chhlong bridge, some twenty kilometres north of Snuol.
- The same day, the Kompong Raing bridge on the road from Damber to Chhlong, approximately ten kilometres south-west of Chhlong, which had been destroyed by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese on 22 April 1970, was being held by some fifty members of those forces.
- The same day, at about 2.25 p.m., the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese attacked the Khmer National Defence Forces at Krol Ko, some twenty kilometres west of Svay Rieng. The fighting continued until 24 April at noon. After Cambodian reinforcements, including armoured cars, joined the battle, the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese withdrew, leaving eight dead behind and taking a number of other dead and wounded with them. Cambodian casualties were light.
- During the night of 23-24 April 1970, from 1 a.m. until dawn, the post at Khpop, some thirty kilometres north-west of Mimot, was under violent attack by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. Overrun by the numerically superior enemy, the defenders evacuated the post. There were casualties on both sides.
- During the same night, approximately 200 Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese landed at Kep, where they set fire to the buildings of the Public Works Administration, the National Police and the Treasury as well as six trucks and two jeeps. Before withdrawing, they murdered two male nurses, a dentist and a child.
- On 24 April, the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese invaded Svay Chreas, situated on national highway No. 13 at a point twenty-eight kilometres north-west of Snuol, in Kratie, and stole rice and paddy.

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- The same day, at about 11 a.m., the town of Angtassom, in Takéo, was again attacked by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. The Khmer National Defence Forces struck back vigorously, causing the enemy to leave six dead behind. The Khmer forces suffered one dead and three wounded as well as damage to a Dodge 4/4 automobile.

- The same day, at about 11.15 a.m., members of the Khmer National Defence Forces who were on patrol engaged a force of Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese at a point 2.5 kilometres south of Kompong Trabèk, in Prey Veng. The enemy withdrew soon afterward, leaving two dead, including a local resident of Viet-Nameese nationality, and taking approximately ten dead and wounded with them. Several members of the Khmer forces suffered slight wounds, and two Chinese machine-pistols were captured.

- The same day, at about noon, the post at Sre Chea, some ten kilometres north of Kompong Trach, in Kampot, came under violent attack by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. The Khmer defenders struck back vigorously.

- The same day, at about 4 p.m., the Khmer National Defence Forces engaged a well-armed battalion of Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese, equipped with heavy weapons, at a point 2.5 kilometres south-west of Chhoeu Kach, district of Baphnom, in Prey Veng, which had been invaded by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese on 21 April 1970.

- On 24 and 25 April 1970, the town of Kompong Trabèk, twenty-five kilometres south-east of Neak Luong, was subjected to repeated harassing attacks by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. The Khmer National Defence Forces struck back vigorously.

- On 25 April 1970, at about 4 a.m., an ambush set by the Khmer National Defence Forces at a point five kilometres north-west of Svay Rieng caused the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese to suffer five dead, whom they left behind, and approximately ten wounded, whom they took with them. One member of the Khmer National Defence Forces was slightly wounded.

- On 25 April 1970, the mopping-up operation in the town of Angtassom continued. The Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese invaded the Angtassom pagoda, 500 metres south of the town.

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- During the night of 25-26 April 1970, the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese subjected the town of Takéo to harassing fire with heavy weapons until dawn. The Khmer National Defence Forces struck back vigorously, causing the enemy a number of dead and wounded while one member of the Defence Forces was slightly wounded. The administrative buildings suffered damage.

- During the same night, the Kbal Romeas bridge, six kilometres east of Kampot, was damaged by the explosion of a mine laid by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese.

- During the same night, the town of Saang was again subjected to mortar fire by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. The Khmer National Defence Forces were able to silence the enemy fire.

- During the same night, the town of Mimot was attacked three times by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese. The local airfield was rendered unusable.

- During the same night, several hundred Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese attempted to seize the town of Chhlong, in Kratie. The Khmer National Defence Forces struck back vigorously and are still holding the town.

- During the same night, two wooden bridges at Kompong Sre, three kilometres from Chhlong, were burnt by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese.

- On 26 April 1970, at about 5.30 a.m., units of the Khmer National Defence Forces who were on patrol engaged a force of some fifty Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese at Preah Sdech, approximately ten kilometres north-west of Kompong Trabek, in Prey Veng. At the end of an hour, the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese broke off the fight, leaving behind six dead and taking away a number of dead and wounded. Cambodian casualties were light.

- The same day, at about 10 a.m., the Khmer National Defence Forces engaged a band of Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese at a point 1.5 kilometres south of Prasaut. The enemy broke off the fight shortly afterward, leaving behind three dead, including one local resident of Viet-Nameese nationality. The Khmer National Defence Forces suffered light casualties.

- The same day, approximately 100 Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese invaded the monasteries at Svay Antor and Chea Khleang, situated respectively fifteen and twenty-one kilometres north-east of Prey Veng. The invasion of these holy places aroused the anger of the local inhabitants, who are devout Buddhists.

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The Khmer Government and people are profoundly indignant at this escalating series of acts of overt criminal aggression committed inside Cambodian territory by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces, who are thus shamelessly violating the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of neutral, peaceful Cambodia and 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) fully responsible for any grave consequences which may arise 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 under no circumstances bow to the jungle law being imposed on it 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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to the United Nations
