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LETTER DATED 21 FEBRUARY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 98 of 10 January 1968, I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the following:

On 18 December 1967, at about 8.50 a.m., Thai elements of the Hat-Lek post harassed the Cambodian post of Chhné-Khsach with automatic weapons fire.

During the night of 18-19 December 1967, beginning at 10 p.m., the Cambodian post of Bek-Anluong, situated some fifteen kilometres from the frontier, in the province of Preah Vihear, was attacked twice by some thirty armed men coming from Thailand.

One woman and one child were seriously wounded in the attacks.

On 20 December 1967, at about 8.30 a.m., a very large Thai group estimated at about 100 heavily armed men attempted to ambush a Khmer patrol at a point situated between the Cambodian posts of O-Smach and Chamcar-Chek in the province of Oddor Meanchey, while another Thai group harassed the O-Smach post with mortar fire.

These incidents caused the death of four Khmer soldiers.

On 9 January 1968, at 11 p.m., a Khmer patrol seized a Thai fishing junk with five crew members who were engaged in clandestine fishing in Cambodia's territorial waters.

The junk and the crew members are now being held by the authorities of Khémarak Phouminville.

On 14 January 1968, at 11.30 a.m., the wife of a Khmer provincial guard of the O-Chreou No. 2 post, province of Battambang, set off a Thai mine 200 metres inside the frontier. One of her legs was fractured.

On 16 January 1968 an escort vessel of the Royal Khmer Navy seized two Thai junks whose crews were engaged in clandestine fishing in Khmer territorial waters:

The first junk was seized at 3.25 p.m. in the vicinity of Koh Yor (province of Koh-Kong). The crew was able to escape by swimming.

The second junk was seized at 3.45 p.m. in the vicinity of Koh Samit (province of Koh-Kong). All the crew members were apprehended.

The junks and men are now being held by the authorities of Khémarak Phouminville.

On 31 January 1968, at about 9.20 a.m., seven ox carts belonging to Khmer inhabitants of the Phums of Thmey Meanchey and Nimit, Sangkat of Kaup, Srok of O-Chreou, province of Battambang, set off a Thai mine planted 1,000 metres inside the frontier, in the Sangkat of Soeung, Srok of O-Chreou (Battambang).

The explosion caused the following casualties and losses:

- in personnel: 2 killed (one man and one woman):
- in livestock: 2 oxen killed;
- in materials: 1 cart completely wrecked.

On 1 February 1968, at 10.30 a.m., the Khmer units of the Sub-Headquarters of Yeang Dangcum, in the course of an operation, were engaged in a skirmish lasting 30 minutes with an unknown number of armed elements coming from Thailand, at a place called O-Chamnay, situated at some ten kilometres inside the frontier in the Sangkat of Kaup, Srok of Sisophon, province of Battambang.

The incident caused the following casualties:

- 2 killed (one soldier and one member of the FND (National Defence Forces));
- 2 seriously wounded (one soldier and one member of the FND).

The Royal Government has lodged a vigorous protest against these new criminal acts of aggression and violation committed by elements coming from Thailand and has demanded that the Royal Government of Thailand should put an end without delay to these acts of armed provocation in Khmer territory.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
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