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LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST 1969 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THAILAND
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government and further to my letter No. 302/2512 dated 20 February 1969 addressed to the President of the Security Council, I have the honour to bring to your attention for the information of the States Members of the United Nations the following unprovoked and criminal acts committed by Cambodian armed forces and paramilitary personnel against Thai villagers and officials and their property in Thai-Cambodian border areas:

On 5 May 1969,

at about 1700 hours, while on a patrol inside Thai territory and about twenty-five metres away from the border at Tambon Tha Kham, Amphur Aranyaprathet, Prachinburi Province, Second Lieutenant Chaichana Ratanamalai was shot at from the Cambodian side. Gravely injured, he was taken to the provincial hospital where he later died of the wound.

On 14 May 1969,

at about 1400 hours, a group of seven armed Cambodian guerillas entered Thai territory at Nong Mai Ngarm Village, Tambon Ban Gruad, Burirum Province and robbed Mr. Kome Boonprakone and other villagers of their water buffaloes, six of which were taken across the border into Cambodian territory through U Malu pass.

From about 1800 to 2400 hours, a number of Cambodian guerrillas entered Thai territory at Tambon Tap Sadet, Amphur Ta Phraya, Prachinburi Province, then attacked and looted a Thai Villager, Nai Yoo Vong Sinuan, of his belongings. Two water buffaloes were also herded away across the border.

On 20 May 1969,

at about 1300 hours, a group of Cambodian soldiers entered Thai territory at Tap Prik Village and clashed with a unit of Thai border patrol police.

One Cambodian soldier was reported killed. Later, another clash took place between the Thai unit and a new group of Cambodian soldiers who, because of their superiority in number and fire-arms, managed to take away the body of their killed comrade.

On 22 May 1969,

a group of five Cambodian soldiers entered Thai territory at Tambon Koke Soong, Amphur Ta Phraya, Prachinburi Province and took away with them four water buffaloes, which belonged to two Thai nationals, Nai Boonrod Buaphan and Nai Chuan Proke-Proke.

On 27 May 1969,

three Cambodians entered Thai territory at Koke Ta Kang Village, Amphur Ta Phraya, Prachinburi Province, robbed Nai Lang Halailum of his three water buffaloes and took them across the border into Cambodia.

On 4 June 1969,

at about 1600 hours, while fishing off the bay at Haad Lek, Amphur Klong Yai, Trad Province, well within the Thai territorial waters, a Thai fishing boat "Piboon Sin", with Nai Roong Malivalya as its captain, was fired upon by a Cambodian patrol boat. During the attack, a Thai crew member, Nai Bua, jumped into the water and was seized by the Cambodians.

On 5 June 1969,

at about 1300 hours, about 600 rifle-shots were fired into the Thai territory towards the Amphur Klongluek police station, Amphur Aranyaprathet, Prachinburi Province. The roof of the local custom-house was hit and damaged.

at about 1400 hours, some 100 shots were again fired into the same place.

On 7 June 1969,

during the night, a group of four Cambodian guerrillas entered Thai territory at Koke Chaeng Village, Amphur Ta Phraya, Prachinburi Province, stole six water buffaloes of Nai Tae Saeng Kla and herded them away across the border into Cambodia.

On 9 June 1969,

at about 1430 hours, a Cambodian aircraft temporarily entered and thus violated Thai air space over Ban Wangmon Village, Amphur Aranyaprathet, Prachinburi Province.

On 10 June 1969,

a Cambodian soldier, Private Lan Lai, was arrested by the Thai authorities at Srisaket Province. He said that he had escaped from imprisonment to surrender himself to the Thai authorities at the border. He also gave an account of some clandestine and aggressive activities carried out against Thailand. Part of his statement concerned a group of Cambodian guerrillas who had received training from an officer with the rank of major in the Cambodian Army and then were sent to operate in Thailand during June 1969. It was believed that they would come by Chong Pad Lak, Chong Phrapalai and Chong Hua Kwai Passes. They would each time be accompanied by Cambodian soldiers.

On 17 June 1969,

at about 1400 hours, about ten armed bandits from Cambodia entered Thai territory at Ban Wieng Kam Village, Tambon Tap Sadet, Amphur Ta Phraya, Prachinburi Province and looted the villagers of their belongings. Eight water buffaloes were also herded away across the border into Cambodia.

On 20 June 1969,

at about 1400 hours, Cambodian soldiers fired into Thai territory at Ban Nong Prue Village, Tambon Klong Nam Sai, Amphur Aranyaprathet, Prachinburi Province. The House belonging to Nai Mo Napa was damaged thereby.

On 23 June 1969,

at about 1100 hours, about thirty Cambodian soldiers and civilians entered Thai territory at Ban Koke Soong Village and Ban Non Mark Moon Village, Amphur Ta Phraya, Prachinburi Province. They attempted to rob the villagers of their cows, but failed and had to flee in the face of stiff resistance from the villagers.

On 9 July 1969,

at about 1400 hours, four Cambodian armed soldiers entered Thai territory at Ban Kaew Pet Ploy Village, Tambon Ta Phraya, Amphur Ta Phraya, Prachinburi Province and tried to rob Nai Kiam Phraprakome of his cows. Nai Kiam fought back and was gravely injured. In the mêlée, one Cambodian soldier was wounded. They all fled whence they came.

On 11 July 1969,

a Thai patrol unit consisting of thirteen members of the border and provincial police encountered a band of sixteen Cambodian guerrillas at Ban Koo Village, Tambon Karp Cheung, Amphur Prasart, Surin Province. In the ensuing battle, one Cambodian was reported killed. One Thai police was gravely injured, while others were slightly injured.

On 19 July 1969,

at about 1000 hours, while fishing in the sea of Trad Province, well within Thai territorial waters, a Thai fishing-boat named "Singhangern", was fired upon by a Cambodian fishing-boat. Of the six-member Thai crew, Nai Somsak was shot dead, while Nai Prachuab and Nai Nit were injured.

The Royal Thai Government, therefore, lodges a strong protest against the aforementioned acts of armed intrusion, assault, plunder, banditry and general lawlessness committed by Cambodian soldiers and other armed elements against Thai territory, innocent and peaceful Thai villagers living in the border areas and their properties. It is our just demand that such senseless and criminal acts be forthwith discontinued once and for all, and all the culprits punished, and stolen properties returned to their right owners.

I should be obliged if you would circulate the text of this communication as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Anand PANYARACHUN
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to the United Nations
