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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1971 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 672 of 23 February 1971 (S/10131), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 1 February 1971, at about 8 a.m., Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements fought an engagement lasting about ten minutes at Phum Prey Beng, thirteen kilometres north of the town of Kompong Speu; one Khmer soldier was wounded.

During the night of 1-2 February 1971, at about 8.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer position at Kompong Seila.

On 2 February 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched a brief harassing attack on a Khmer position at Phum Khabal Thnal, situated approximately eleven kilometres north-west of the Prek Kdam ferry, in Kandal.

The same day, at about 9.45 a.m., a clash occurred at kilometre 92.5 on National Highway 4 between Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese elements. After an hour of fierce fighting, the enemy dispersed, carrying with them a number of dead and wounded.

The same day, at about 10.15 a.m., Khmer forces engaged in an operation clashed with about a hundred Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Phum Pos Nhin, eight kilometres south of the Chakrei Ting cement works in Kampot. After an engagement lasting some twenty minutes, the enemy dispersed, leaving behind one ton of rice, a number of cooking utensils and clothing and carrying with them several dead and wounded.

During the night of 2-3 February 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed Khmer elements guarding the Spean Dek bridge, which is situated on National Highway 6 approximately ten kilometres south of Batheay, in Kompong Cham.

During the same night, they harassed another position at Kompong Svay, approximately eighteen kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh on the east bank of the Bassac, in Kandal.

On 3 February 1971, at about 1 p.m., an engagement lasting some twenty minutes was fought at Phum Chrey Leas, twenty-two kilometres north-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal; three Khmer soldiers were wounded.

The same day, at about 1.40 p.m., Khmer troops patrolling the Vihear Suor area, approximately sixteen kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, fought an engagement lasting half an hour with the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, which resulted in two dead and seven wounded on the Khmer side; a number of dead and wounded were carried away by the enemy.

The same day, at about 11 a.m., two further clashes lasting about half an hour each occurred at Trapeang Rokar and Krol Khieu, approximately twenty-eight kilometres north-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal; the Khmer side suffered one dead and one wounded and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese side left behind four dead and lost two CKC rifles and 250 cartridges.

The same day, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese carried out a harassing attack on a Khmer position at Tuk Khleang, situated twenty-six kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal, wounding two.

During the night of 3-4 February 1971, between 8 p.m. and 12 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed Khmer troops based at Lovear Sar Krom, approximately thirty kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal.

On 4 February 1971, at about 2 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack on a Khmer position at Kompong Chak, approximately eight kilometres north of the town of Svay Rieng. The vigorous counter-action by the Khmer troops, who suffered one wounded, forced the enemy to withdraw at about 3 a.m., carrying with them a number of dead and wounded.

The same day, at about 6.20 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer position at Chantrea in Svay Rieng, killing one and wounding eight.

I wish to reaffirm the firm and vigorous protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic against the illegal and permanent occupation of Khmer territory, followed by savage attacks perpetrated by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces

against a neutral and peace-loving country to which they have no right and with which they have no ethnic affinity, in flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter, of international law and of the 1954 Geneva Agreements. These criminal attacks reveal for all to see the annexationist aims of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese communist imperialists, and represent a dangerous threat to peace and security not only in the Khmer Republic, but throughout the region of South-East Asia.

The Government of the Khmer Republic holds the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the so-called Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Viet-Nam entirely responsible for all the extremely grave consequences resulting from this situation and reserves the right to take any necessary action to defend the independence, neutrality, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country.

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

(Signed) OR KOSALAK  
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Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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