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LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government, and further to my letter No. 1622 of 15 March 1967, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

During the night of 18/19 February 1967:

At about 7.50 p.m., a group of armed persons coming from Thailand penetrated Khmer territory and advanced towards a defence post located about six kilometres beyond Poipet Centre, province of Battambang. The Thai aggressors encountered a defence patrol which, after a skirmish, forced them to withdraw into Thai territory.

Shortly afterwards another armed band opened fire on the above-mentioned post from Thailand with mortars and automatic weapons. Some mortar bombs fell inside the area of the post, slightly wounding provincial guardsman Nhek Neou.

At about 12 midnight the village of Yeang Dangkum, Srok of Sisophon, province of Battambang, was harrassed with mortar fire by Thai forces. The latter ceased fire only after vigorous counter-action by the Khmer defenders.

Casualties on the Khmer side were eight inhabitants injured, one of them seriously. Two monks were also injured, one seriously.

At about 12 midnight also the Khmer posts at Khvao, Kauk Romiet and Kalar, province of Battambang, were subjected to a simultaneous mortar bombardment by armed elements from Thailand.

At the Khvao post, two oxen were wounded and the roof of a pagoda was holed by mortar bombs.

On 25 February 1967 at about 12 mid-day the explosion of a booby trap set by Thai elements on Khmer territory, at a point about 4,000 metres north-west of Cham Yeam, Srok of Mondol Séma, province of Koh Kong, and about 200 metres from the frontier, mortally wounded Private 2nd Class Kong Neang, one of the Khmer soldiers of Chhné Khsach on frontier patrol.

On the same day at about 1.30 p.m. the explosion of another Thai booby trap on Khmer territory seriously wounded Corporal Mey Nhel, of the Khmer frontier patrol force from Kirivong post, Srok of Mondol Séma, province of Koh Kong.

On 27 February 1967 at about 7.45 a.m. a booby trap set by Thai elements on Khmer territory exploded at a point about twenty kilometres north-west of Khum Kaup, Srok of O-Chreou, province of Battambang, and about 100 metres from the frontier.

During the night of 28 February/1 March 1967 at about 10.30 p.m. Khmer soldiers from Kalar, province of Battambang, encountered a group of armed persons from Thailand on Khmer territory, at a point about twenty kilometres north-west of Thmar Puok Centre and about two kilometres from the frontier.

On 1 March 1967 at about 8.30 a.m. the explosion of a booby trap set by Thai elements on Khmer territory, about twenty kilometres north-east of Samrong Centre and about nine kilometres from the frontier, caused the following casualties and damage:

One inhabitant of the village of Bos and one member of the National Defence Forces wounded;

Two oxen killed outright;

One cart damaged.

On the same day:

At about 10 a.m., while on patrol, members of the National Defence Forces from Khum Soeng, Srok of O-Chreou, ran into a booby trap set by Thai elements on Khmer territory about ten kilometres from the frontier.

The explosion of the booby trap killed one member of the National Defence Forces and slightly wounded another.

At about 10.15 a.m. Khmer soldiers from the Yeang Dangkm sub-district, province of Battambang, discovered another booby trap set by Thai elements on Khmer territory, about 100 metres from the site of the explosion described above.

On 5 March 1967 at about 9.30 a.m. a herd of oxen exploded a booby trap set by Thai elements on Khmer territory about twenty kilometres north-east of Samrong Centre, province of Oddor Meanchey, and about four kilometres from the frontier.

On 7 March 1967 at about 9.30 a.m., Khmer soldiers on frontier patrol encountered about thirty armed persons from Thailand, at a point situated about five kilometres north-west of Kauk Romiet, province of Battambang, and about two kilometres from the frontier.

During the night of 9/10 March 1967 at about 10.30 p.m. about forty armed persons from Thailand harrassed the Khmer post at Kou, Srok of Banteay Chhmar, province of Oddor Meanchey, with mortar fire.

Casualties and damage on the Khmer side were two buffaloes wounded and one rice store set on fire.

On 11 March 1967 at about 12 mid-day Khmer soldiers from the detachment of Thlork, Khum of Kauk Romiet, Srok of Thmar Puok, province of Battambang, ran into a booby trap set by Thai elements on Khmer territory about twenty kilometres north-west of Thmar Puok Centre and about 1,300 metres from the frontier.

Senior Sergeant Pech Kim An was seriously wounded, and Private 1st Class Dul Chhuon and Private 2nd Class Koy La slightly wounded, by the explosion.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a vigorous protest against these criminal acts of provocation and terrorism by Thai elements on Khmer territory, and has called upon the Royal Government of Thailand to put an end to them without delay.

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

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
