

VIII. DRVN STATEMENT ON CAMBODIA

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Today -- 22 August, the spokesman of our Foreign Ministry issued a statement sternly condemning and denouncing U.S. escalation of the war in Cambodia. The full text of the statement reads as follows:

In the past few weeks, the U.S. imperialists have continued to send B-52 bombers and other kinds of aircraft to barbarously destroy many cities, villages, and pagodas in Cambodia, thus perpetrating many criminal acts against the innocent Khmer people. At the same time, these aircraft gave direct protection to the armed forces of the Lon Nol reactionary clique against the Khmer patriotic armed forces. To justify its above-mentioned criminal action of war escalation, the Nixon administration brazenly declared that the bombings and shellings by U.S. aircraft in Cambodia are only aimed at protecting the lives and security of the U.S. armed forces and of the Khmer civilians. To protect the lives and security of the U.S. troops, the Nixon administration must put an end to its war of aggression in South Viet-Nam, withdraw all U.S. troops from South Viet-Nam -- not maintain the U.S. expeditionary forces in South Viet-Nam, or, even less, carry out aggression against Cambodia and massacre Khmer innocent people.

The deceitful and crafty arguments of the Nixon administration cannot fool anybody. The U.S. and world opinion strongly condemn the fact that this administration is escalating the war against the Khmer people.

The fact that the U.S. imperialists have been using their air force to step up the bombing and shelling of Cambodian territory certainly cannot save the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique from collapsing. On the contrary, it has stirred up the hatred and anger of the Khmer Liberation Armed Forces, who are determined to rush forward to fight more powerfully until the total collapse of the traitorous clique.

The Vietnamese people and the DRV Government sternly condemn and strongly denounce the U.S. escalation of the war in Cambodia and the barbarous massacre of the innocent Khmer people. The DRV Government fully supports the just stand pointed out in the 11 August 1970 statement by the spokesman of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and demands that the Americans immediately stop the war of aggression against Cambodia. The Vietnamese people are deeply convinced that the Khmer people, united within the Cambodian National United Front headed by Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, fighting side by side with the Laotian and Vietnamese people, and enjoying the sympathy and support of the progressive people of the world, will certainly smash to pieces all actions of escalation of the war by the U.S. imperialists, and will score greater successes and advance toward total victory.