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# KHMER RESISTANCE FURTHER ADVANCES

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**W**ITH success after success since the beginning of the 1970-1971 dry-season, the Cambodian people and National Liberation Armed Forces have been making steady steps forward. Beating off large-scale enemy operations, they have foiled their schemes to encroach on the liberated areas and loosen the CNLAF stranglehold around Phnom Penh.



Throughout the country, from Svay Rieng to Kompong Som, from Kompong Chhnang to Siemreap, the people's resolve to fight and win is high. Their offensives have been gaining in size, rate and effectiveness. The Regional forces have been striking series of hard blows at enemy positions and posts, at relief columns, at their forces on Highways 4, 6, 7, 13..., on the Mekong, in the jungle, in the countryside, in the cities, even in Phnom Penh. The CNLAF recent gains have wrought great changes in the relation of forces on the whole Cambodian battlefield, creating new possibilities to impel the Cambodian resistance.

Endowed with the Khmer people's heroic tradition and steeled in action, the CNLAF have grown rapidly, improving their tactics with every passing day and enhancing their capability of destroying more and more enemy

troops. The regional forces have fought remarkable battles, serving as hard core units for the fighting in different areas. The guerilla forces have been strengthened in many strategic areas, weaving a large net around the adversary. Holding the initiative, the regular forces have been dealing punches at Saigon troops, writing off whole battalions. The close co-ordination of these three kinds of armed forces has resulted in such exploits as at Chup, Srang, Khnar, Pratheact, Snuol... The liberated zone, — well defended — has been consolidated and extended. The guerilla base of the Khmer people has been linked up with those of the Vietnamese and of the Lao people.

Upholding the banner of union, the National United Front of Kampuchea (NUFK) has been winning over more and more people from urban and rural population.

In the meantime, the Americans and their henchmen of Phnom Penh have met with many serious difficulties. In spite of unlimited US air cover including B. 52's and of Saigon military support, the Lon Nol troops have suffered heavy setbacks and become weaker and weaker particularly since the Pochentong disaster. Serious reverses have succeeded those on Highway 4 and at Kompong Cham: Kratie, Preyveng, Kompong Spu... which have brought shame on the US-paid army of mercenaries. The latter's sad plight was patent to everyone with the quagmire of North Eastern Cambodia, the fiasco of Operation "Total Victory 1-71" and the hasty retreat from Snuol city. Torn by dissensions, the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak — Son Ngoc Thanh clique has grown more and more politically isolated. Phnom Penh — Saigon relations have been deteriorating. The people's ring has closed in around Phnom Penh. The Americans have gloomily described the situation in Cambodia as "serious", "tragic" etc ...

The combined actions of the brother South Vietnamese and Lao peoples and armed forces, and those of the Cambodian people and CNLAF over the past months have proved disastrous for the US "Vietnamization policy" and the "Nixon doctrine" of pitting the Indochinese against the Indochinese. Such advances must be ascribed to the sound political program of the NUKF led by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State, and to the ardent patriotism of the 7 million Khmers actively participating in the resistance, galvanized and organized by the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia (RGNUC) with Samdech Penn Nouth as Premier. They are due to of the fighting spirit and abilities of the CNLAF under Vice Premier Khieu Samphan and to the militant solidarity uniting the 50 millions of the three Indochinese countries against their common enemy, aggressive US imperialism.

Though bogged down in Cambodia and in Indochina as a whole, the perfidious and warlike US imperialists will resort to more cruel and machiavellian schemes to make good their failures. The Lon Nol-Sirik Matak — Son Ngoc Thanh gang of traitors will cringe more servilely before Washington and Saigon and pile up more crimes against the Cambodian people. But all this will be but convulsions of a beast at bay.

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