

III. NUFK ASSERTS ITS UNITY UNDER LEADERSHIP OF
SIHANOUK, PENN NOUTH AND KHIEU SAMPHAN

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After accomplishing their tasks abroad, the Members of the National United Front of Kampuchea Central Committee (NUFK) met on 15 and 16 March under the Chairmanship of Samdech Penn Nouth, President of the Political Bureau, to examine the national and international situation of Cambodia since the 18 March 1970 coup d'etat and the 30 April 1970 barbarous aggression perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon puppets in connivance with the clique of traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, and Son Ngoc Thanh to destroy the independence, neutrality, and peace of our country, in an attempt to turn Cambodia into a military base for aggression against Asian countries, notably the Southeast Asian countries.

During the past 12 months of the people's war of resistance conducted with determination and in total unity under the banner of NUFK led by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State, the Khmer people and the Cambodian National Liberation Armed Forces (NCLAF) have scored several resounding victories in all fields and driven the Nixon Administration and its Saigon and Phnom Penh henchmen into a total impasse.

Thanks to the just political line and just leadership, the correct application of the NUFK political program has resulted in achieving the greatest and the most solid unity of all classes, all social strata, all patriotic personages, and in the conduct of a resolute and victorious armed resistance against U.S. aggressors and their henchmen.

The Cambodian National Liberation Armed Forces (CNLAF), by taking the initiative and constantly attacking the enemy on all fronts, have scored brilliant victories and enjoyed everywhere the active and resolute support from politically minded people.

The resounding victories scored by our CNLAF in their attacks on Pochentong Air Base, Sihanoukville oil refinery, and notably on the recent military adventures of the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon puppets in the regions of Chup, Snuol, and Damber (Kompomg Cham, Kratie) show the mobility, revolutionary heroism, determination to win, and the strength of CNLAF.

These brilliant victories have resulted in the liberation of seven-tenths of the national territory with six-tenths of the population in the country.

In all liberated zones, the people, educated by the NUFK political program and by the increasingly politically minded, are performing their duties to the fatherland by giving support in various forms to the resistance and voluntarily offering themselves to serve CNLAF,

Everywhere, at all echelons (village, commune, province), the people have taken their destiny in their own hands, and are safeguarding the life, and the moral and material interests of all social classes and strata (workers, peasants, buddist bonzes, intellectuals, merchants, industrialists...). At present, life (in the liberated zones--Ed) has already become harmonious and stable, marked by pure and noble patriotism, enthusiasm and legitimate national pride. There also is liberty and democracy worthy of a new, united, independent, neutral, democratic, and prosperous Cambodia.

The recent exodus of hundreds of intellectuals, students, personages, government officials, and so forth... and their families to the liberated zone once again shows that NUFK is the only just way for all Khmer patriots to regain independence, neutrality, peace, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Cambodia.

All these victories at home have heightened the prestige of NUFK and RGNUG in the international arena where they enjoy the support and militant assistance from all peace-and justice-and freedom-loving, progressive and revolutionary people,

Immediately after its formation, the Royal Government of National Unity of Cambodia (RGNUC) (brackets as received--Ed) has been recognized by 22 countries and 2 national liberation organizations.

The U.S. imperialists and their Saigon and Phnom Penh lackeys have suffered bitter defeats in all fields. But they remain very belligerent and obstinate by nature. They are still trying to plunge into new military adventures against the liberated zone and foment perfidious maneuvers in an attempt to divide NUFK, check the victorious advance of the Khmer people and CNLAF, convene international conferences for a respite, reinforce the clique of traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, and Son Ngoc Thanh, obtain a compromising solution, and realize their criminal design of turning Cambodia into a new colony and a base for aggression against other Asian countries.

With all their brothers inside the country, all members of NUFK who have accomplished their tasks abroad are unanimously determined to continue the current just political line, serve the people, resolutely carry on a long struggle without compromise - and with the spirit not to retreat, double vigilance in view of the maneuvers of the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen, raise to the highest level national conscience of independence, remain master of all decisions concerning the beloved fatherland everywhere and under any circumstance, rely on their own forces, and surmount all difficulties no matter how great they are in order to:

Drive out from Cambodia all U.S. aggressors and their mercenaries from Saigon, Bangkok, and other countries.

Eliminate to the last men traitors and gangleaders Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, and Son Ngoc Thanh.

Regain the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country and (word indecency) independent, neutral, peaceful, democratic, and prosperous Cambodia, in conformity with NUFK political program.

After accomplishing their tasks abroad, all members of NUFK are determined to develop and consolidate even further the monolithic union under the banner of NUFK led by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State, and of RGNUC with Samdech Penn Nouth as Premier and Khieu Samphan as Vice Premier. They are determined to further develop the militant relations with the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam

the Provisional Revolutionary Government and the National Liberation Front of South Viet-Nam, the Lao Patriotic Front and the Vietnamese and Laotian people, in conformity with the Joint Declaration of the Indochinese People's Summit Conference, They also are determined to further tighten relations with all peace-and justice-and freedom-loving, progressive, and revolutionary people and countries, such as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and notably the Chinese people and the People's Republic of China.

The people's war of resistance against the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen will certainly prevail!

In conformity with this policy, the meeting has approved the RGNUC policy and finance, and in agreement with the members in charge of interior affairs, the meeting has decided to adopt 23 March as the founding day of NUFK.