

## NHAN DAN EDITORIAL HAILS SIHANOUK'S TOUR OF CAMBODIA

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[Text] Hanoi VNA April 12--The complete success of the recent tour of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia in the liberated zone of Cambodia is a decisive blow puncturing the lying propaganda of the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen, said NHAN DAN in an editorial today.

This visit has driven home to the world the undeniable realities of the fight conducted by the seven million Cambodians against U.S. aggression, for national salvation, the editorial added.

It went on: As Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk has summed it up in condensed words, the result of this historic visit is most helpful in that it proves "the reality, unity and independence of the national resistance, the existence of the National United Front of Kampuchea, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces which form a cohesive whole, a monolithic bloc and, consequently, constitutes a strong state."

What consists of the tremendous advance of the Cambodian revolution? What surprises and hurts the U.S. aggressors most is that their brutal aggression has promoted Cambodia, a kingdom of nearly two thousand years of history, to make a big stride forward in development into "an era of the National United Front of Kampuchea." The strength of the resistance in Cambodia today is the strength of time-honoured and brilliant culture, a nation of nearly twenty centuries of existence, which also has the superiority of a modern youthful regime full of vitality, the people's democratic regime, in which the people, as Samdech Norodom Sihanouk has said, are "the only holder of state powers" and, therefore, "are so happy of their total sovereignty that they demand most enthusiastically the honour to make any sacrifice to save the nation and achieve the complete liberation of the country."

That is why, the vast liberated zone covering ninety percent of the territory of Cambodia is the materialization of the dreams of the past, the embodiment of valiancy of the present time, and the forerunner of the brilliant future of the Khmer people, who will be independent and free all over their territory. That is precisely why the entire Cambodian army and people, united and unanimous within the NUFC, love, respect and are firmly attached to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, the only head of state and the representative of the legality, legitimacy and continuity of the Cambodian state, that's why they are attached to their only legal and genuine government, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia with Samdech Penn Nouth as prime minister and Mr Khieu Samphan as deputy prime minister.

On the basis of the factors deeply rooted in history and the masses, the Cambodian resistance in the past three years has developed with might and main. The Cambodian Army and people have driven one hundred thousand U.S. and Saigon troops out of their territory and, despite the U.S. strategic air force, are fighting victoriously on all fronts, driving the Lon Nol clique into an utterly bad fix. With the liberated zone constantly bringing into play its fine nature, with the people's national liberation armed forces growing by leaps and bounds, with the prestige of the NUFC and the RGNUC ever rising, the Cambodian people, united with the peoples of Vietnam and Laos and enjoying the [word indistinct] from the whole progressive mankind, are gaining more strength as they fight, and are already strong enough, completely prepared for a protracted struggle till victory.

The present situation of Cambodia has these characteristics: Along with the brilliant exploits of the CPNLAF, the historic tour of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk is making the just cause of the Cambodian people shine more radiantly on the international arena. As for the U.S. imperialists, they have made a large-scale war escalation with strategic B-52's without making any justification for their brutal and blatant interference.

The editorial continued: Beside the radiant prestige and just cause of the NUFC and RGNUC, the Lon Nol clique is a rag-tag gang, a horde of odious traitors, and their "Khmer Republic" is a dirty castaway salvaged by the U.S. from the dust-bin of history and grafted to the healthy body of the Cambodian society in an attempt to impose on the Cambodian people a neocolonialist solution. The Khmer people will certainly throw this monster begot by U.S. neocolonialism back into the same dust-bin.

After so brilliantly and so successfully concluding his tour of the liberated zone, Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk pointed out: "A new and big turning point has been taken in Cambodia's march forward the final solution of its problem." Such a solution can only be "the peace with the installation of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia in Phnom Penh and with the rehabilitation of the independent and nonaligned Kingdom of Cambodia, that is the elimination of the U.S. neocolonialism from Khmer territory." The U.S. President may send Haig or any other emissaries to Phnom Penh; he can never find on the revolutionary land of Cambodia a place for the survival of the neocolonialist ambitions of U.S. imperialism, or for [the] Lon Nol clique.

The Vietnamese people are very happy at the brilliant and all-sided success of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk's tour of the Cambodian liberated zone, which we regard as a great success of our people, a common success of all the three Indochinese countries, and which is also proof of the fraternal friendship and close militant solidarity among these peoples. As Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk has said: "Nothing and nobody in the world can ever separate us from one another."

While Samdech Norodom Sihanouk was here, Premier Pham Van Dong in heartfelt words, expressed our people's profound feelings toward him and the Cambodian people saying: "The Vietnamese people will forever keep a sincere and profound gratitude to Samdech Head of State and the Cambodian people, who have accorded to their just cause a great and inestimable support and assistance. The Vietnamese people are determined to fulfill their obligation toward the fraternal Cambodian people, to unreservedly support the five-point declaration made on March 23, 1973 by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and the holder of the legality, authenticity and continuity of the Cambodian state. We are happier than ever to express to Samdech Head of State our unswerving positions." [words as received]