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III. PRG, NFL, VANDPF, LEADERS SEND MESSAGES TO SIHANOUK

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South Viet-Nam November 8 LPA -- President Nguyen Huu Tho and President Huynh Tan Phat on November 6 sent a message warmly congratulating the 18th National Day (November 9) of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The message, addressed to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of the Kingdom of Cambodia and President of the National United Front of Kampuchea, and Samdech Penn Nouth, President of the Political Bureau of the National United Front of Kampuchea and Premier of the Royal Government of National Unity of Cambodia, said:

"In the past 18 years, the Khmer people, persistently following the correct line of independence, peace and neutrality of Samdech Head of State, have enhanced their friendship and solidarity with the Indochinese people, unceasingly fought against the U.S. policy of intervention and aggression, and recorded many great successes in the defense and building of the beautiful and prosperous Cambodia. Under the firm leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea with Samdech Head of State as President, and of the Royal Government of National Unity headed by Samdech Premier Penn Nouth, the great patriotic struggle of the Khmer people against the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen has developed vigorously and recorded brilliant and all-round achievements. The heroic Khmer people and Armed Forces, under the direct leadership of His Excellency Khieu Samphan, Vice-Premier and Minister of Defense and Commander-In-Chief of the Cambodian National People's Armed Forces, are ceaselessly attacking and frustrating all the enemy "Pacification" and nibbling operations and chasing them till their hideouts in Phnom Penh and driving the U.S. aggressors and the reactionary clique of Lon Nol, Sirik Matak and Son Ngoc Thanh into utter confusion and chaos.

"The South Vietnamese people," the message went on, "warmly welcome these splendid successes of the fraternal Khmer people and consider them as a priceless contribution to the common struggle of the Indochinese peoples against U.S. aggression, for the independence and freedom of each Indochinese country, for peace and security in the peninsula and Southeast Asia. They sincerely wish the brother Khmer people many and yet greater successes in their struggle against U.S. aggression and the building of an independent, peaceful, neutral, democratic, unified and prosperous Cambodia.

"Loyal to the historic Joint Declaration of the Indochinese Peoples Summit Conference, the people, NFL and PRGRSV pledge to respect the independence, sovereignty, neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia in its present borders, and to do their best to support the sacred patriotic struggle of the fraternal Khmer people against the U.S. imperialists and their flunkys till total victory."

The message concluded: "On this occasion, allow us, on behalf of the South Viet-Nam people, the NFL and the PRGRSV to express our sincere gratitude to Samdech Head of State and Samdech Prime Minister, the National United Front of Kampuchea, the Royal Government of National Unity of Cambodia and the Khmer people for their sympathy, strong support and precious assistance to the South Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression, for national salvation.

"May the unshakable friendship and militant solidarity and the time-honored cooperation between the peoples of South Viet-Nam and Cambodia consolidate and develop with every passing day."

Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh also sent on this occasion her best wishes to Mr. Sarin Chhak, her Cambodian counterpart,

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South Viet-Nam, November 8 LPA -- Chairman Trinh Dinh Thao of the Central Committee of the Viet-Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces today sent a message of greetings on the occasion of the 18th National Day (November 9) of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The message, addressed to Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea, said:

"The Viet-Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces greatly admires the fraternal Khmer people who have persisted in the struggle against all schemes of provocation, blockade and aggression of the U.S. aggressors, to defend their independence, peace and neutrality.

"The Khmer people, under the clear-sighted leadership of the National United Front led by its Chairman, Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, and the Royal Government of Nation Union of Cambodia, headed Prime Minister Samdech Penn Nouth and Vice-Premier Khieu Samphan,

have closely united and bravely struggled against U.S. aggression and their henchmen and led the struggle against the U.S. aggressors, for national salvation, to win many brilliant victories in all fields."

The message warmly hailed the great victories of the Khmer people and wished the people of Cambodia, the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia many and yet greater successes.

"We sincerely thank Samdech Head of State, the National United Front of Kampuchea, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the fraternal Khmer people for their heartfelt support and effective assistance to the South Vietnamese people's struggle against the U.S. aggressors, for national salvation," the message concluded.