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PRG STATEMENT ON LON NOL-SIRIK MATAK 'CRIMES'

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[Text] The Republic of South Vietnam Foreign Ministry on 13 April 1970 issued the following statement on the crimes of the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, which barbarously terrorized the Vietnamese residents in Cambodia:

On 9 April 1970, the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, U.S. lackeys in Cambodia, committed an extremely savage crime near Prasaut, Svay Rieng Province--that of massacring more than 1,000 Vietnamese nationals and wounding hundreds of others, mostly old people, women, and children.

The bloody massacre was perpetrated along with the arrest, detention, beating, and liquidating of hundreds of Vietnamese residents, the burning of the homes and plundering of the property of thousands of Vietnamese families in Phnom Penh and in other Cambodian provinces, and the brazen herding of large numbers of Vietnamese nationals into concentration camps in a number of border provinces.

The Cambodian reactionary clique's extremely serious terrorist acts against and massacre of Vietnamese residents and its frenzied campaign against Vietnam are obviously aimed at covering up its criminal opposition to the South Vietnamese people's just resistance, and at serving the U.S. imperialists' Vietnamization-of-the-war plan. These tricks are also aimed at misleading the Khmer people who, responding to Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk's appeal, have resolutely opposed the coup makers and their U.S. masters.

The Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique has exposed itself as lackeys of the U.S. imperialist aggressors. The South Vietnamese people and the Provisional Revolutionary Government indignantly denounce and sternly condemn the Cambodian reactionary clique for its terrorist acts against and massacre of the Vietnamese residents. The South Vietnamese people and the PRG resolutely demand that the Cambodian reactionary clique put an immediate end to its terrorist campaign against and massacre of Vietnamese residents, release all the Vietnamese residents whom it has unwarrantedly detained, insure the Vietnamese residents' right to reside and to live normally in accord with international law, and, as an immediate step, pay indemnification to the families of those Vietnamese residents who have been killed and to those who have been manhandled or robbed.

With their longstanding traditions of solidarity and mutual assistance, the kith-and-kin Vietnamese residents in Cambodia will take care of one another, strengthen their solidarity with the fraternal Khmer people, frustrate all of the U.S. Imperialists' and reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique's insidious tricks of stirring disunity and national enmity, and contribute to the Vietnamese and Khmer peoples' struggle to protect their national rights and to insure that each country develops in its own way.

The South Vietnamese people and the [words indistinct] appeal to the peoples and governments of the freedom-and justice peace-loving countries and to the democratic and humanitarian organizations in the world to vigorously condemn the reactionary clique in Cambodia for its terrorist acts against the massacre of Vietnamese residents, and to take effective measures to check its criminal acts.

If the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique stubbornly continues its policy of barbarous terrorism against and massacre of Vietnamese residents in Cambodia, regardless of the protest by the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples and by progressive world public opinion, it must bear full responsibility for every consequence arising from its criminal acts. South Vietnam, 13 April 1970.