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✓ NHAN DAN CITES CAMBODIAN VICTORIES OF PAST 3 MONTHS

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[Text] Hanoi VNA June 30--The Hanoi daily NHAN DAN today ran an editorial acclaiming the feats of arms recorded by the armed forces and people in Cambodia in the past 3 months.

It said: "The history of Cambodia and the world as well has rarely seen so vigorous, so quick, and so firm a development as the one of the war of resistance in Cambodia in the past 3 months.

"In this short period since the U.S. and its flunkys staged the coup d'etat and launched their first operations into Cambodia, the Khmer people have ingeniously organized and courageously carried out their fight against U.S. aggression for national salvation, achieving a leap forward right in the first stage of their war of resistance, the flames of which have now spread to the whole of the country."

The paper cited the major exploits of the national liberation army and people of Cambodia who, in the past 3 months, annihilated nearly 20,000 U.S. and Saigon troops including nearly 10,000 GI's decimated five battalions and battalion-sized units of the U.S. and eight battalions of Saigon troops, killed, wounded, captured or disbanded 45,000 troops of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, shot down or destroyed on the ground nearly 300 aircraft, destroyed 1,400 military vehicles, over 150 artillery pieces or heavy mortars, sank 15 war vessels and seized for destroyed thousands of tons of weapons. Ammunition, food and other military equipment. The NLA and people have liberated completely four provincial capitals, many townships and district capitals, and hundreds of villages which form vast and firm rearbases for the war of resistance.

NHAN DAN went on: "The brilliant victories recorded by the armed forces and people of Cambodia in the past 3 months bear major significances. They testify to a vigorous and leaping stride forward of the resistance in Cambodia, the ardent patriotism and strong fighting power of the Cambodian Liberation Armed Forces and people. They are eloquent expressions of their tradition of indomitable struggle and their deep attachment to the policy of peace and neutrality and, at the same time, their iron determination to fear no sacrifices and hardships in fighting to the end to sweep away the U.S. aggressors and the Saigon mercenary troops, destroy the puppet administration of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak reactionaries, liberate the country and regain independence and sovereignty with a view to a happy life.

"These glorious victories also prove the correct line of Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union. This line which is embodied in the political program of the NUFK has united the Cambodian people of all walks of life solidly in their resistance against U.S. aggression. This line also symbolizes the just character of the resistance of the Khmer people, and completely conforms to the struggle of the world's peoples for national independence, democracy and social progress, and as such has won wide support of the people in all countries.