

QUAN DOI NHAN DAN LAUDS PROGRESS OF CAMBODIAN STRUGGLE

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[Text] Because the Cambodian people, responding to Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk's appeal, have concertedly arisen to conduct their anti-U.S. national salvation resistance entrusted to them by Cambodian history, the Khmer people are in the midst of their greatest and fiercest struggle and their most brilliant and glorious historic period.

Six months has elapsed since the appeal. Compared with the more than 2,000 years of its glorious history, this period is not very long. However, Cambodia has reached an historic turning point, is going through a fierce struggle phase, and has scored strategic successes. Firmly maintaining and vigorously developing their offensive initiative, the Cambodian armed forces and people have annihilated a substantial part of the potential of the U.S. troops, the Saigon puppet troops, and the Lon Nol troops. The armed forces and people have seriously doomed the aggressive U.S. scheme, gradually liberated large, strategic areas, and have rapidly and comprehensively developed their revolutionary forces.

The position of the NUPK and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia has been increasingly supported throughout the world. The Cambodian people's just resistance has enjoyed the sympathy and support of many of the world's peoples, including American progressives.

In a short period of time, the Cambodian people's patriotic struggle has progressed tremendously. The present status of the Khmer people's anti-U.S. national resistance is excellent. The Khmer people have participated in greater and greater numbers in the resistance. The Cambodian People's Liberation Armed Forces have progressed rapidly and have been wholeheartedly supported by the people. They employ guerrilla force almost everywhere, coordinate combat, and constantly maintain their offensive initiative on the battlefield.

During the past 6 months, the patriotic Khmer armed forces and people have undergone a very fierce challenge that is, the U.S. imperialists' aggressive war. But in the war flames the Khmer people have matured rapidly, developed tremendously, frustrated a big U.S. military scheme, and have created conditions for smashing any military adventure of the U.S. aggressors. The Khmer people's great successes during the past 6 months are conducive to the eventual victory of the protracted resistance and have established a firm foundation with which to build a peaceful, independent, neutral, and prosperous Cambodia.

The great and comprehensive success of Cambodia during the past 6 months reflects the correct leadership lines of Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk, the NUPK, and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia. These successes have strikingly reflected the ardent patriotism and the staunch and unsubmissive spirit of the Khmer people. The Khmer people, from peasants, workers, youths, students, and intellectuals, to monks and nuns, have vigorously arisen and resolutely participated in the resistance in order to chase away the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys.

In only a short period of time, the resistance ranks have united millions of people nationwide, and cadres have been formed to meet the requirements of the revolution. This important fact proves that when people are determined to arise in order to master their own destiny, they possess a marvelous strength with which to progress and they are able to accomplish extraordinary deeds.

The Vietnamese people are elated about the Khmer people's glorious feats of arms and are very proud of the brotherly Khmer people who have fought staunchly. However, although they have suffered repeated heavy setbacks, the U.S. imperialist aggressors remain very stubborn. The Nixon clique is trying to use lackey armed forces to intensify the war in Cambodia, while the U.S. itself wages a fierce, destructive air war.

The U.S. lackeys in South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos are intensively preparing for new military adventures in an attempt to regain the positions they have lost. Therefore, the Khmer people's resistance must still undergo many challenges before winning final victory. A revolution occurs when the masses oppose a stubborn and cruel ruling clique. Therefore, a revolution is always a long process. Like the Vietnamese and Laotian peoples' resistances, the Cambodian resistance must go through many difficult, complex phases in order to eliminate all obstacles and to gradually change the balance of forces and achieve superiority over the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys. A law governing revolutionary struggle states that in order to advance toward defeating the enemy and winning complete victory, the people must repel the enemy step-by-step and score one victory after another.

We are firmly convinced that the Khmer people, under the leadership of the NUPK and Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk, certainly will vigorously develop their past great successes, constantly and comprehensively develop their forces, and achieve even greater successes. In line with the spirit of the statement made at the Indochinese peoples summit conference, our people will constantly strengthen their militant unity with the brotherly Khmer and Laotian peoples in the struggle against the common enemy, the U.S. imperialist aggressors. The Khmer people's fight certainly will be completely victorious.