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I. SIHANCUK SEVENTH MESSAGE:  
"ONLY BY ARMED STRUGGLE"

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Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea, made public in Peking on 17 July his seventh message to his compatriots.

The message says: There are two major characteristics in the current situation of our fatherland. First, those reactionary traitors and running dogs of U.S. imperialism are greedily living a luxurious life, like that of the lord of a fief, in Phnom Penh while paying no regard to the extreme misfortune of the 6.5 million Cambodian people outside the city. The 6.5 million compatriots are suffering the disaster created by a cruel and destructive war. The war has been pursued and instigated by this bunch of reactionary traitors and running dogs of U.S. imperialism, by their master, U.S. imperialism, and by the traitors in Saigon and Bangkok, and has been imposed by them on the people of our country.

The Lon Nol bandit clique is extremely blatant, because it thinks that it has gotten 'powerful' protection from foreign troops. The task of those foreign troops is to prevent, at all costs, our people's patriotic armed forces from liberating Phnom Penh. This bandit clique is so vicious that they are shamelessly trying to shift onto me the blame for the inexcusable crimes they themselves have committed against the fatherland and the people. They are so coward that they are trying to prevent the residents of Phnom Penh, who are like prisoners, from knowing the real conditions of the country.

Whoever provides the Phnom Penh residents with the truth about the development of the people's struggle in our country will be most seriously punished, according to the inhuman military order.

This military order signifies the so-called 'new democracy' of the fascists in Phnom Penh. Any citizen listening to broadcasts which show respect for our people or those from the countries which respect the truth--for example, broadcasts from the PRC--will be put into prison and sentenced to from five to 20 years at hard labor.

This dictatorial military order, which deals a heavy blow to our own country and people, has further exposed the extremely corrupt nature of the Lon Nol regime, which is scared to death lest the residents of Phnom Penh understand the truth about our country.

The message quotes a large number of reports from Western news agencies to expose the ugly features of the Lon Nol clique, who hire themselves out to U.S. imperialism and its running dogs and sell the sovereignty and national interests of Cambodia.

The message points out that the sole result of the crimes committed by the Lon Nol clique in opposing the Vietnamese people's racial policy and massacring the peaceful Vietnamese residents is that these fascists have met a bitter jest of fate. In order to prolong their life, they cannot but ask for the protection of Nguyen Van Thieu's and Nguyen Cao Ky's Vietnamese armed forces. They even allow the dignity and honor of the Khmer people be trampled upon by their new masters.

The message says: The Lon Nol clique has dishonored our fatherland, They have gone so far as to bow to the Thais by begging them to turn Cambodia into their colony and to suppress the Cambodian people.

Recently, a dispatch from the U.S. on 10 July told us: 'The Cambodian government declares today that troops from Thailand are helping in the defense of the temple in Preah Vihear.'

This reaches the zenith of betrayal. Their motive is utterly pernicious, because all of us know that the Thais have tried in every way possible to capture the sacred and most precious historical temple left by our ancestors. When Sihanouk led the Khmer nation they could not snatch temple from our hands. Today, under the pretext of answering Lon Nol's request to help 'defend' Preah Vihear, the Thais will realize their dreams of annexing this place. Other than the Bangkok government, no government of any other country has any designs on Preah Vihear.

The message says: Lon Nol and his ilk are shamelessly selling a large part of our territory to foreign countries and they want me to be executed in place of them for the crime of "betrayal!"

The message, quoting a report from a U.S. news agency, exposes the selling-out of Cambodia by the Lon Nol clique to U.S. imperialism. It says: The cable sent by the AP on 4 JULY on the 'complete hand-over' of Phnom Penh and Cambodia by the Lon Nol clique to U.S. imperialism has illustrated this question. ~~The cable~~ says: 'The U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, which has pretended to be humble, has now stood up. The rise of the U.S. image has reflected the change in the political conditions in Cambodia. When Prince Sihanouk was in power, he only tolerated U.S. existence in Cambodia on a small scale... but now, Sihanouk has been overthrown and the new political regime holds that its existence depends on the strong support of the U.S. At present, Washington can get what ever it wants from Cambodia. (Underlining and punctuation as transmitted--ed)

The message adds: This is the biggest betrayal. So long as Lon Nol and his ilk can maintain their political power and use this political power to suppress the people even within a very limited territory, they will cede the national sovereignty and territorial integrity to U.S. imperialism and its Saigon and Bangkok running dogs.

The message says: The second characteristic of the current situation in Cambodia is that the comfortable life the Lon Nol elements in Phnom Penh arranged for themselves was obtained on the condition that they permit their U.S. and other masters to engage in sabotage in the various villages, counties and provinces of the country and carry out suppression, robbery, rapes, beatings, torture, trampling people under foot, and killings. These two aspects form a sharp contrast.

These traitors racked their brains to find ways and means to conceal from the capital populace the indescribably severe calamities the people outside of Phnom Penh are suffering from fascist elements such as the likes of Lon Nol and their U.S. imperialist masters and from the corruption and graft of the traitorous government. They shamelessly and despicably even put the blame for all these crimes they have committed on me and the National United Front of Kampuchea!

The message points out: The people of Indochina have in no way provoked the Americans. However, U.S. imperialism has come from far away to plunge the peaceful countries of Asia into carnage and the flames of war. The Vietnamese people, then the Laotians, and finally our Khmer people, have been subjected daily to cruel destruction by massive bombings of over a thousand tons of napalm and anti-personnel fragmentation bombs inflicting the most horrible suffering and casualties. Such violence, unprecedented in the history of mankind, has been denounced by the whole world, especially by the people, youth, and the Congress of the United States itself.

But Lon Nol and the like termed these crimes to which the people of our country have been subjected as 'Aid to Cambodia.' 'Aid to Cambodia' for the Lon Nol elements means 'aiding them to maintain their absolute dictatorship over the people; guarding their wealth and helping them to rob for still greater wealth; and insuring that they and their families can live a life of luxury and comfort in Phnom Penh.'

For the Lon Nol elements, the more U.S. imperialism and its Saigon and Bangkok mercenaries carry out mass killings of peaceful Khmer people outside of Phnom Penh and destroy our villages, counties, and provinces, the greater the insurance for their own 'safety.'

After listing the voluminous crimes of U.S. imperialism and its flunkys in committing aggression against the territory of Cambodia and barbarously killing the Cambodian people, the message says: Lon Nol and the like expressed deep gratitude to the hatchetmen murdering the people of Cambodia--U.S. imperialism and its Saigon and Bangkok accomplices, and shamelessly placed the blame for the crimes these people have committed on my head!

The message says: Although the Lon Nol clique has lost everything in Cambodia recently, it has been able to 'retain' Phnom Penh as its own 'territory.' Today this group of traitorous reactionaries could not but cede this 'territory' to their masters, Nguyen Van Thieu-Nguyen Cao Ky, allowing them to transform it into 'A South Vietnamese base.'

The message says: After the Buddhist monks, the royal family, outstanding elements of our nation, intelligentsia, youths, and soldiers have realized the extremely unfortunate situation our beloved fatherland is in, will they--and should they--continue tolerating the painful humiliation under the political regime of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak traitorous clique? Should they not courageously ally themselves with the members of the patriotic National United Front of Kampuchea and the people of other provinces who, with weapons in their hands, are opposing the foreign and domestic oppressors? Do they not have this obligation?

The message says: Outstanding observers throughout the world greatly respect the peasants of our country. The decisive attitude adopted by them demonstrated the most fundamental character of our nation. They have saved the honor of our nation.

What are the objectives of the Khmer people's revolution?  
These are:

Restore national independence, neutrality, and territorial integrity, which have been sold to U.S. imperialism and its Saigon and Bangkok flunkys by the traitors Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Sim Var-Son Ngoc Thanh;

Restore democracy and the constitution of the Royal Government, which have been trampled underfoot by the Lon Nol bandit clique. The Lon Nol bandit clique has replaced democracy and the constitution with its intolerable fascist rule and rule by martial law;

Develop the new life of the people according to the political program of the National United Front of Kampuchea and on the basis of socialism, people's democracy, and progress; (our people have already begun such a life in the provinces, counties, and villages of the liberated areas, and have also established peoples' administrative management organizations, a people's judicial system, and a people's economy.)

Establish a lasting peace which will never again be threatened by belligerents of U.S. imperialism and will be even more impossible for them to destroy. Because by then the fraternal peoples, the three countries of Khmer, Viet-Nam, and Laos, relying on militant unity, will sweep the belligerents of U.S. imperialism completely away from Cambodia, Viet-Nam, and Laos, the three countries of Indochina.

The message says: The urgent task of all good and patriotic Khmer people and those who are worthy of being Khmer people is to get mobilized and take up arms to make revolution, so as to drive the Lon Nol traitor clique and its master, U.S. imperialism, and other fascists including their number two masters--the Nguyen Van Thieu-Nguyen Cao Ky clique and the Thanom-Eraphas clique--out of our territory forever.

Only by carrying out our national armed struggle and revolution can we thoroughly eliminate fascism, and eliminate active fascist criminals and their accomplices, and corrupt big capitalists and U.S. imperialism. Only by carrying out armed struggle and revolution can we achieve progress and prosperity and attain economic independence, social justice, and people's democracy.

The message says: The rural people in our country are very far-sighted. They have clearly seen the ugly nature of the regime of the regime of these traitors. They have, therefore, resolutely refused, and will continue to refuse, to follow these traitors. The responsibility of the compatriots of other strata of our country, namely, soldiers, police, officials, merchants, industrialists, and young and old intellectuals is to pity the fatherland which has suffered such misfortune. They should stand up courageously, shoulder to shoulder together with the National United Front of Kampuchea, rural people and the National Liberation Army, to overthrow the intolerable Lon Nol regime. Their responsibility is to launch the struggle to drive the U.S. neo-colonialism and its Saigon and Bangkok runnings dogs out of our territory completely.

The Lon Nol clique ordered his 'court' to sentence me to death for the so-called crime of 'betrayal', but history and public opinion in the world will never consider Norodom Sihanouk as a renegade selling his fatherland and its people.

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The whole world sees clearly that/is the bandit clique of Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Sim Var - Son Ngoc Thanh which has betrayed its own fatherland and people, sold its own country, destroyed its own fatherland and turned it into rubble, and provoked and created war, thus committing and continuing to commit terrible crimes.

The final outcome of this war can be beneficial only to the people of our country. The victorious Khmer people will certainly organize people's courts to try this bunch of bandits, their chief accomplices, and their/major 'followers.'

The most severe punishment awaits these big traitors, so that they will never again be able to harm our Cambodia. After completely eliminating these beasts, our Khmer country and people will have a pleasant, peaceful, prosperous, and magnificent future in the great community of sovereign nations in the world.

The message says in conclusion: With this firm faith I extend my heartfelt respect for Her Majesty the Queen, the respected monks, and all compatriots who are patriotic, love the people, and oppose fascism and imperialism. Here I conclude my seventh message to my compatriots here. (sic)

Long live the patriotic Khmer people!

Long live the heroic National Liberation Army!

Long live the men and women heroes of the National Resistance Group!

Long live Cambodia!