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Samdech Norom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea; the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Kampuchea; and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia issued an appeal here today, calling on the Cambodian Patriotic Armed Forces and people to unite closely and give full play to the spirit of revolutionary patriotism and heroism, further step up the struggle against U.S. imperialism and its running dogs and achieve greater victories.

Full text of the appeal follows:

Venerable Members of the Sangha,

Respected and Dear Compatriots,

Fighters of the People's Liberation Armed Forces of Kampuchea,

After sixteen years of peace our country has lost her independence, neutrality, sovereignty and territorial integrity since the fascist and racist coup d'etat of March 18, 1970, carried out by the Lon Nol - Sirik Matak - Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors at the instigation of the U.S. imperialists and since the massive invasion of our beloved motherland by the armed forces of the United States of America and those of the Saigon and Bangkok puppets on April 30, 1970. These armies imposed an extremely atrocious, sanguinary and devastating war on our people. Our valiant people with a long tradition of glorious and heroic struggles rose up unanimously to wage a people's war of resistance against this U.S. aggression which is aimed at turning our country into a neo-colony and a military base for aggression against the countries of Asia, the countries of Southeast Asia in particular.

With courage, self-abnegation and the spirit of sacrifice, boldly defying and surmounting various difficulties and all sorts of hardships and even making supreme sacrifices, our people and our People's Liberation Armed Forces, firmly united in their heroic struggle against the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys at home and abroad, have won brilliant victories in the military, political and diplomatic spheres in 1970. The severe defeats suffered by the U.S. and puppet armed forces and the vigorous condemnation of the U.S. aggression by world opinion, American opinion in particular, have forced the Nixon administration ignominiously to withdraw its troops from Cambodia.

During ten months of heroic fighting, our People's Liberation Armed Forces have developed and expanded powerfully both in quality and in number. Continuing their victorious offensives in perfect harmony with the people, they have annihilated more than 150,000 enemy troops, destroyed several hundred enemy battalions, seized or destroyed completely more than 5,000 military vehicles including over 2,400 tanks, sank nearly 80 vedettes and warships, shot down nearly 500 planes and destroyed more than 250 guns, 3,000 weapons of various types and an armament factory.

At present, 70 per cent of our territory has been liberated and more than 4 million inhabitants have become the master of their own destiny. In this vast contiguous liberated zone people's power has been established everywhere and at all levels in accordance with the political programme and aims of the National United Front of Kampuchea. The ~~zones temporarily controlled by the enemy~~ are guerrilla zones where our people and our People's Liberation Armed Forces are taking the initiative to launch attacks everywhere without respite.

These brilliant and rapid victories show the justice and nobleness of our struggle for recovering our sacred national rights. Our cause has won increasingly widespread support and powerful aid from all the revolutionary peoples, progressive peoples and all the people in the world who uphold peace, freedom and justice, including the American people. Hardly a few months after its establishment, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia was recognized and firmly supported by 22 countries and two national liberation movements.

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia express deep and heartfelt gratitude for the effective support and aid which all these countries and peoples have unceasingly given to the just struggle for national salvation of the Khmer people.

During this victorious struggle, our people, in accordance with the Joint Declaration of the Summit Conference of the Indochinese Peoples, have effectively developed militant solidarity with the fraternal peoples of Viet Nam and Laos. This solidarity among comrades-in-arms against the common enemies has never been so powerful and fruitful.

All these victories won valiantly by our people and our People's Liberation Armed Forces consolidate our struggle on the international arena win the admiration of all the peoples of the world and encourage them in their struggle for peace, freedom and democracy.

The Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors which their U.S. masters attempted to save by carrying out aggression against our country is completely isolated in our country as well as in the international arena. It is now reduced to the state of hiding itself in Phnom Penh which is completely encircled by our People's Liberation Armed Forces. Vigorously hit, denounced and condemned by our people unanimously, the "power" of this clique which could not be saved even by declaring its criminal, anti-popular and fascist "republic" has totally collapsed.

Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea; Samdech Penn Nouth, Chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee and Prime Minister; the Political Bureau and the Royal Government of National Union extend to all our dear and heroic compatriots, to all our patriotic Buddhist monks, to all our valiant fighters of the People's Liberation Armed Forces and to all our courageous cadres their most passionate and warmest congratulations, their affectionate and fraternal militant salutes and the assurance of their most profound admiration for the devotion, self-abnegation and sacrifices which all have shown in our just struggle for winning brilliant victories over the U.S. imperialist aggressors, their Saigon and Bangkok puppets and the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors. We bow respectfully in memory of all our heroes and martyrs who died on the fields of honor for the noble cause of our people and for the salvation of our beloved country. Let their heroic acts crystallize still more our firm determination to redouble our efforts for driving away from our sacred soil the U.S. imperialist aggressors, their Saigon and Bangkok lackeys and the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors.

All these brilliant victories have been won by our people and the People's Liberation Armed Forces thanks to the correct leadership of our people's war of resistance. The war's political line is correct and conforms to the aims of the political programme of our National United Front of Kampuchea and to the historic appeal of March 23, 1970, of our Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk.

Accepting with enthusiasm this correct leadership, urged by implacable hatred for the U.S. imperialist aggressors, their Saigon and Bangkok valets and the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors, defying all difficulties and hardships so as to attain the noble and sacred aims of national and people's liberation, our people, our Buddhist monks, our fighters and our cadres have made effective use of their historical experience to defeat the enemy. They have been skilful in being masters of themselves and of the situation and in relying chiefly on their own force.

Under the banner of the National United Front of Kampuchea we will certainly win more brilliant victories thanks to the increasingly widespread and solid union of all classes and all social strata on the basis of the alliance of the workers and peasants, thanks to the development of militant solidarity among the three Indochinese peoples in their struggle against the common enemy for safeguarding their respective sacred national rights, and thanks to the support and powerful solidarity of all the people in the world who uphold peace, justice, freedom and progress, including the American people.

The military, political and diplomatic situation is very favourable, enabling us to wage our struggle of national and people's liberation till final victory. We are sure of attaining our sacred aims. Our enemies will meet with inevitable defeat.

On the downward slide which leads them to their ruin, the U.S. imperialists show themselves to be increasingly obstinate, bellicose and barbarous while playing treacherous tricks to deceive the world.

In Laos, the U.S. imperialists, in accordance with the despicable Nixon Doctrine, increase their bombing and intensify their "special war" while bringing in the troops of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem, Thanom-Prapas and Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique. In South Viet-Nam, they intensify their criminal policy of "Vietnamization" while resorting to the savage tactics of burning all, destroying all and killing all. In the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, they recently sent their aircraft to bomb densely populated areas and unleashed arrogant and brazen threats of resuming the bombing on all her territory.

In Cambodia, having given an additional aid of more than 255 million U.S. dollars to the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors, the U.S. imperialists, together with their Saigon and Bangkok puppets, are actively pushing ahead with the preparations for intensifying their criminal aggression and are plunging into new adventures against our beloved fatherland.

Melvin Laird, War Minister of U.S. imperialism, has gone specially to Indochina to supervise and coordinate the concentrations of the air, ground, naval and fluvial forces of the U.S. , Saigon, Thailand and other satellites in South Viet Nam, Thailand, Laos and in the Gulfs of Tonkin and Siam, for a very large-scale attack against the three Indochinese peoples, particularly our people. Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Dennis D. Doolin, Melvin Laird's assistant, went to Phnom Penh to give instructions to their valets, the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors, while Melvin Laird mapped out in Saigon with other U.S. and puppet military chiefs the plan for the new attack against our country.

Always acting in accordance with the criminal Nixon Doctrine of using Asians to fight Asians, the U.S. imperialists have already sent tens of thousands of Saigon mercenaries to burn all, destroy all and kill all in our liberated areas in the east, southeast, south, southwest and west while their Thailand-based air force, B-52s and other types of aircraft, dump thousands of tons of bombs every day on vast areas of our country.

Having occupied and colonized vast areas of our territory, the Saigon Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique, having little confidence in the ability of its protege Lon Nol, sent puppet Vice-President Nguyen-Cao-Ky and his own generals to supervise the military operations along National Route No. 4 linking Kompong Speu and Sihanoukville.

Under the cover of words of peace, U.S. imperialism is trying to prolong, spread and intensify its war of aggression against our people and the other peoples of Indo-China.

Venerable Members of the Sangha,

Respected and Dear Compatriots ,

Fighters of the People's Liberation Armed Forces of Kampuchea,

The U.S. imperialists, their Saigon and Bangkok valets, and the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors suffered severe defeats in 1970, but they are still very obstinate and bellicose. They continue to impose on us, and on the people of Viet-Nam and Laos, an increasingly cruel and barbarous war of aggression simultaneously with more treacherous political and diplomatic maneuvers. We must be prepared to struggle with still stronger determination against these new crimes of the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon, Bangkok and Phnom Penh valets.

We, Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea; Samdech Penn Nouth, Chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee and Prime Minister; the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union, call on you to raise to a new high your revolutionary patriotism and heroism against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, their Saigon and Bangkok valets and their sub-valets--the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors.

We are completely and fully confident that, under the direct and effective leadership of M. Khieu Samphan, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Kampuchea, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of National Defense, and all the other Political Bureau Members and Central Committee members of the National United Front of Kampuchea, all the other Ministers and Vice-Ministers of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia fighting at home, you will surely win still more important victories.

Broaden and consolidate our unity within the framework of the National United Front of Kampuchea!

Continue your valiant and heroic actions under the correct leadership which you have followed to this day and the political line of which is correct and conforms to the objectives laid down in the political programme of the National United Front of Kampuchea!

Be firmly determined to carry out a prolonged struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, their valets and the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors till the complete liberation of our beloved motherland!

Raise the revolutionary spirit and vigilance still higher in order to smash the most criminal plans of our enemies who are harassing our liberated zones, and frustrate their most perfidious maneuvers aimed at enforcing solutions of compromise and of partition of our beloved motherland!

Be resolute always to serve the interests of the people, consolidate the people's power which we have established in our liberated zones, and make all necessary efforts to increase the economic potentials there, thus strengthening our bases of support for the complete liberation of our country!

Multiply and strengthen the work inside the enemy camp and launch more and more powerful political movements in favour of our sacred cause in the cities not yet liberated in order to hasten our victory!

Strengthen our fighting solidarity with the peoples of Viet-Nam and Laos! Develop the spirit of militant solidarity with all the revolutionary people, with all the progressive people and with all the people in the world who uphold peace, freedom and justice, including the American people!

Make our enemies more isolated at home and abroad by every possible means!

Venerable Members of the Sangha, Respected and Dear Compatriots in the zones not yet liberated!

Your patriotic duty calls on you to further develop actions in various forms against the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors, and against their masters, the U.S. imperialists and the mercenaries of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem and Thanom-Praphas cliques!

Rise up in rebellion en masse to smash the chains of fascist oppression of Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh administration of traitors like our valiant compatriots in Trapeang Rong and Tamar Eaing in the province of Koh Kong!

Venerable Members of the Sangha!

Fear and Respected Compatriots!

Fighters of the People's Liberation Armed Forces of Kampuchea!

In spite of their obstinacy, barbarity and perfidy in the war of aggression which they have imposed on us, the U.S. imperialists and their valets will come to an inevitable and humiliating defeat, because we have a correct political line, a correct political leadership, a broad and solid national united front, a people's power enjoying the absolute confidence of the people, because we are determined to wage a prolonged struggle and to win, because we have faith in our own forces, and because our just cause enjoys the militant solidarity among the three Indo-Chinese peoples and the active support of all revolutionary people, all progressive people and all people in the world who uphold peace, freedom and justice, including the American people!

The U.S. imperialists, their Saigon and Bangkok valets, and the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors must give up all illusions about putting the heroic and indomitable Khmer people under their thumb! The war of resistance of the Khmer people is invincible!

Our victory is certain!

We shall build an independent, peaceful, neutral, sovereign, democratic and prosperous Cambodia with territorial integrity!

Long live the National United Front of Kampuchea!

Long live the People's Liberation Armed Forces of Kampuchea!

Long live Cambodia!

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