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SIHANOUK CONDEMNS HANOI, HAIPHONG RAIDS

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(Text) Hanoi, 9 July--Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia, has sent a message to President Ho Chi Minh, voicing his energetic protest against the bombing of Hanoi's suburban areas and Haiphong city by the United States. The message, dated 8 July, reads in full as follows:

Following the latest criminal bombing raids on Hanoi suburban areas and Haiphong city by U.S. aircraft, I wish to express to Your Excellency and our brothers in the DRV our profound indignation at these acts of terrorism which have invited upon their authors the (recondemnation) of mankind.

The Khmer people and the Royal Government give their full support to Vietnam which is defending its independence and right to peace against the U.S. aggressors and their mercenaries, and hope that all the countries and peoples the world over will step up and extend their action to compel the United States to respect international law and the U.N. Charter.

Together with all my compatriots, I wish the heroic people of Vietnam new successes in their just fight until the defeat of their torturers.