

~~STATEMENT OF~~

Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of ~~State~~ and Chairman of the  
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Government of National Union of Cambodia,  
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Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of National  
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the cambodian people's National Liberation Armed  
Forces.

Today, the war in Viet Nam is going to stop following the agreements between the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the United States of America. The Cambodian people and all the peoples of the world rejoice at it. On this occasion, the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia issue the following statement :

1. The cambodian people, the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia have always cherished and always cherish genuine peace. The cambodian nation and people have always wished to live in peace, but since March 18, 1970, the U.S. imperialists and the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique hatched the Coup d'Etat to demolish the independent, peaceful and neutral Cambodia and to launch the most barbarous aggression against it.

2. At present, thanks to the strenuous and heroic struggle of the vietnamese people, prospects of peace appear in Viet Nam. The objective of the cambodian nation and people, who have been struggling to this day, is only to restore peace in cambodia on the basis of genuine independence, sovereignty and freedom. For this, the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia declare before international opinion that as for the cambodian people, the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, the solution for the sett the cambodian problem and stopping this atrocious war in Cambodia can be found only in the application of the March 23, 1970 five-point Declaration of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and Chairman of R.G.N.U.C.

3. The cambodian people, the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia are convinced that all the peoples of the world including the american people will support this just struggle and this reasonable stand.

4. The cambodian people, the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia appeal to the vietnamese, lao, chinese and korean peoples, to all other peoples of the world including the american people and to all the friendly countries who cherish peace, justice and freedom to oppose the aggressive plans of the U.S. imperialists for destroying the liberated zone and massacring the cambodian people, and to put a stop to their barbarous crimes of genocide.

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