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Continuously over the last few days, as in all of South Vietnam, our heroes, without let-up, attacked the enemy everywhere. The armed forces and civilians zealously attacked and besieged bases, positions and strongholds of the Americans and their lackeys, inflicting heavy losses on them.

On 25 October, the Peoples' Liberation Armed Forces simultaneously attacked the enemy at Ban Me Thuot Airbase, troops of the 1st Battalion, 53rd Regiment stationed at Chu Ho Lam, and many other enemy positions in Quang Nhien and Buon Ho. Following that, for 4 days (28-31 October) the Peoples' Liberation Armed Forces of Darlac again continuously attacked artillery positions, bases and strongholds of the enemy around Duc Lap, intercepting and decisively attacking the flanks of the enemy reaction forces sent out to "relieve" their lairs in this area, destroying and inflicting heavy losses on 3 companies, shooting down 9 aircraft and destroying 9 artillery pieces and 4 warehouses. In these battles, the Peoples' Liberation Armed Forces killed many of the enemy, took many prisoners and captured many weapons. Especially after the Liberation Army destroyed an artillery base east-southeast of the Bu Prang Special Forces camp, the Americans and their lackeys, afraid of the strength of the Darlac armed forces and civilians, abandoned 2 other artillery bases to the south and southwest of this base. Also in coordination with the Liberation Army's attacks and encirclements of the enemy, local forces and guerrillas attacked on highways 21 and 14 and helped their comrades destroy many "strategic hamlets", disrupting the enemy's transportation and supply and breaking the enemy grip.

The intense activity of the three branches of service, the armed forces and the civilians of Darlac have stretched out the enemy, continuously attacking them everywhere. Simultaneously attacking bases, surrounding strongholds, destroying lines of communications, smashing all "relief" operations of the enemy, the Darlac Peoples' Liberation Armed Forces coordinated closely between attacking strongly and attacking continuously, there are several methods of attacking with high efficiency. The great number of victories of the Peoples' Liberation Armed Forces caused the American pirates and their lackeys to panic and become confused.

In the aspect of passive defense, the American pirates and their lackeys strengthened the defense systems around all bases, townships and communities. They sent B-52 bombers to bomb continuously and put in many artillery positions to give assistance to troop concentrations and to support their passive operations that were to stand before the attacks of the Darlac armed forces and civilians. But even with this insane struggle, their forces were still besieged by the heroic Darlac infantry, artillery and guerrillas. Reaction didn't work, passive defense didn't work and in the end, in a number of places they had to flee, causing their crumbling line of defense to split further. One thing was proven over the past few days by the Americans and their lackeys, and that is that the methods of defense by artillery and aircraft can all be defeated, that their command and troop spirit weakened before the firm attacks of our armed forces and civilians. And the "Vietnamization" of the war plot that Nixon is attempting to realize will only cause the lackey government to collapse faster and the Americans will suffer heavier casualties.

Profoundly saturated by the legacy of President Ho "to be determined to attack the American pirates until total victory is achieved," surged up on the momentum of the victory, the armed forces and civilians of Darlac unhesitatingly developed and consolidated the advances of the liberated area, strongly bringing into play all three military services, determined to overcome every hardship, to combat the enemy flexibly, are continuing on all the great battle fields, heroically insuring that the victories grow greater every day.

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