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PLAF ACTIVITIES IN SAIGON AREA REPORTED

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[Text] Over the last 2 days, despite the enemy's strict defensive measures, the Nam Bo PLAF have repeatedly attacked U.S.-puppet troops and military posts along the defense line around Saigon. On 27 January, on the ricefields of Tan An Province, southwest of Saigon, the PLAF, from dug-in positions, ambushed and relentlessly attacked the Americans from noon until late in the evening. AFP reported: "U.S. infantry troops, who were landed from helicopters, were immediately caught amidst the machinegun fire of the Viet Cong."

Surprised and relentlessly attacked by the PLAF, the U.S. aggressors had to call for air and artillery support. The U.S. commander repeatedly sent reinforcements from the U.S. 9th Infantry Division, which moved to the area along two waterways. On the night of 27 January, the PLAF shelled a position of the U.S. air cavalrymen near the town of An Loc, Thu Dau Mot Province, situated about 100 kilometers north of Saigon. The enemy has admitted that 75 shells accurately hit his dens and exploded.

On 28 January, the PLAF relentlessly attacked a position of puppet airborne troops situated northwest of the Tay Ninh provincial capital, from 0300 till dawn, destroying or damaging many enemy barracks and structures and annihilating many enemy troops. On the same day, the PLAF shelled a puppet military position in Cai Be. The enemy has admitted that dozens of shells accurately hit his position and inflicted extensive losses on him.