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[Text] South Vietnam March 23 GPA--At 0.10 a.m. on March 21, the People's Liberation Armed Forces in Kontum, on the high plateaux, mounted a fierce attack on the headquarters of the 1st Brigade of the 4th US Infantry Division in Tan Phu along Highway 14, 7 kilometers south of the province capital.

The liberation fighters destroyed 100 military vehicles, including 12 crane-trucks; set fire to one gasoline storage, one chemical plant and a truck repair shop; and demolished nine billets, 17 blockhouses and bunkers. A company of sappers, a truck-repair company and many technicians of the US were wiped out.

Also in Kontum, in a surprise attack on March 19, north of Kon Kring, the PLAF completely knocked out a puppet artillery company, destroyed three 105-mm cannon, two tanks, and four gun-hauling trucks.

Trung Bo Action

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[Text] South Vietnam March 22 GPA--In close co-ordination with armed attacks, the people in areas still occupied [by the] enemy in the central part of Trung Bo (central Vietnam) have since February 22, 1969 risen up in unison to smash enemy control and assert their role as master of their destiny.

In Da Nang and Hoi An towns, with the PLAF help, the inhabitants have punished many enemy cruel agents, spies and "pacification" teams.

In northern Quang Nam Province, the people have destroyed a series of "strategic hamlets" close to Tam Ky provincial capital and in Tien Phuoc and Que Son districts, liberating several villages.

The population of Quang Ngai Province attacked Tau Tuong area, a nest of cruel agents, and destroyed many "strategic hamlets" around the provincial town and in five districts.

In Quy Nhon provincial capital, NFL flags fluttered over the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th precincts during the PLAF's attacks on the night of February 22.

Minority nationalities on the high plateaux have demolished "strategic hamlets" and other concentration camps and have played a great role in communication warfare. On Highway 19 the local people have built many road blocks.

Quang Ngai Province

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[Text] South Vietnam March 22 GPA--During the nine days ending March 11, the PLAF in Quang Ngai Province launched assaults on Duc Pho township, wiping out completely two companies and five platoons of 300 GIs and setting ablaze 10 tanks and armoured cars. They also wiped out 100 puppet troops.

On March 3 the PLAF struck a US platoon between Go Hoi and Xuan Tay areas, killing 48 GI's and shooting down one helicopter.

On the night of March 9, the liberation fighters intercepted the enemy in An Truong area killing or wounding 200 GI's and destroying five M-113 armoured cars.

On March 10, a military convoy ambushed by the patriotic forces in Tan Lam area lost six military vehicles, among them five armoured cars. At the same time, the PLAF pounded the headquarters of a US brigade in Go Hoi, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, including one gasoline storage burned down.

Ben Tre Province

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[Text] South Vietnam March 21 GPA--The People's Liberation Armed Forces on the night of March 14 attacked for the fifth time enemy positions in Ben Tre provincial capital including the Tan Thanh airfields, the artillery ground and armour park in the town.

According to initial reports, more than 140 enemy troops were killed or wounded, and a large quantity of military equipment destroyed. At the same time, the patriotic armed forces assaulted enemy positions in many district capitals.

U.S. Desertions in My Tho

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[Text] South Vietnam March 21 (GPA)--In the face of the P.L.A.F.'s current attacks, more and more GI's in South Vietnam have shown their opposition to the U.S. dirty war.

At Binh Duc, My Tho Province, 15 men of U.S. Ninth Infantry Division on March 7 refused to go to raid and hid themselves outside the post the whole day.

Three days later, many GI's in the same base run away so as to avoid action. Tracked down by U.S. military police, four of them fought back and heavily injured one M.P. Frightened at the P.L.A.F. shellings, many soldiers of the U.S. 25th Infantry Division in Dau Tieng district (Thu Dau Mot Province) and Cu Chi district (Gia Dinh Province) took to their heels at some noises.

Many GI's in Thanh Son area, Ninh Thuan Province, have struggled for an early return to their homeland.

Puppet Rebellion in Long An

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[Text] South Vietnam March 21 GPA--Responding to the call of the people, all the men of a puppet regular company stationed at Loc Giang in Duc Hoa district, Long An Province, on March 5 refused to take part in a raid and shot dead the most cruel agents, thus forcing their commander to give up the raid.