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PAPER LAUDS PLAF SUCCESSES IN BINH DINH

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[Text] Hanoi VNA March 26--Hailing the new and brilliant feat of the armed force and people in Binh Dinh Province who on March 20 set fire to a fuel dump of the U.S. in the town, igniting 90 million litres of gasoline, the Hanoi daily QUAN DOI NHAN DAN--PEOPLE'S ARMY--said this had brought to sharper focus the great capabilities of people's war and the incapacity of the U.S. aggressors to keep their military storages safe.

The paper said: The armed forces and people in Binh Dinh have brought into full play the strength of people's war, and have flexibly applied many forms of attacks, hitting the enemy with deadly accuracy. In particular, they have repeatedly attacked almost all storage and supply bases of the enemy in the area, causing him serious losses.

The paper recalled the following prominent exploits: On the night of February 22, a gasoline depot containing about 8 million litres of gasoline was set ablaze, and over 10 thousands tons of ammunition in 13 depots in Deo Son, Deo Co, and Truong Ba Don areas were blown up. On March 10, explosions ripped through 16 ammunition depots in the U.S. storage complex in Deo Co area. Two days later, a gasoline storage of the Pak Chong-Hui mercenaries close to Quy Nhon airfield was set ablaze. Most recently, in an attack on the night of March 20 in Quy Hon city, the P.L.A.F. set fire to nearly 90 million litres of gasoline.

The paper noted that the repeated attacks on the enemy supply bases in the province proved that the liberation forces in Binh Dinh always had the elements of secrecy and surprise firmly in hand and could penetrate all defence lines of the enemy whatever precautionary measures the latter might take to defend their logistics bases.

The paper said that the mobility of the U.S. aggressor troops largely depends on their logistical capacity. With the annihilation of more and more enemy troops and the devastating blows at his strategic supply bases, the P.L.A.F. in Binh Dinh are causing a drastic fall of the combat efficiency of the U.S. aggressors in the region, the paper said in conclusion.