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✓ NHAN DAN ARTICLE PRAISES SOUTHERN TRUNG BO VICTORIES

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[Chinh Nam article in 11 August NHAN DAN, "Bringing its spirit of self-reliance into full play, southern Trung Bo fought well and scored glorious victories."]

[Text] Southern Trung Bo is adjacent to central Trung Bo in the north and to eastern Nam Bo in the southeast and, together with the Ba Ria-Bien Hoa area, forms a vast rearbase stretching from the north to the northwest of Saigon.

Puppet troops have long considered southern Trung Bo as their "back yard." Da Lat has been turned into an area of strategic bases with many warehouses, airfields, and training centers, including a military academy and a psywar school for officers. U.S.-puppet-satellite officers often spend their vacations there. In implementing its clear-and-hold strategy, the Abrams clique has paid great attention to consolidating its occupation position there.

In addition to regional forces including tens of civil guard battalions, political action teams, and hundreds of militia and civil self-defense platoons, the Abrams clique has garrisoned more than one puppet main-force division and nearly one U.S.-satellite division in southern Trung Bo. The bondage machinery there has also included tens of thousands of personnel, including policemen, pacification agents, wicked secret agents, puppet administrative agents, and spies. On the enemy's defense lines in southern Trung Bo, there are more and more U.S.-puppet fortified areas, especially in the defense belt of Da Lat.

With these forces the U.S.-puppets thought that they would enjoy security in this important strategic zone. Adhering to their traditions of glorious struggle, in the first 6 months of this year the southern Trung Bo armed forces and people strongly developed their spirit of self-reliance and continued to attack the enemy actively, resolutely, and continuously, thus scoring glorious armed exploits.

1--They exerted deep, dangerous, accurate, and continuous thrusts, thus dealing deadly blows at the enemy's key organs and important, vital elements. In attacks against Da Lat, our PLAF overcame many strongholds of the enemy's defense-in-depth system. They exerted very deep thrusts into the downtown area and dealt very dangerous and accurate blows at the U.S.-puppets' key positions, headquarters, and important forces, thus annihilating many of their vital forces.

The attacks against Da Lat late in March and early in May were very accurate and exterminated more than 700 wicked officers and policemen and many of the enemy's important vital forces. Those late in May accurately hit the house of the Da Lat mayor, the municipal civil guard camp and regiment and division headquarters, the military academy, a radio communications center, the radio broadcasting station, an airfield, and artillery camps, and annihilated more than 500 U.S.-puppets, mostly officers, technicians, and ringleader wicked agents.