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REPORT ON CENTRAL TRUNG BO PLAF ACTIVITIES IN LAST 45 DAYS

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[Text] South Viet Nam November 7 GPA--In the last 45 days and nights of fierce attacks, the P.L.A.F. in central Trung Bo (central Viet Nam) killed, wounded or captured 15,500 enemy troops including 3,800 G.I.'s and more than 890 Pak Chong-hui mercenaries. They wiped out one Ranger battalion, two units and 18 companies of "civil guards," one armour squadron, 73 platoons, 43 squads and four "pacification" teams, and decimated dozens of other companies of the U.S.-puppet and satellite troops. They shot down or destroyed on the ground 145 aircraft, wrecked 732 military vehicles, nearly half of the number of tanks and armoured cars, smashed 15 locomotives, 74 mortars and 45 logistic depots, set afire over 20 million litres of gasoline, exploded thousands of tons of ammunition, and sank or damaged 12 war vessels and gun boats.

During these 45 days, the P.L.A.F. in this zone dealt heavy blows to the U.S. and puppet "special pacification" program. They launched series of attacks on the U.S.-puppet lairs and coercive machine in 28 townships [and] military sub-sectors. They mounted 373 assaults on "strategic hamlets" and other concentration camps, killed nearly 9,320 "civil guards" and "popular defence" members, and nearly 480 spies and cruel agents. Supported by the people, the P.L.A.F. disbanded 20 platoons and 285 "civil guards" and "popular defence" members, broke up many enemy coercive machines and liberated tens of thousands of people. In Quang Ngai Province alone, 36,000 people were freed from enemy coercion.

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In the same period, the liberation forces fiercely attacked the enemy military bases and assaulted them right in the cities and towns. The h.q.s. of the puppet 51st Regiment in An Hoa (Quang Da Province), the puppet 4th Regiment in Quang Ngai Province, the 173rd Paratroop Brigade in De Duc and the U.S. 4th Infantry Division in An Khe, and the latter's operation base in Diem Tieu area, the h.q.s. of the 40th and 41st Regiments, the logistic area of the puppet 22nd Division in Quy Nhon, the military training centre of puppet troops in Go Tram (Binh Dinh Province), the h.q.s. of the Pak Cong-hui Regiment in Ha Thanh, the military training centre in Nha Trang (Khanh Hoa Province), Special Zone 24 in the high plateaux, and series of airfields, logistic areas in Da Nang, An Hoa, Quang Ngai, Go Quanh, Vung Ro, Nha Trang, Cam Ranh and Pleiku, etc., repeatedly came under the P.L.A.F.'s attacks.

Particularly in the attacks on the port and four logistic areas in Cam Ranh and the Nha Trang port, the liberation fighters burned down nearly 20 million litres of gasoline, thousands of tons of ammunition and war means and damaged two 8,000-ton and 12,000-ton military transport ships.

The P.L.A.F. also killed many enemy troops right in Da Nang city and Tam Ky, Quy Nhon, Tuy Hoa, Nha Trang, Kontum, Pleiku, Ban Me Thuot provincial capitals. They put out of action thousands of enemy troops, and caused great confusion in their rear. In Da Nang, for instance, the armed home guards conducted 48 attacks, killed 313 enemy [and] destroyed 20 military vehicles. On October 3 alone, the armed home guards attacked 10 enemy military targets, killed 55 men and demolished four military vehicles. In the Qui Nhon provincial capital, the armed home guards repeatedly launched six attacks by infantry forces on the Ganh Rang area occupied by U.S. officers, the U.S. logistic area in the 6th quarter, killing 360 GI's and wrecking dozens of military vehicles. The armed home guards in the Tuy Hoa provincial capital (Phu Yen Province) killed 86 enemy and those in the Nha Trang provincial capital (Khanh Hoa Province) killed 63 men.

Along with the said attacks, the P.L.A.F. in this zone also destroyed or cut off parts of important enemy strategic communication lines.

Despite the U.S.-puppets' efforts in defending Highway 19, the P.L.A.F. on August 28 and October 20 knocked out two military convoys comprising 28 vehicles, shot down four planes, killed nearly 100 GI's and Pak Chong-hui mercenaries [and] paralyzed the enemy transport for 7 days. In Binh Dinh alone, guerrillas and regional forces brought down 46 aircraft and damaged many others.