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Following is the text of a communique issued on November 6, 1973 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vietnam denouncing the communist intention of resuming their aggression against South Vietnam.

"Although the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam was signed in Paris on January 27, 1973, the Communist aggressors continue to intensify their violations of the cease-fire and to sabotage the peace in South Vietnam. Since the Paris Agreement came into effect, the Communists have perpetrated 28,711 violations.

The deterioration of the security situation for more than a month shows that, through their attacks for more land and to control more population, the Communists have laid bare their scheme of resuming their aggression against South Vietnam.

A case in point is the Communist launching of about 27 rockets of 122 MM into the area of Bien Hoa Base this morning, November 6, 1973, at 6:00 A.M., setting a residential area on fire, killing one civilian and wounding nine others, including two children.

This is a blatant act of war, a serious violation of the cease-fire agreement of January 27, 1973.

Two days before the rocket shelling of Bien Hoa, the Communists had committed strong forces in a violent attack against two military advanced outposts, Bu Prang and Bu Dong (Quang Duc Province) and had overrun them. These forces comprise many units, among them the 271st independent regiment, many battalions of regional special forces and several units of heavy artillery and tanks.

The defending forces evacuated the besieged military outposts while awaiting reinforcements.' As to the civilian population, about two thousand inhabitants of the village of Bu Dong have sought asylum at the Kien Duc district capital (Quang Duc Province).

The Government of the Republic of Vietnam denounces to the world public opinion these acts of aggression of the warlike Communists, in blatant violation of the Paris Agreement of January 27, 1973, which clearly shows their intention to resume their war of aggression against South Vietnam.

Once again, the Government of the Republic of Vietnam demands that the Communists immediately end their acts of sabotaging the peace, and reasserts that the Communists must bear full responsibility for their acts of aggression. The Government of the Republic of Vietnam retains its right to take every adequate measure to protect its armed forces and its population. "

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