

SIHANOUK STATEMENT REFUTES RUMOR OF LON NOL NEGOTIATIONS

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[Text] Peking, 5 January 1975--Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia, on 5 January issued a statement refuting the rumor that Samdech Sihanouk is prepared "to negotiate concerning peace and national harmony" with the Lon Nol traitorous clique if the United States accepts some of the conditions put forward by him.

Samdech Sihanouk's statement reads: "I solemnly declare once again that Norodom Sihanouk, the National United Front of Cambodia, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and the CPNLAF, which are monolithic, resolutely refuse to negotiate with the traitorous clique in Phnom Penh now or in the future. These traitors cannot regard themselves in any capacity as representatives of Cambodia; they are nothing but subservient and extremely corrupt lackeys of U.S. imperialism and neocolonialism.

"The CPNLAF are mounting intensive, massive and victorious offensives against traitor Lon Nol's troops--the despicable mercenaries of the United States--around Phnom Penh. This is indeed Cambodia's eloquent and full reply to those people in the world who still doubt the firm determination of the Cambodian people in taking up arms in an uncompromising struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the neocolonialists and their running dogs until final victory is won."