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LPA REPORTS THIEU'S EXTERMINATION RAIDS ON LIBERATED AREAS

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[Text] South Vietnam January 7 LPA--The Thieu clique on the morning of January 2, 1975 ordered armed helicopters to strafe crowds of the people harvesting in the fields aground Mang Da "strategic hamlet." Afterward, Saigon troops were landed to loot the people's rice. In the said raid, Saigon troops sunk a motor boat of the people, killing and wounding all the occupants and arrested many persons.

On the same day, the Thieu clique sent aircraft to carry out extermination bombings against Vinh Li and Vinh Thanh villages in the liberated area of Tuyen Binh district.

In Tra Vinh: From December 20 to 30, 1974, Saigon artillery on seven occasions fired at densely-populated areas in Tieu Can and Cang Long districts, killing five persons and injuring many others.

In the said period, the Thieu clique on many times sent M-113 armored cars to run at will in riping rice-fields, devastating tens of hectares of riceland. Saigon troops also conducted searches and looted the people's property.

In Binh Dinh: On the afternoon of December 31, 1974, the Thieu administration sent A-37 planes in ten sorties to drop over 50 bombs of various kinds on many places in an Nghia village, Hoai An district, killing and seriously wounding seven persons and destroying many houses and a large quantity of the people's property.

According to still incomplete statistics, last year, the Thieu administration in Hong Dan and Vinh Loi districts of Bac Liqu Province carried out some 610 "sweep" and land-usurping operations of which eight were at battalion size, 90 at company size and 102 at the size of military sector and sub-sector. Saigon airplanes carried out 85 bombing raids, artillery fired on 445 occasions and M-113's on 27 occasions levelled houses, orchards and paddyfields of the local people. Saigon troops killed 130 civilians, wounded 522 others, groundlessly arrested for detention and tortured over 424 people and drafted 1,010 youths into the Saigon army.