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PRG 2-PARTY JMC DELEGATION STATEMENT ON THIEU's 'PRESSGANGING'

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[Text of 6 March PRGRSV military delegation statement to the central Two-Party JMC]

[Text] Faced with its heavy defeats in the neocolonialist war supported and directed by the United States and in an effort to make up for the losses sustained by the Saigon troops, who have taken antiwar actions or deserted and who have been mauled or annihilated in the course of their illegal nibbling and pacification operations, the Nguyen Van Thieu administration is feverishly trying to pressgang an additional 300,000 youths and to force them to serve as cannonfodder.

Implementing this pressganging plan since early this year, the Thieu administration has instituted intensive military, police, administrative and psychological warfare measures and intensified its repressive, terrorist and vicious political indoctrination activities in the areas under its control, thus grossly trampling on the people's lives, property and democratic liberties. It has repeatedly conducted pacification operations and has repressed the people's movements against the war, for implementation of the Paris agreement and for peace and national concord. In its pressganging campaign, it has recklessly rounded up even Buddhist monks, religious people and children and has launched raids everywhere, including at schools, hospitals, marketplaces, pagodas and temples.

In Tra Vinh Province, since early this year, the Nguyen Van Thieu administration has committed its civil guard and police forces and some of its main-force units to conducting hundreds of operations, encircling and searching all of Cambodian compatriots' pagodas in the province; repressing, terrorizing or killing Buddhist monks and followers; and pressganging hundreds of youths. In the last 10 days of February, the Thieu administration troops encircled dozens of pagodas in the province, opened fire and killed or wounded dozens of Buddhist monks and hundreds of other compatriots, and arrested hundreds of Buddhist monks.

In Sa Dec Province, since early this year the Thieu administration has conducted thousands of operations, attacked the Hoa Hao compatriots, killed or wounded hundreds of them, and pressganged thousands of Hoa Hao youths.

In other Mekong Delta provinces, the Thieu administration has also mobilized its forces to conduct pressganging campaigns.

In the central Trung Bo provinces, the Thieu administration has repeatedly conducted many campaigns--such as the "Dong Khoi," "Dien Hong" and "Sao Choi" campaigns--aimed at attacking and killing the compatriots, burning their homes, destroying villages, herding the compatriots into concentration centers, and carrying out large-scale pressganging. These operations have jeopardized the students' studies and the compatriots' normal livelihood. The Thieu administration has also resorted to the vicious trick of forcing thousands of teenagers to declare that they are older than they actually are and inducting them into the Saigon army.

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The PRGRSV military delegation to the central Two-Party JMC vehemently denounces and sternly condemns this criminal policy and act of war of the Nguyen Van Thieu administration; condemns its intensification of the campaign to barbarously repress and terrorize religious sects and to recklessly carry out pressganging in pagodas in Tra Vinh, Sa Dec and other provinces; and demands that it immediately discontinue its war policy and barbarous acts of terrorism and repression.

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In past pressganging campaigns, Thieu's criminal hands have been stained with the blood of youths, students, and monks as well as all strata of our people. At present, in an attempt to step up the pressganging campaign, Thieu is piling up crimes against our compatriots.

Unwilling to allow Thieu to drive their husbands, sons and brothers to a futile death, our compatriots of all circles, students and monks everywhere are determinely pushing forward the struggle movement to frustrate his pressganging and troop upgrading scheme and to protect their loved ones.

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Hanoi VNA in English 0802 GMT 12 Mar 75 BK

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Making use of his security and police forces and especially the "Phoenix" group now renamed "Saigon Special Police Investigating Service" under CIA command and with about 100 U.S. "advisors" and 14,000 men of the "special personnel" equipped with modern means from the U.S.-Thieu [clique] has brutally repressed the people's struggle.

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In the province of Quang Nam, on January 21, 1975, 150 persons in Que Son demonstrated on Highway 1 denouncing Thieu for having pushed them into hunger, and demanding relief. Thieu's police under the command of Lieutenant Huynh Tiem beat the demonstrators with sticks and iron bars, injuring 30 persons. Eight others were taken to the Que Son police post where they were barbarously tortured.

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In Saigon, on January 2-6, 1975, Thieu arrested nearly 50 students of the Buddhist students' organization, and of the JOC (Catholic Working Youth). On the morning of February 20, 27 students and pupils of the [Peoples] Front Against Famine" were arrested on Nguyen Thai Hoc and Tran Hung Dao streets and in the evening of the same day two other students were arrested at their homes.

In Saigon, the Thieu administration has proceeded to the "quartering of the streets" to tighten its grip on the population. Every five or ten families are put under the surveillance of a "quarter chief" who closely spies on the activities and movements, of each person. Ms. Ngo Ba Thanh has been under house arrest since October 27, 1974. Dozens of security agents have day and night guarded her house at 2 Cao Ba Quat Street in Saigon to prevent all contact with her. Thieu has also encircled Ngoc Huong pagoda with police and barbed wire for over four months now. Nearly 100 Buddhist nuns in the pagoda have been denied all food supplied.

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