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Khanh Hoa is the southernmost province of central Trung Bo. Nha Trang, the capital of Khanh Hoa Province, is a major port city of the south. For a long time, the Americans and Thieu intensified their terrorist and coercive acts against our people and comprehensively strengthened their forces in an attempt to turn Khanh Hoa and Nha Trang into a command base and a major rear services base for both the southernmost area of Trung Bo and the vast Central Highlands. Western military circles had previously described the Cam Ranh military base complex of the U.S. expeditionary forces as ranking among the major strategic bases in the world.

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Nevertheless, all of the U.S.-Thieu clique's intensive coercive and terrorist acts against the Khanh Hoa people were to no avail. With their intense patriotism and profound hatred of the enemy, the people of various nationalities in Khanh Hoa Province, from the mountainous area to the delta, coastal and urban areas, persisted in their unrelenting struggle--an most difficult and fierce, yet extremely persevering and stalwart struggle.

Khanh Hoa had long been considered one of the southern battlefields studded with the greatest difficulties and hardships. However, the Khanh Hoa armed forces and people, resolutely enduring hardships and overcoming difficulties stepped up their attacks against the enemy throughout the three areas and, in certain periods, recorded outstanding victories in attacking and destroying enemy bases and storage facilities.

Specifically, since 1974, the PLAF in Khanh Hoa Province has repeatedly directed daring deep offensive thrusts into the enemy's bases in Cam Ranh, (Cang Co), Duc My, Cau Ke and elsewhere. Most outstanding was the PLAF's attack against Cam Ranh in July 1974, when the Khanh Hoa PLAF burned a 1.5-million-liter gasoline depot, destroyed an ammunition dump containing 40,000 tons of assorted bombs and shells, and attacked and sank a 10,000-ton military transport vessel in the Cam Ranh military port.

At a time when the enemy is suffering one serious defeat after another, his forces are crumbling, and his panicky troops' morale is seriously impaired, the people and PLAF of Khanh Hoa have taken advantage of the situation to rush forward and, through brave and daring offensives and repeated vigorous uprisings, dealt the puppet army and administration in the area telling blows and completely liberated Khanh Hoa Province and Nha Trang city.

One of the decisive attacks by the Khanh Hoa PLAF, which hastened the collapse of Gen Pham Van Phu's entire defense line around Nha Trang, was its attack on the enemy's 3d Brigade at Khanh Duong. The PLAF exterminated or disintegrated this brigade. This glorious victory of the Khanh Hoa armed forces and people has contributed positively to the common victories of the entire south, further advanced the revolution, and further worsened the Thieu clique's defeated position.

Hail to the completely liberated Khanh Hoa Province and Nha Trang city! Hail to the Khanh Hoa-Nha Trang armed forces and people, who fought well, staged vigorous uprisings, scored glorious victories, wiped out or disintegrated a large part of the enemy's forces, destroyed the last lair of the enemy's 2d Division and completely liberated Khanh Hoa Province and Nha Trang--a large port city in the southern part of our country.

After many strategic setbacks in the Central Highlands, Tri-Thien-Hue, the central Trung Bo delta, and Nam Bo, the puppet troops are being rapidly driven down a precipice of defeat. The fascist Nguyen Van Thieu clique is like a soundly beaten person who has lost a lot of blood and is in critical condition.

Quoting U.S. intelligence sources, USIS on 2 March noted that Thieu's army of about 1.1 million men is apparently in pieces. One half of these troops have been routed, have deserted or have been captured by the liberation troops. The Thieu government in Saigon is in turmoil. Many officials in the Thieu government are sending their wives and families to foreign countries and a number of officials are devising plans to get out of the country.

Realities eloquently prove the superiority of our revolutionary administration. Many compatriots who were forced by the enemy to flee with him leaving behind valuable property and who have later returned to their native places after they realized the wicked scheme of the enemy have been surprised and moved upon seeing that their property has been carefully protected by the revolutionary administration. The sight of the workers, youths, and college and high school students, with red badges on their arms, being assigned to guard the compatriots' property speaks for the sense of mastery of our people right from the beginning of the liberation of their cities.

The FLAF and liberation security combatants, in their simple uniforms, never violate the compatriots' property. They are mounting guard and patrol actions day and night to maintain order and security in each ward and public area. This is inspiring great confidence among our people in the strength of the revolutionary administration.

Order and security is being quickly restored in the liberated areas where our people are enjoying a happy life. Enthusiastically welcoming a new life, the compatriots in the newly liberated areas are motivating each other to cooperate with the liberation security combatants and self-defense and order-maintaining organizations in resolutely maintaining revolutionary order so as to make the liberated areas really belong to the people.

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