

FRONT RADIO HAILS LIBERATION OF CAM RANH

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[Text] Our southern armed forces and people are again elated at receiving the news of a great victory: At 1700 on 4 April, the armed forces and people of Khanh Hoa completely liberated the Cam Ranh military port, the largest of the United States and its puppets in the south, annihilating and routing many enemy troops and seizing all their warehouses, weapons and material.

Cam Ranh is on a beautiful peninsula 24 kms long, with an area of about 150 sq kms. The United States and its puppets turned Cam Ranh into their largest military base, having an area of more than 40 sq kms. When the U.S. expeditionary troops invaded our country, there were more than 11,000 U.S. troops stationed in Cam Ranh, with the South Korean mercenaries defending its outer perimeter. At that time some 3,000 U.S. military personnel were working to expand it (and) 150,000 to 200,000 tons of goods per month could be loaded and unloaded at Cam Ranh port and the airfield. Used as the command post of the U.S. Air Force 12th Tactical Wing, Cam Ranh also accommodated innumerable military depots of the United States and its puppets.

Prompted by their hatred for the aggressors and country-sellers, the armed forces and people of Khanh Hoa overcame all difficulties and hardships and repeatedly secretly attacked Cam Ranh base, dealing stunning blows to the United States and its puppets. Indeed, in May and June of 1970 our armed forces repeatedly attacked Cam Ranh base, burning over 8 million liters of gasoline, destroying over 40,000 tons of military goods and annihilating hundreds of the enemy. On 25 August 1971, our armed forces attacked this complex wiping out 32 warehouses, setting ablaze 45 million liters of gasoline, destroying 50,000 tons of bombs and ammunition and annihilating 15 Americans.

Following the signing of the Paris agreement, to punish the U.S.-Thieu clique for continuing the war and sabotaging the agreement, on 18 September 1974, our armed forces attacked the enemy logistic depot center in Cam Ranh, burning 6 million liters of gasoline. Along with military blows, thousands of our workers in Cam Ranh rose up several times against the Americans, demanding wage increases, improved living standards and the democratic right to a decent life.

In these days of stormy offensives and uprisings, the Khanh Hoa armed forces and people have seized opportunities to resolutely fight to gain mastership in Nha Trang city and the entire province. At the same time, they have attacked and occupied Cam Ranh, thus recapturing one of the largest military bases of the United States and its puppets in the south.

We warmly acclaim the Khanh Hoa armed forces and people for fighting skillfully, rising up vigorously and completely liberating Nha Trang city, all of Khanh Hoa Province and Cam Ranh Peninsula. We warmly hail the brother and sister workers and compatriots in Cam Ranh for working closely with the PLAF, smashing the enemy's coercive apparatus and regaining mastership.

While Nguyen Van Thieu was frenziedly urging the remnants of his troops to defend Cam Ranh to the end and threatening to land troops there, the PRGRSV's banner was hoisted high over this peninsula. No troops landed (?in this city) and no troop remnants defended it. To date, our southern armed forces and people have completely liberated five large cities and 17 provinces, including the three large ports of Danang, Cam Ranh and Qui Nhon. It is worth noting that Danang and Cam Ranh are large, important military complexes which can be used to develop our position and strength.

Bringing into full play the very great victories won, our armed forces and people throughout the south will endeavor to overcome difficulties, vigorously move forward and absolutely win many and yet greater victories.