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[Text] Hanoi, April 7, 1975 (HSINHUA)--Great victories of strategic significance have been won by the South Vietnamese people and their liberation armed forces since the repeated attacks and uprisings they launched in early March to punish the Nguyen Van Thieu clique for violation of the Paris agreement; the command of the liberation armed forces announced in a communique yesterday, according to LPA.

The communique says: "Our army and people have wiped out or disintegrated large numbers of enemy forces including all the effectives in the first and second military region of the enemy. Our army and people have also destroyed or captured all the arms, technical equipment and other war material in these two military regions, put 270,000 enemy troops out of action, and completely knocked out or disintegrated five infantry divisions and a marine division of the puppet main forces, the third parabrige and 21 ranger multi-battalions and security multi-battalions, 12 armoured regiments and 19 armoured contingents, 35 battalions, nine companies and 70 platoons of the puppet artillery forces and five anti-aircraft battalions. They also completely disintegrated the enemy 'civil guard' and 'civil defence' organisations."

It says: "After demolishing thousands of enemy strongholds and gaining control over many important areas in the Mekong Delta and eastern Nam Bo and completely liberating Phuoc Long Province, our army and people have smashed the strongest enemy defence systems in Tay Nguyen and the entire central coastal plain, completely disbanded enemy military forces and ruling bodies in many vast areas, including many areas of key importance politically, militarily, economically and culturally. They also completely liberated five big cities, Hue, Danang, Qui Nhon, Nha Trang and Da Lat and completely liberated Kontum, Gia Lai, Dac Lac, Phu Bon, Quang Tri, Thua Thien, Quang Da, Quang Nam, Quang Nagi, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Quang Duc, Binh Long, Lam Dong, Khanh Hoa and Tuyen Duc provinces and many district towns, military sectors and military subsectors in eastern Nam Bo and the Mekong delta. At present, 9.5 million compatriots from the 17th parallel to Ca Mau are completely liberated."

The communique says: "The extremely great victories we won in a short space of time and the extremely disastrous defeat of the enemy have brought about a very rapid change in the situation of South Vietnam, a new leap forward, which distinctly widened the balance of strength between us and the enemy. Our strength has completely surpassed that of the enemy. The enemy is weakening greatly in spirit, seriously disintegrating in organization and has sustained great losses in material and technology, landing himself in an irreversible situation of defeat. The tremendous victories won by our armed forces and people in the past month have created a most favourable new opportunity for us to continue our advance and seize more splendid victories."

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The communique pays glowing tribute to the spirit of determination to fight and to win, bravery and resourcefulness, and close cooperation of the South Vietnamese people and armed forces.

The communique says that the struggle is still fierce and complicated. But irreversible is the current triumphant trend of our people and army. Our consistent stand is to strictly implement the Paris agreement and resolutely punish U.S. imperialism and its lackeys for all their plots and means to undermine peace and violate the Paris agreement.

The communique calls on the three types of armed forces in South Vietnam to continue to display the spirit of determination to fight and to win, and to launch together with their compatriots fiercer and more courageous, more resourceful and creative offensives so as to win more new victories. It calls on compatriots in the areas under the temporary control of the enemy to rise up, unite more closely and seize control.

The communique expresses welcome to the officers and soldiers and the police of the puppet regime to rise in time to oppose the war, stage mutinies and uprisings and take wise actions which help the cause of national salvation.

The communique says in conclusion: "The entire armed forces must stand together with the entire people, advance valiantly on the crest of victories and win still greater and more splendid new victories."