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COMMUNISTS COMPLETELY REPELLED FROM XUAN LOC 10 APR

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[Text] The office of the military spokesman has just announced that as of noon today, 10 April, the communist forces attacking Xuan Loc city, Long Khanh Province, have been completely repelled from the city. The regional force combatants stationed in the city have knocked out an additional enemy tank, bringing the total number of enemy tanks knocked out thus far to five; the communist troops are shelling the provincial capital only sporadically.

Earlier, at a press briefing held this morning at the press liaison center, military spokesman Lt Col Le Trung Hien described the course of our combatants' fierce counter-attacks that repelled a wave of violent communist attacks yesterday as follows [recorded]:

At 0630 on 9 April, communist troops lobbed approximately 3,000 assorted rounds into Xuan Loc city and into our units' positions around the city. On the morning of 9 April, communist troops succeeded in penetrating into the church and parking lot areas in the city. However, by nightfall yesterday, all the communist forces had been repelled. More than 300 communist troops were killed, two captured, and four T-54 tanks were destroyed.

At 0700 this morning, communist troops lobbed approximately 1,000 rounds into Xuan Loc city and into our troops' positions around the city. [end recording]

A correspondent of the Vietnam Broadcasting Network has reported from Lon An that in a day-long battle yesterday, combatants of the 12th Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, killed 125 communist troops and seized 29 weapons, including three crew-served weapons.

It should be recalled that on 9 April, a North Vietnamese communist regiment launched attacks in an area on the Long An-Dinh Tuong Provinces boundary in order to sever Route 4 and isolate Saigon from the Mekong Delta provinces. However, our combatants foiled the communist scheme and restored communications along the Saigon-Long An section of Route 4 at 1500 on 9 April.

Meanwhile, Vietnam Broadcasting Network correspondents have reported from MR IV that fierce fighting broke out yesterday between our combatants and communist troops in Dinh Tuong and Phong Dinh provinces. According to detailed reports, our infantry units clashed with communist troops yesterday in areas northeast of the Ben Tranh district capital. Our forces killed 82 communist troops and seized 12 weapons.

In Phong Dinh, our infantry and armored units killed 92 communist troops and seized 13 weapons in an engagement that took place yesterday afternoon west of the Phong Dien district capital.

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