

SAIGON'S PROVOCATIONS LED TO CURRENT SITUATION

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[Text] Reports are coming from South Vietnam about the successful offensive of the patriots. With the active support and participation of the broadest stratas of the population, the popular armed forces are liberating towns and administrative centers and are drawing nearer and nearer to Saigon.

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In an interview given to French radio, Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the PRGRSV, declared when highlighting the military successes of the liberation forces that their objective is to create conditions necessary for the implementation of the Paris agreements. At the same time, Nguyen Thi Binh emphasized that the Saigon administration continually violated these agreements.

Indeed, immediately after the signing of the Paris agreements not a single day passed in South Vietnam without the Saigon soldiers violating one of the chief conditions of the cease-fire. The Saigon troops continued to invade liberated areas, waged armed provocations against the South Vietnamese Republic and annexed its territory. The head of the Saigon regime, Nguyen Van Thieu, who straight from the beginning pursued a line aimed at frustrating the Paris agreements, also rejected any political settlement of the situation in South Vietnam. For instance, it is well-known fact that owing to the Saigon administration the talks between both South Vietnamese sides, at which practical steps were to have been taken to implement the Paris agreements, reached an impasse. Well known, too, are other bad acts of the Saigon regime demonstrating the unwillingness of Nguyen Van Thieu to carry out obligations he accepted in Paris. Even in the West they have had to admit that the Saigon regime has always been hostile to the Paris agreements and has never had any intension of fulfilling them. Facts show, U.S. Senator George McGovern declared, that the DRV and the PRGRSV support the agreements on the peaceful settlement of the situation while Nguyen Van Thieu only undermines them. The Saigon regime, the New York POST stressed, openly violates the Paris agreements on Vietnam. The despotic regime of Nguyen Van Thieu, the paper went on to say, refuses to fulfill those provisions of the agreements envisaging the creation of a coalition government with the participation of all political forces of South Vietnam and continues its repressive actions against the population.

It is more than evident that without the support from outside the Saigon dictator would not be able to carry out his adventurous policy. The Pentagon supplies weapons to the Saigon regime, thus violating the Paris agreements, and even now the Washington administration is demanding almost a billion dollars to prop up the thoroughly rotten Nguyen Van Thieu regime. These attempts have, however, been met with a negative attitude in the United States. Many political representatives point to the inadmissibility of interference in South Vietnam. They emphasize that the South Vietnamese themselves must decide their own affairs.

The PRGRSV and the DRV strictly observe and defend the Paris agreements which correspond to the basic interests of the Vietnamese people. The PRGRSV, which is guided by the general principle of the Paris agreements, has on more than one occasion displayed initiative aimed at seeking measures to bring about a cease-fire in South Vietnam and solving its political problems. The DRV Government has always acted in support of these constructive steps of the PRGRSV. Saigon, however, remained deaf to all these proposals. On the contrary, armed provocations by the Saigon troops were increasing in scope. Under such conditions the patriots in South Vietnam had only one way out--to put up a resolute resistance in face of these provocations of the Saigon regime. However, even in the new situation that has now been created in South Vietnam as a result of the large-scale, nationwide uprising against the Saigon regime, the PRGRSV continues to speak in favor of strict observation of the Paris agreements. As the South Vietnamese patriots stress, this can only be achieved under the condition that the Nguyen Van Thieu clique is overthrown and an administration set up in Saigon supporting peace and strict observance of the Paris agreements.