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RGNUC STATEMENT DENOUNCES CEASE-FIRE IN CAMBODIA

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[Text] Peking, October 24, 1972 (HSINHUA)--The spokesman of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia (RGNUC) issued a statement today exposing and condemning the manoeuvre of "cease-fire on the spot in Cambodia" hatched by the U.S. imperialists, and reaffirming the firm determination of the Cambodia people and the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces (CPNLAF) to drive out the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon and Bangkok lackeys and annihilate the traitorous Phnom Penh clique. The statement reads:

For two years and more, the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon and Bangkok lackeys have carried on a barbarous aggressive war against Cambodia and the Cambodian people. Their armed forces have committed indescribable massacres and atrocities against the population, reduced to ashes whole localities, and gravely damaged historical sacred places of Cambodia such as the monuments of Angkor Wat. The traitorous clique, of which Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh are the ringleaders, unconditional instrument of the aggressive policy of the United States of America, is vying fervently with its masters and sub-masters to perpetrate these crimes against Cambodia and the Cambodian people.

But for two years and more, the Cambodian people and the CPNLAF have opposed the people's war for national liberation to the aggressive war of the United States and its lackeys. They have scored multiple and brilliant victories of strategic importance, liberating already completely more than 85 per cent of the territory with more than five million inhabitants out of the seven million Cambodian people. Inspired by a sublime revolutionary heroism, strictly executing the September 9, 1972 order of the High Command of the CPNLAF and responding to the October 5, 1972 vibrant appeal of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia (NUFK), and of Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFK and prime minister of the RGNUC, and to the September 14, 1972 statement of Vice-Prime Minister Khieu Samphan and Ministers Hou Youn and Hu Nim, the Cambodian people and the CPNLAF have launched and continue to launch vigorous offensives against the enemy positions and bases on all fronts, around the capital Phnom Penh and in Phnom Penh itself. The people of the urban centres not yet liberated have risen up valiantly against the enemy, thus combining their efforts with those of the CPNLAF. At this decisive stage of the people's war for national liberation, the Cambodian people and the CPNLAF intend to liberate completely the beloved motherland and establish in Phnom Penh the NUFK and RGNUC so as to make them administrate the whole of Cambodia.

This situation shows clearly the total collapse of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, the traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak and Son Ngoc Thanh in Cambodia. The U.S. imperialists are fully aware of it. That is why the masters and lackeys are continually hatching criminal maneuvers in an attempt to divide the NUFK and to deceive the Cambodian people and international opinion. The Cambodian people, their NUFK and RGNUC have smashed, successively and in due time, all these manoeuvres such as those of "republic", "compromise", "negotiation", "fraudulent elections", "cease-fire on the spot", "division of Cambodia", etc.

But by their aggressive, perfidious, barbarous and obdurate nature, the U.S. imperialists are obstinately hatching other plots and crimes. Parallel with their manoeuvres to "change the horse" and prepare other traitors to replace the paralytic and crazy Lon Nol, and those manoeuvres aimed at sabotaging the unity of the NUFK, the U.S. imperialists are taking frenzied action to realize "cease-fire on the spot in Cambodia."

If they are so obstinate to realize this manoeuvre of "cease-fire on the spot in Cambodia", that is because they have suffered very grave defeats and need to gain a respite with a view to mustering new forces, reorganizing and strengthening the forces of the Phnom Penh traitors, and waiting for a favourable moment to launch again criminal operations against the Cambodian people and the CPNLAF.

In conformity with the vibrant October 5, 1972 appeal of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the NUFK, and of Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFK and prime minister of the RGNUC, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia reaffirms once again that it rejects categorically any proposal of "cease-fire in Cambodia".

The Cambodian question is brought on by the aggression of the United States of America, of which the fascist and militarist regime of the traitorous Phnom Penh clique is nothing but the product and servile instrument. In any case, this question cannot be settled through any "negotiation" and still less through "compromise between the NUFK and the Phnom Penh traitors". The Cambodian question can be settled only through the total and unconditional cessation of the U.S. imperialist aggression, through the complete elimination of all the Phnom Penh traitors with Lon Nol, Sirik Matak and Son Ngoc Thanh as their chieftains, and through the complete liberation of the national territory and by placing it under the sole administration of the NUFK and RGNUC which will be definitively established in Phnom Penh.

So long as this aggression continues, so long as the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon, Bangkok or other lackeys have not been completely driven out of Cambodia, so long as the fascist and militarist regime of the Phnom Penh traitors has not been completely annihilated, the Cambodian people and the CPNLAF, under the leadership of the NUFK and RGNUC, will continue more resolutely the sacred struggle, without retreat or compromise, till total victory, that is, the realization of the profound aspirations of the entire Cambodian people as expounded in the March 23, 1970 solemn declaration of Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and embodied in the political programme of the NUFK.

#### INFORMATION MINISTRY ON CONTACTS WITH KHMER ROUGE

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[Text] The following is a communique from the Information Ministry: The foreign press has recently carried detailed articles about "negotiations between the government and the Khmer Rouge." In fact, what they referred to were only contacts made by various responsible persons in the common interest of all Khmers of goodwill, with a view to winning over to the national cause Khmers armed by the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong aggressors.

The government's aim is thus to enable these compatriots to participate in the search for eventual peace; a peace for the whole Southeast Asia. Campaigns to encourage these compatriots to rally have been launched in various regions.

#### KHIEU SAMPHAN PLEDGES TO IMPLEMENT SIHANOUK APPEAL

Voice of the National United Front of Kampuchea [Clandestine] in Cambodian to Cambodia 0400 GMT 21 Oct 72

[Khieu Samphan 8 October message to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk--read by announcer]

[Text] Respected Samdech: We have listened with emotion to the resounding patriotic appeal by Samdech head of state, chairman of the NUFK, and by Samdech Penn Nouth, prime minister of the RGNUC, dated 5 October 1972. Besides being testimony to your constant concern for us, this appeal constitutes a powerful source of encouragement for us to pursue with redoubled tenacity our victorious fight for the realization of the supreme objective of our NUFK as announced in the solemn declaration of Samdech head of state on 23 March 1970; especially the objectives to: 1) drive out all the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys from the country; 2) smash all of the traitorous clique working for them, whose ring leaders are now traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak and Son Ngoc Thanh; and 3) establish genuinely independent, neutral, democratic and prosperous Cambodia which has territorial integrity.

On behalf of the ministers, deputy ministers, cadres and all combatants, as well as those of our people who have joined our forces under the victorious NUPK banner, I would like to most respectfully express to Samdech our deepest gratitude.

Our people, our CPNLAF, our NUPK, and our RGNUC are at present advancing triumphantly. Our CPNLAF now occupy the main strategic highways and are launching attacks on the enemy's last den in Phnom Penh and its surrounding areas as well as in some cities still temporarily controlled by the enemy. Phnom Penh, completely isolated from the countryside and, in fact, cut off from the supply of rice and other daily necessities, is like a volcano on the point of eruption.

The events that occurred on 7 and 8 October are examples of what is taking place. The general public, the populace, the Buddhist faithful and the other strata of the people, made hopeless by starvation, misery and sorrow caused by the traitorous clique's agonizing regime, have stepped up the ever growing struggle. The Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh traitorous clique, completely isolated, is suffering defeat after defeat and is headed for an utter political and economic quagmire. They are irremediably submerged in panic, confusion, dissension, chaos and anarchy. They are in the last stages of their death throes.

Faced with the threat of being completely wiped out from our country forever, and in an attempt to obstruct our offensive wave, U.S. imperialism and the traitors are undertaking frenzied diplomatic maneuvers to impose on us a so-called "in-place cease-fire". But this will be in vain. Today more than ever before, our people, our NUPK and our CPNLAF are determined to carry on the fight until total victory and the eventual, total liberation of our Cambodia. The political and moral unanimity and the spirit of unity in the ranks of our people, our CPNLAF and our NUPK with Samdech head of state as chairman are more consolidated than ever before.

Respected Samdech: We wish to express to you our solemn pledge that we will actively and unswervingly carry out your appeal. We are more determined than ever before to step forward and launch continuous offensives so that the enemy can never relax. No force on earth can shake our determination. The U.S. imperialists and their lackeys and sublackeys of all types will definitely be driven out of Cambodia. Our beloved fatherland will be totally and permanently liberated. We will all surely reunite triumphantly on the soil of our homeland.

Please allow us to take this occasion to most respectfully express once again our best wishes for your happiness, good health and long life, and for more and new successes in your patriotic and noble mission in the service of the nation and people.

Please accept our most distinguished respect and consideration.

Liberated zone of Kampuchea, 8 October 1972; Khieu Samphan, deputy prime minister, defense minister of RGNUC and commander in chief of the CPNLAF.

[The same broadcast contained the text of a message from Khieu Samphan to Penn Nouth, which was identical to the above message except that the words "Respected Samdech" were omitted.]

PENN NOUTH 9 OCT MESSAGE TO KHIEU SAMPHAN

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[Text] Peking, October 24, 1972 (HSINHUA)--Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Cambodia and

prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, sent a message on October 9 to Khieu Samphan, deputy prime minister and concurrently minister of national defence of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and commander-in-chief of the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces, congratulating the Cambodian people and the People's National Liberation Armed Forces on their fresh victories won in Phnom Penh and other places recently, according to AKI.

The message said that, in their repeated offensives everywhere against the enemy in the dry and rainy seasons, the Cambodian people and the heroic PNLAF continue to win in all domains brilliant victories of strategic importance, including the recent victories won around Phnom Penh, on Highways 1, 2, and 5.

Referring to the victory won in Phnom Penh by the PNLAF on October 7, the message said: "This new brilliant victory is henceforth inscribed in golden letters in the glorious history of our just fight for national salvation. It has profound and powerful echoes in the world and clearly shows the bravery, determination, abnegation and creative genius of our people and our PNLAF in their heroic struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their valets in Saigon and Bangkok and the traitorous clique of Phnom Penh. It has further raised the prestige of the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union in the international arena."

The message said: "We are firmly convinced that, in continuing our fight without compromise or retreat, we will win in all domains brilliant new victories of strategic importance, which will hasten the coming of the day of triumph when we will reunite in Phnom Penh in a totally liberated Cambodia."

#### KHIEU SAMPHAN SAYS TROOPS WILL NOT ACCEPT CEASE-FIRE

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[Text] Peking, 23 Oct--Khieu Samphan, the commander-in-chief of the Liberation Armed Forces (CPNLAF), reaffirmed Monday in a message to Prince Sihanouk that his troops will not accept a cease-fire.

Emphasizing that the CPNLAF occupies the country's main strategic roads and is about to launch an attack against Phnom Penh--the last stronghold of the enemy...which is completely isolated and cut off from rice supplies and other food products, Khieu Samphan said that the CPNLAF is determined more than ever to march forward and unceasingly attack the enemy to prevent them from taking a breath....

#### CAMBODIAN MINISTER LEAVES FOR PARIS ON UNDISCLOSED MISSION

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[Text] Phnom Penh, 26 Oct--Maj Gen Thappana Nginn, minister of state in charge of national defense [as received], left Phnom Penh for Paris Monday afternoon.

The reason for Thappana Nginn's mission in the French capital was not made known. However, political circles in Phnom Penh are attaching great importance to the Cambodian defense minister's visit in France at a moment when rumors are circulating in Phnom Penh about contacts made between the Cambodian leaders and the opposition.

## SIHANOUK TELLS OF CHINESE DOLLAR FINANCING

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[By Jean Le Gieve du Sablon]

[Text] Peking, Oct 24 (AFP)--Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian leader, explained in an interview with this correspondent here Monday how his forces in Cambodia were using dollars supplied by the Chinese to buy medicines and arms from the enemy.

With the 10 million dollars in used dollar bills provided by China this year, our resistance fighters buy the best Japanese, West German and American medicines, he said. When we lack munitions or weapons, we go and buy them from the enemy, the prince said. For instance, at Neak Luong, a base on the Mekong about 50 kms (30 miles) from Phnom Penh, there are Saigon troops who supply us with a lot of things. These people even offer us jeeps, its very convenient for us.

In addition, the prince said, there were arms traders on the Thai border. "There we can supply ourselves from American traffickers who are very honest both on the quality of the goods and the dates of delivery. We have already dealt with them," he said.

## GOVERNMENT NAMES NEW PRESIDENTIAL AIDES

Son Ngoc Thanh

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[Summary] By virtue of Decree 786/PRK on 17 October, Son Ngoc Thanh has been appointed special adviser of the president of the Khmer Republic. Son Ngoc Thanh will be of the same rank as the first minister of the government.

Un Tramuch

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[Summary] By virtue of Decree 741/72 PRK on 21 October, the president of the Khmer Republic has named Un Tramuch as assistant to the president. Un Tramuch will be of the same rank as a minister of the government.

## HIGH COMMAND SPOKESMAN REPORTS ON MILITARY SITUATION

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[Text] The Khmer High Command spokesman for the Cambodian National Armed Forces, Col Am Rong, stated this morning that our forces in Takeo Province achieved new exploits in combat. This morning at 1750 one company of the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong fell into an ambush laid by our forces 1 km southwest of Prasat Neang Khmau. Our forces killed 40 enemy troops while suffering no damage and seized 20 AK-47, three GM-1, one carine, one AK submachine gun and 11 bicycles.

Another skirmish between our forces and the enemy occurred 4 kms southeast of Svay Rieng town. The enemy left behind four killed while we suffered no damage and captured one Viet Cong and seized one bicycle. Last night enemy activities were reduced to harassments against our positions in Prey Samdek in Takeo Province and in Tuk Laak between Oudong and Kompong, Chhnang. We suffered no losses. On 23 Oct the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong burned houses in a village 1 km east of Sasar Sdam along Route 6 in Siem Reap Province.