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NHAN DAN REVIEWS URGENT QUESTIONS PENDING IN S. VIETNAM

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 20--The paper NHAN DAN today ran an editorial entitled "The Sole Authentic Representative" greeting the 13th anniversary today of the founding of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation. The leading Hanoi paper said:

In the past 13 years, under the banner of the front (which has now become the flag of the Republic of South Vietnam), the South Vietnamese people and their liberation army have fought with valiancy and foiled one after another all war strategies of the U.S. imperialists, from the special war, the local war to the Vietnamized war. Shrinking from no hardship and sacrifice and tempered in the fight, they have confronted and defeated the most barbarous enemy of mankind. As a result, more than half a million American expeditionary troops together with over 70,000 soldiers of U.S. satellites had to withdraw from South Vietnam. The United States had to commit itself to respect our people's fundamental national rights, the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination, and recognize the existence of two administrations, two armies, two zones of control and three political forces in South Vietnam.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation has made tremendous contributions to the patriotic fight of the entire Vietnamese people against U.S. aggression, for national salvation. It is the leader and organizer of the South Vietnamese people's patriotic struggle, the paper stressed.

In connection with the current situation in South Vietnam which remains strained even though eleven months have passed since the signing of the Paris agreement, the paper noted:

There is no denying that the U.S. still is scheming to maintain the war in such a way as to enable it to annex step by step the liberated areas, destroy the infrastructure of the revolution, and finally to stamp out the revolution in order to impose its neo-colonialism on South Vietnam, and perpetuate the partition of Vietnam.

The National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government have always shown their good faith in the scrupulous implementation of the Paris agreement. However, because the U.S. and their valets are resorting to war methods, there will be no other option for the South Vietnamese people than to riposte with firmness and mete out due punishment to Saigon land-grabbers with a view to defending the liberated zone, the people's life and property and the Paris agreement. In the past 11 months, through their political, military and diplomatic struggle, the South Vietnamese people and the liberation armed forces have firmly defended their liberated zone, inflicting many losses on the enemy, and driving them into an ever bigger impasse.

The paper emphasized: The best way for the U.S. is to strictly observe the Paris agreement. First of all, it must ensure an effective ceasefire. Then to return all civilian personnel and to fully assure the people's democratic liberties in the areas under Saigon's control [sentence as received]. These are urgent questions which must be solved in order to stabilize the situation and lay the foundation for the settlement of other issues. These are the firm demands of the Vietnamese people and the peace- and justice-loving people throughout the world.

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The paper pointed out: The plot of the U.S. and the Saigon administration to deny the existence of the Provisional Revolutionary Government, the liberated zone, and the people's liberation armed forces can never materialize. In fact, how can they now succeed where half a million U.S. troops and hundreds of billions of dollars have failed?

The growing prestige of the national front and of the revolutionary government as demonstrated at the summit conference of non-aligned countries in Algiers and the visit of the RSV delegation led by President Nguyen Huu Tho to many socialist and nationalist countries in Asia, Europe and Africa have proved this universal truth: The whole progressive mankind has recognized that the Provisional Revolutionary Government is the only authentic representative of the South Vietnamese people, the paper concluded.

ARMY PAPER HITS 'HUE AND CRY' OVER HELICOPTER INCIDENT

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 10--The U.S. and the Saigon administration are raising a hue and cry about what they called attack on helicopters of the four-party joint military team searching for missing persons in Binh Chanh district, Gia Dinh Province. In a commentary in this connection, the army paper QUAN DOI NHAN DAN said:

The DRV Government and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam which have consistently adopted an attitude of good will have advanced many reasonable proposals for the carrying out of Article 8 (B) of the Paris agreement on the search for those missing in action. However, because the U.S. and the Saigon administration have eluded the question, up to now no agreement has been reached in the four-party joint military team on this problem. The search for missing persons in Binh Chanh district was a unilateral act of the U.S.-Saigon side.

It absolutely received no previous agreement from the military delegations of the DRV Government and the PRGRSV.

It has become evident that the U.S. and the Saigon administration have violated Article 16 (A) of the Paris agreement which clearly stipulates the working procedure at the Four-Party Joint Military Commission whose task is to "ensure joint action by the parties" in implementing the various provisions of the agreement.

Another important thing is the reality that there exist at the present time in South Vietnam two administrations and two zones of control of the two South Vietnamese parties. If the United States wants to search for the graves of the dead and get information about those missing in action, the two South Vietnamese parties will together determine which zone of control this place belongs to and accordingly the United States will know from which side it should request assistance in the search. That the U.S.-Saigon side unilaterally conducted a search for the missing persons in Binh Chanh is obviously another attempt of the U.S. to deny the existence of two administrations and two zones of control in South Vietnam.

This is not the first time that the U.S. and the Saigon administration have taken such wrong and arrogant acts. In fact, they have many times disguised as IC members and used transport means with ICCS markings to reconnoitre PRG-controlled areas. They also made use of the corridor prescribed by the agreement for ICCS teams' flights to bomb the liberated areas as is the case in northwestern Kontum.