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GIA LAI-KONTUM HOLDS FIRST PROVINCIAL VFF CONGRESS

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[Text] Hanoi VNA June 24--More than 200 representatives of the various nationalities in Gia Lai-Kontum have attended a provincial congress of the Vietnam Fatherland Front. This was the first congress of the VFF in this highlands province since the merger early this year of the former Vietnam Fatherland Front in North Vietnam, the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, and the Vietnam Alliance of National, Democratic, and Peace Forces.

The congress reviewed the achievements of the population, half of which is made up by minority nationals, in the victorious struggle against U.S. aggression, especially during the historic Ho Chi Minh campaign.

In the old days the people of Gia Lai-Kontum led a nomadic life, and 90 percent of them were illiterate. Now, more than 38,000 hectares have been added to the existing acreage of some 100,000 hectares. At the same time tens of thousands of illiterates have learned how to read and write in their own tongues, and hunger has become a thing of the past.

In execution of the resolutions of the Sixth Provincial Congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the people are planting food crops on 120,000 hectares with an expected output of 200,000 tons this winter.

The VFF Congress elected a provincial committee of 57 members, under the chairmanship of Dinh Nup, hero of the Vietnam People's Armed Forces.