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**VIETNAM: SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF\***

Population: 48,090,000.  
Military service: 2 years minimum.  
Total armed forces: 615,000.  
Estimated GNP 1977: \$7.1 bn.

**Army: 600,000.**  
25 inf divs, † 2 trg divs.  
1 arty comd (of 10 regts).  
1 engr comd.  
About 15 indep inf regts.  
35 arty regts.  
40 AA arty regts.  
20 SAM regts (each with 18 SA-2 launchers).  
15 indep engr regts.  
900 T-34, T-54 and T-59 med, PT-76, Type 60 lt tks; BTR-40/-50/-60 APC; 75mm, 76mm, 85mm, 100mm, 105mm, 122mm, 130mm, 152mm, 155mm guns/how; SU-76, ISU-122 sp guns; 82mm, 100mm, 107mm, 120mm, 160mm mor; 107mm, 122mm, 140mm RL; Sagger ATGW; 23mm, 37mm, 57mm, 85mm, 100mm, 130mm towed, ZSU-57-2 sp AA guns; SA-2/-3/-6/-7 SAM.

DEPLOYMENT: 40,000 in Laos (numbers fluctuate).

\* Equipment of the former forces of South Vietnam are not included here. It is estimated to have included up to 550 M-48 med and M-41 lt tks; 1,200 M-113 APC; 1,330 105mm and 155mm guns/how (some sp); 2 frigates; 2 patrol vessels; 42 patrol gunboats; 13 landing ships; 17 landing craft; 800 riverine craft; 11 support vessels; 1,000 ac of all types, incl 75 F-5A, 113 A-37B, 10 C-130, 25 A-1H/J, 37 AC-119C/K, 10 AC-47, 114 O-1, 33 DHC-2, 13 C-47; 36 CH-47, 430 UH-1 hel.  
† Inf divs, normally totalling 8-10,000 men, include 1 tk bn, 3 inf, 1 arty regts and support elements.

**Navy: 3,000.**

3 coastal escorts (ex-Soviet SO-1-class).  
2 Komar-class FPBG with *Styx* ssm.  
22 MGB (8 *Shanghai*-, 14 *Swatow*-class).  
4 MTB (ex-Soviet P-4-, P-6-class).  
About 30 small patrol boats (under 100 tons).  
Some 20 landing craft.  
10 Mi-4 SAR hel.

**Air Force: 12,000; 300 combat aircraft.**  
1 lt bbr sqn with 10 Il-28.  
8 FGA sqns with 120 MiG-17, 30 Su-7.

6 interceptor sqns with 70 MiG-19/F-6, 70 MiG-21F/PF.  
Tpts incl 20 An-2, 4 An-24, 12 Il-14, 4 Il-18, 23 Li-2.  
Hels incl 20 Mi-4, 10 Mi-6, 9 Mi-8.  
AA-2 *Atoll* AAM.  
About 30 trainers incl Yak-11/-18, MiG-15UTI/-21U.

**Para-Military Forces: 70,000** Frontier, Coast Security and People's Armed Security Forces; Armed Militia of about 1,500,000.