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Leaders Pay Last Respects to Hoang Quoc Viet

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[Text] A memorial service for Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet, a veteran revolutionary, was solemnly held at the Ba Dinh conference hall this morning.

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Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet's remains were laid in state in a glass-top casket in the middle of the rostrum. Above the casket were the party banner and the national flag and the words in black: Boundless grief over the demise of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet.

Among the first to pay floral tributes to Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet early in the morning were his close relatives, a delegation of veteran revolutionaries, and his former comrades in arms.

At 0800 [0100 GMT] sharp, a delegation of the Communist Party of Vietnam [CPV] Central Committee, led by Comrade General Secretary Do Muoi, paid a floral tribute to Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet. The wreath of the delegation bore the words: Boundless grief over the demise of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet.

Accompanying the comrade members of the Seventh Party Central Committee were Comrades Pham Van Dong and Vo Chi Cong, advisers to the Party Central Committee, and many former Party Central Committee and Political Bureau members such as Comrades Vo Nguyen Giap, Le Van Luong, Van Tien Dung, To Huu, and so forth.

CPV General Secretary Do Muoi, the comrade advisers to the Party Central Committee, and members of the delegation of the Party Central Committee took turns to walk around the coffin of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet to pay their last respects to the close comrade and veteran revolutionary. They then solemnly expressed condolences to members of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet's family.

Comrade Nguyen Van Linh, adviser to the Party Central Committee, also sent a wreath to pay his respects to Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet. His wreath bore the words: Boundless grief over the demise of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet, the man who had contributed to developing the party and movement during the most difficult stages of the revolution.

Vice President Nguyen Thi Binh paid a floral tribute to Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet on behalf of President Le Duc Anh, who was away on an official trip.

Next, the delegation of the Ninth National Assembly led by its Chairman Nong Duc Manh, the delegation of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam led by Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet, the delegation of the Confederation of Vietnamese Workers led by its Chairman Nguyen Van Tu, and the delegation of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee and intellectual personalities led by Comrade Vu Oanh took turns to pay their floral tributes to Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet. Their wreath was inscribed with the words: Boundless grief over the demise of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet.

This morning, the delegations of various mass organizations at the central level and in Hanoi and the delegations of Hanoi municipality and Ha Bac—home province of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet—also took turns to pay floral tributes to Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet, the man who had contributed to developing the party and movement during the most difficult stages of our country's revolution.

Together with members of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet's family, Comrade General Secretary Do Muoi, Comrade Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet, Comrade National Assembly Chairman Nong Duc Manh, and many other party and state leaders then stood beside Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet's coffin. With boundless grief, they also expressed sympathy for members of the bereaved family on their great loss.

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Memorial Service Held for Hoang Quoc Viet

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[Text] The memorial service for the late Hoang Quoc Viet, honorary chairman of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee and former political bureau member of the Vietnam Lao Dong Party, was solemnly held at Thong Nhat Conference Hall in Ho Chi Minh City on 30 December.

Attending the ceremony were Comrades Le Duc Anh, member of the party central committee political bureau and president of the state; lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, Vietnam Fatherland Front presidium chairman; Vo Tran Chi, member of the party Central Committee Political Bureau and secretary of the municipal party committee; Nguyen Van Linh, party Central Committee adviser; Vu Mao, National Assembly standing committee member; Truong My Hoa, party Central Committee secretary and Vietnam Women's Union president; Le Khac Binh, Municipal People's Council chairman, Truong Tan Sang, acting Municipal People's Committee chairman; Nguyen Van Hanh, Ho Chi Minh Fatherland Front Committee chairman, and representatives of agencies and mass organizations in the city.

Also attending were Professor Ha Ba Khue, Pasteur Institute director—representing Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet's family—and Comrade Nguyen Thi Tam, Provincial Party Committee member and Ha Bac Women's Union, leading a delegation representing the Ha Bac Native Association.

Comrade Vo Tran Chi, member of the party Central Committee Political Bureau and Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee secretary, read the eulogy for Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet—an unyielding communist combatant who had devoted his whole life to the benefit of the fatherland and the people.

Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet had shared the weal and woe of the contingent of workers since the very early stages of the workers' party. His life and revolutionary activities are good examples for subsequent generations.

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Hoang Quoc Viet, a Vietnamese revolutionary leader and former member of the ruling Communist Party politburo, died of illness in Hanoi on December 25 at the age of 87. Vietnamese newspapers reported on Monday.

Viet had been president of the Vietnamese Confederation of Trade Unions and was president of the "Fatherland Front" a confederation of social and workers' organisations, the official Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan said.

Viet joined the revolutionary movement against French colonial rule in Indochina in 1928 and became a disciple of Vietnam's independence leader Ho Chi Minh.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment by the French two years later and was appointed to the Communist Party Central Committee shortly after he was jailed. He was released in 1936 under a new French policy, Nhan Dan said.

In 1945, Viet helped to lead the "August uprising" when Japan withdrew from Indochina after its surrender ending World War Two.

The uprising developed into a war of independence against first the French and later the United States that ended in 1975 with the reunification of North and South Vietnam.

In the 1950s, Viet was appointed to the ruling politburo of the Communist Party in charge of mass organisations and propaganda, as well as heading the Vietnamese Confederation of Trade Unions, Nhan Dan said.

As president of the Vietnamese-Chinese Friendship Association in the 1960s he was thought to be among the leading Maoists in the ruling politburo.

In 1977, he was named president of the Fatherland Front, which was officially set up as an alternative mass organisation to the Communist Party, but which kept close ties to the party.

Communist Party General Secretary Do Muoi and the other 12 members of the ruling politburo will preside over Viet's funeral on Wednesday, Nhan Dan said.

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Fatherland Front Honorary Chairman Dies

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 27—Hoang Quoc Viet, honorary chairman of the Fatherland Front Central Committee, a veteran revolutionary and an outstanding disciple of President Ho Chi Minh, died in Hanoi on Dec. 25, 1992 of serious illness at the age of 87.

It was announced in an obituary by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the president of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Standing Committee of the National Assembly, the government, and the Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front.

Mr. Hoang Quoc Viet was former Politburo member of the Vietnamese Workers' Party (now Vietnam Communist Party), former member of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee, former president of the Vietnam Trade Union, former deputy to the National Assembly from the second to the seventh legislature, former president of the Vietnam-China Friendship Association, and former chairman of the Fatherland Front Central Committee.

He lies in state at the Ba Dinh Conference Hall in Hanoi. He will be buried on Dec. 30 at the Mai Dich Cemetery.

A 24-member funeral committee was formed including, among others, party General Secretary Do Muoi, President Le Duc Anh, Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet and National Assembly Chairman Nong Duc Manh.

Funeral Committee Named

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[Text] The Funeral Committee for Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet:

1. Comrade Do Muoi, general secretary of the party Central Committee, head of the committee.
2. Comrade Nguyen Van Linh, adviser to the party Central Committee.
3. Comrade Pham Van Dong, adviser to the party Central Committee.
4. Comrade Vo Chi Cong, adviser to the party Central Committee.

5. Comrade Le Duc Anh, member of the party Political Bureau and president of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

6. Comrade Vo Van Kiet, member of the party Political Bureau and prime minister.

7. Comrade Nong Duc Manh, member of the party Political Bureau and chairman of the National Assembly.

8. Comrade Dao Duy Tung, member of the party Political Bureau and secretary of the party Central Committee.

9. Comrade Doan Khue, member of the party Political Bureau, general, and minister of national defense.

10. Comrade Vu Oanh, member of the party Political Bureau.

11. Comrade Le Phuoc Tho, member of the party Political Bureau, secretary of the party Central Committee, and director of the party Organization Department.

12. Comrade Phan Van Khai, member of the Political Bureau and deputy prime minister.

13. Comrade Bui Thien Ngo, member of the Political Bureau, senior lieutenant general, and minister of interior.

14. Comrade Pham The Duyet, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of Hanoi Party Committee.

15. Comrade Nguyen Duc Binh, member of the Political Bureau, secretary of the party Central Committee, and director of the Nguyen Ai Quoc Institution.

16. Comrade Vo Tran Chi, member of the party Political Bureau and secretary of the Ho Chi Minh City Party Committee.

17. Comrade Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Presidium.

18. Comrade Truong My Hoa, secretary of the party Central Committee and chairman of the Vietnam Women's Federation.

19. Comrade Nguyen Van Tu, member of the party Central Committee and chairman of the Vietnam Confederation of Trade Unions.

20. Comrade Nguyen Van Chinh, member of the party Central Committee and chairman of the Vietnam Peasants Association.

21. Comrade Ho Duc Duyet, first secretary of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union.

22. Comrade Tran Van Quang, chairman of the Vietnam War Veterans Association.

23. Comrade Le Thanh Dao, chief of the Supreme People's Organ of Control.

24. Comrade Do Binh Duong, member of the party Central Committee and secretary of the Ha Bac Province Party Committee.

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Do Muoi Eulogizes Hoang Quoc Viet

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[Report on 30 December Hanoi "memorial service" for Hoang Quoc Viet, honorary chairman of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee—portions recorded]

[Summary] "Dear comrades and friends: A solemn memorial service for Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet, honorary chairman of the Vietnam Fatherland Front [VFF] Central Committee, former member of the Political Bureau of the Vietnam Workers Party now known as the Communist Party of Vietnam [CPV], was jointly held by the party Central Committee, the president of the State,

the National Assembly Standing Committee, the government, and the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee at the Ba Dinh conferece in Hanoi this morning."

Covered with the national flag, the remains of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet were placed on a dais under a sign which read: Boundless Grief Over the Demise of Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet.

"Attending the memorial service for Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet were: Do Muoi, general secretary of the party Central Committee; Pham Van Dong and Vo Chi Cong, advisers to the party Central Committee; Vo Van Kiet, prime minister; Nong Duc Manh, chairman of the National Assembly; Nguyen Thi Binh, vice president of the state; and various comrades in the Political Bureau and the Secretariat of the party Central Committee, members of the National Assembly Standing Committee, cabinet ministers, and representatives of various branches, sectors, and mass organizations at the central level and in Hanoi."

At 0800, the memorial service began with a military band playing the national anthem. Party General Secretary Do Muoi, chairman of the funeral committee, delivered a eulogy. He said:

"Dear comrades and friends: Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet, honorary chairman of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee, one of the former leaders of our party and of our country's peasant class, a staunch communist fighter who dedicated his whole life to untiringly fighting for national independence and for the people's freedom and happiness, has passed away. His demise is a great loss to our entire party, Army, and people.

"The comrade was one of the members of the Provisionary Central Committee of the Indochinese Communist Party, former secretary of the Bac Ky [also known as Northern Vietnam] Regional Party Committee, former standing member of the party Central Committee, former member of the Political Bureau of the Vietnam Workers Party now known as the Communist Party of Vietnam, former chairman of the Confederation of Vietnamese Workers, former standing member of the World Confederation of Trade Unions, former procurator of the Supreme People's Organ of Control, and former deputy to the National Assembly from its second to seventh terms of office, former chairman of the Vietnam-China Friendship Association, and former chairman of the Presidium of the VFF Central Committee.

"Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet was born as Ha Ba Cang on 28 May 1905 at Dap Cau village, Vo Giang district, Bac Ninh province now known as Ha Ba province. As an outstanding disciple of President Ho Chi Minh, Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet had nearly 70 years of activity behind him and had made many great contributions to the revolutionary undertaking of our party and our people and had won immense admiration and love from our peasant class.

"Right from his youth, the comrade, as a student, took part in various class boycotts and demonstrations in protest against colonialism for bringing patriotic scholar Phan Boi Chau to trial. The comrade was later dismissed from school and then became a revolutionary.

"Born to a worker family, the comrade blended in with the worker circle. While engaging in revolutionary activities, he earned his living as a worker at various areas from the (Hue) and Mao Khe coalmines to the Cao Lam machinery plant in Haiphong. It is there that the comrade, together with Comrades Ngo Gia Tu, Nguyen Duc Canh, Duong Minh Thien, and To Tam, quickly acquired the lofty thinkings of Nguyen Ai Quoc [former name of Ho Chi Minh] and later became member of the Association of Like-Minded Revolutionary Youths—the precursor the Indochinese Communist Party.

"The comrade went through the many wonderful months and years as a youth after he had arrived with the revolutionary cause. Steeled in the boisterous struggle, he participated in the activities of various units, ranging from a chapter of the Association of Like-Minded Revolutionary Youths to the first-ever chapter of the communist party in preparation for the birth of the Indochinese Communist Party.

"In 1929 the comrade was sent by his organization to Nam Ky [South Vietnam] to work among the workers and involve himself with the lives of poor laboring people at the Xom Chieu neighborhood in Khanh Hoi of Thu Thiem. Late in that year, he was sent to France to establish relations between the Vietnamese revolutionary organization and the French Communist Party.

"While in clandestine operations, the comrade was on several occasions arrested by the enemy and jailed at different prisons. He was once banished to Con Dao where he was inflicted with permanent injuries because of torture.

"In the 1936 Spring, thanks to the victory of the Popular Front in France, the French colonialists were forced to release the comrade. From that year onward to 1945, the comrade travelled extensively from the South to the North and vice versa to establish contact, restore, and develop many party and mass organizations. Particularly, he, together with other leading party comrades, rebuilt the Bac Ky party organization.

"During those extremely difficult years and months of the revolution—when World War II had just broken out and when the French colonialists were launching a fierce terrorism and persecution campaign which resulted in many comrades who were members of the party Central Committee being imprisoned—Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet, together with Comrade Truong Chinh and Comrade Hoang Van Thu, scrupulously and creatively implemented the thinking and instructions of Comrade Nguyen Ai Quoc and persistently maintained the party leadership, prepared and led the August 1945 General Uprising to its glorious success.

"The comrade had for many years been assigned by the party to be in charge of its civilian proselytizing activities. He was once chairman of the Confederation of Vietnamese Workers, and chairman of the Presidium of the VFF Central Committee. He left us many valuable lessons on mass motivation, on keeping the party and the people together, on relying on the people, on respecting the people's mastery, and on wholeheartedly serving the people.

"The comrade made great contributions to building the all-people great unity bloc under which the people of various ethnic minority groups, religious faiths, and social strata were united for the sake of national liberation as well as national construction and defense.

"Entrusted by the party and the state, the comrade built the system of People's Organs of Control and he himself was the first procurator of the Supreme People's Organ of Control for many years. He contributed to establishing the position, role, functions, and tasks of this completely new supreme people's organ of control in the state system from the central down to local levels.

"With his great deeds, the comrade was awarded a Gold Star Order and many other high distinctions by the party and the state. The comrade left us a bright example of an indomitable, loyal, honest, and humble revolutionary fighter who treated his comrades and compatriots with sincerity and open-mindedness. He was particularly noted for his concern for the working people and for his principled character associated with his flexibility. Though very serious, he was very tolerable. He was loved and admired by our entire party and people.

"Dear Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet: At this sad moment, we would like to share the sorrow with your family. We promised you, comrade, that we would do our utmost, together with our entire party, people, and army, to implement successfully the resolution of the Seventh Party Congress so as to bring the renovation forward and to enable it to produce greater achievements in a bid to maintain independence and freedom, to make the people prosperous and the country powerful, and to build a modern and beautiful socialist society.

"Esteemed comrade Hoang Quoc Viet: Please accept my last tribute."

Amid the sound of a dirge, Comrade Do Muoi and other leading party and state leaders observed a minute of silence to bid farewell to Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet.