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GEN SONG HAO EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF VPA'S COMBAT STRENGTH

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[Speech by Lt Gen Song Hao, director of the VPA General Political Department, at the conference to disseminate the 1972 military training plan: "Constantly Heighten the Army's Combat Strength and Advance To Achieve New Victories"]

[Text] Under the leadership and education of the party and President Ho, and through the progress of long training and challenge in the revolutionary war, our army has quickly attained its maturity and achieved glorious victories. Our army has closely united with all our heroic people to fight the French, expel the Japanese, lead the August Revolution to success and the resistance to victory, defeat the French colonialist aggressors and the U.S. interventionists and achieve the resounding Dien Bien Phu victory. Today in the great anti-U.S. national salvation struggle, our army has together with the compatriots and combatants throughout the country struggled very stalwartly, achieved victories of strategic importance and created very favorable conditions for the struggle.