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Directive for Nationwide Resistance (22 December 1946)

The long-term resistance of our nation.

1. Goal: To fight the reactionary colonialist French and win unity and independence.

2. Characteristics: A long term, total resistance.

3. Policy: Union with the French people and opposition to the reactionary colonialist France.

Unity with Cambodia and Laos and friendship with all peace and freedom loving nations.

Close unity among all of the people.

Implementation of a nationwide resistance.

Defense of the people and winning the hearts of the people.

Establishment of a "national federation" to stimulate the resistance.

Self sufficiency in every respect.

4. Tactics: Total employment of guerrillas and war campaigns.

Destruction by many more attacks, thereby inflicting hunger, thirst, disability, blindness, deafness, waste, exhaustion, and discouragement upon the enemy.

More armed attacks and more training of cadres while fighting.

Conservation of forces and a long term resistance.

5. Phases of the resistance: 3 phases:

a) The defensive phase: It is possible that we will have to unwillingly and temporarily abandon major cities after conducting a violent resistance in them (Note: These temporarily abandoned places must be constantly harassed).

b) The intransigent stage: Maintaining the position of depleting the enemy forces while strengthening our forces.

c) The counter offensive stage: A nation-wide counter offensive.