

Appointment of Premier

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(Text) Following the adoption and publication of the provisional constitutional charter, Maj. Gen. Duong Van Minh signed a decree dated 4 November 1963, appointing Nguyen Ngoc Tho Premier of the provisional government. Following is the text of the decree: The chairman of the Revolutionary Military Government--under the provisional constitutional charter No. 1 of 4 November 1963 and in view of the decree of 1 November 1963 of the Revolutionary Military Government, abrogating the presidential regime and dissolving the government led by Ngo Dinh Diem--Decree:

Article 1--The appointment of Nguyen Ngoc Tho as premier of the provisional government:

Article 2: That the composition of the provisional government will be decided by the premier of the government after receiving approval of the Revolutionary Military Council.

Saigon, 4 November 1963. (Signed) Maj. Gen. Duong Van Minh, chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council.

Provisional Government Namelist

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(Text) Following the decree appointing him as premier of the provisional government, Nguyen Ngoc Tho succeeded in selecting his collaborators in the government and submitted the names to the Revolutionary Military Council. Maj. Gen. Duong Van Minh, chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council, and all the other members of the council have approved the composition of the government. Following is the text of the decree of the premier of the government, signed 4 November 1963, setting forth the composition of the government:

Decree number 1/CMT of the premier of the provisional government setting forth the composition of the government:

In accordance with the temporary constitution No. 1 of 4 November 1963;

In accordance with the resolution dated November 1, 1963 of the Revolutionary Military Council, abrogating the presidential regime and dissolving the government led by Ngo Dinh Diem;

In accordance with the decree No. 1 of 4 November 1963 of the Revolutionary Military Council appointing Nguyen Ngoc Tho premier of the provisional government; hereby decree:

I have decided to form my government as follows: Premier of the government and concurrently minister of finance and of national economy, Nguyen Ngoc Tho; Ministers for National Defense, Maj. Gen. Tran Van Don; Public Security, Maj. Gen. Ton That Dinh; Foreign Affairs, Pham Dang Lam; Justice, Nguyen Van Mau; National Education, Pham Hoang Ho; Rural Affairs, Tran Le Quang; Information, Brig. Gen. Tran Tu Oai; Public Works and Communications, Tran Ngoc Hoanh; Health, Dr. Vuong Quang Truong; Labor, Nguyen Le Giang; Youth and Sports, Nguyen Huu Phi.

Secretaries of State to the Premier's Office: Nguyen Thanh Cung; for Finance, Luu Van Tinh; National Economy, Au Truong Thanh.

Saigon, 4 November 1963. Signed: Nguyen Ngoc Tho, premier of the provisional government.

Provisional Constitutional Act

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(Text) Following the successful revolution of the Vietnamese Republican Army, toppling the Ngo Dinh Diem government, chairman of the Military Revolutionary Council Maj. Gen. Duong Van Minh recently signed a provisional constitutional act, text of which is as follows:  
Provisional constitutional act No. 1 of 4 November 1963:

Considering that, with its traditional spirit of sacrifice for the fatherland, the Vietnamese Republican Army has successfully achieved the revolution against dictatorship and to regain democratic freedoms for the people;

Considering that the constitution promulgated on 26 October 1956 is temporarily suspended because it includes many clauses which need to be amended;

Considering that, while awaiting the amendments of the constitution, the government organization in the country must be defined by a provisional constitutional act; it is decreed:

Article 1--Vietnam continues to be a republic.

Article 2--While awaiting amendment of the constitution, the legislative and executive powers are held by the Revolutionary Military Council.

Article 3--The chief of state's function will be assumed by the chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council.

Article 4--Executive power is entrusted to a provisional government headed by a premier. The premier of the provisional government is designated by the Revolutionary Military Council. Composition of the provisional government is decided by the premier of the government with the approval of the Revolutionary Military Council.

Article 5--Legislative power is entrusted to the provisional government, except for promulgation of the state budget, the establishment of taxes, and problems related to national defense and security.

Article 6--Existing laws and regulations continue to be temporarily effective, except those clauses which go against the spirit of the 1 November revolution.

This provisional constitutional act takes effect as of the day of its proclamation. Saigon, 4 November.