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QUANG NAM - DA NANG BATTLEFIELD CALLED VITAL

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The sound of guns in Quang Nam - Da Nang has continuously filled the air. For nearly the past month, the entire country has enthusiastically followed the news of glorious victory by the beloved soldiers and comrades of Quang Nam - Da Nang. By means of a series of attacks and successive uprisings, which have taken place since the night of 16 November in Quang Nam - Da Nang, they have illustrated the heroic spirit of triumphantly charging ahead of the great front lines. Quang Nam - Da Nang is an outstanding battlefield on which there is continuous attack and continuous victory. In Quang Nam - Da Nang, they have actively demonstrated revolutionary heroism and a spirit of overcoming all difficulties and adversity, been determined to crush all insidious enemy plots, and advanced together with the entire country toward total victory over the U. S. aggressor.

Since the night of 16 November in Quang Nam - Da Nang, they have carried on a series of attacks throughout the various fronts of the province. The liberation armed forces initiated forceful attacks into more than 80 U. S.-puppet positions. They attacked the enemy in the city of Da Nang, the provincial capitals of Tam Ky and Hoi An, various district capitals, military zones, U. S. brigade and division headquarters and command posts, airstrips, piers, and U. S.-puppet rear storage areas. They destroyed an important part of the enemy's war-making materials and power. At the same time, the soldiers and compatriots of Quang Nam - Da Nang continuously disrupted many military operations which were being carried out in the hope of protecting the cities and implementing the so called "accelerated pacification program." Of special interests is that the soldiers and compatriots crushed a major enemy operation in the Dien Ban area between 20 November and 9 December.

While the sound of guns which were killing the enemy echoes, the compatriots of Quang Nam - Da Nang intensified the uprising campaign, punished many obstinate local officials, and destroyed many "strategic hamlets" and remaining forced resettlement areas. The compatriots in northern Quang Nam - Da Nang completed setting up revolutionary governments at the province, provincial capital, and district levels and in two-thirds of the townships.

The new military and political victories in Quang Nam - Da Nang more clearly point up the strength, initiative, and success of the army and people of South Vietnam, as well as the weakness, immobility, and failure of the U. S. aggressor and its lackeys. Quang Nam - Da Nang, one of the concentrated areas of U. S. military strength, is considered by the U. S. aggressor to be one of the key points in Abram's "sweep and keep" plan. The heroic and fully victorious struggle on the part of the army and people of Quang Nam - Da Nang clearly proves that on this battlefield, our soldiers and compatriots are firmly on the offensive and are continuously developing the blockade and attacks against the enemy everywhere. The U. S. - puppet gang has been forcefully attacks in the forests, mountains, countryside, delta, and right in the cities.

The practical experience of battle clearly demonstrates the constant growth of the anti-United States struggle for national salvation. The soldiers and compatriots of Quang Nam - Da Nang have actively attacked the enemy in continuous battle, disrupted major enemy operations, attacked the enemy both inside and outside of his perimeters, and penetrated deeply into the strategic enemy lairs in the middle of Da Nang and Son Tra, etc. The soldiers and compatriots of Quang Nam - Da Nang have led their struggle to new heights, manifested to a high degree the integrated strength of the people's war, closely associated military attacks with uprisings by the masses, tightly co-operated between the three branches of the military, fully employed tactical activity, and displayed an ever-improving combat effectiveness.

An important of the new victories in Quang Nam - Da Nang is that our compatriots and soldiers have progressively disrupted the "accelerated pacification" plans of the U. S. aggressor and its lackeys. For nearly the past month, the U. S. aggressor has wildly carried on the so called "accelerated pacification" program in Quang Nam - Da Nang; it is a political and military plot born of its desperation. In fact, this plot is a land-grab and an attempt to win the people by extremely barbarous actions. It is a passive answer by the United States and its puppets in the face of the rapid expansion by revolutionary governments. The U. S.-puppet gang initiated some operations in Dien Ban, Que Son, and Thanh Binh during which they perpetrated vicious crimes against our compatriots. During those operations, they indiscriminately shot people, buried the elderly and children alive, destroyed villages and housing, and stole the crops and property of our compatriots. But they have been severely punished. The army and people in the areas of Dien Ban, Que Son, and Thanh Binh have violently retaliated. Gunfire poured down on their heads like thunder. Death fell upon them with each step. From every inch of ground, every path, and each clump of trees standing in the forest there appeared a storm of bullets or an exploding mine, which killed the gang of barbarous murderers in groups. An operation involving seven thousand U. S., puppet, and Pak Chung Hi troops in the Dien Ban area failed miserably. The U. S. aggressor gang admitted that the so called "major envelopment of the war" and "model experiment" had been concluded with "very high costs." During only the first 11 days of the operation,

the U. S., puppet, and satellite gang had lost nearly one thousand troops, i. e., one-seventh of the total force taking part in the operation. One U. S. Marine battalion and one main force puppet battalion had been heavily damaged; and hundreds of obstinate local officials who were part of the "pacification teams" were killed. Throughout the operation, the U. S. and puppet gangs were forcefully attacked everywhere. The U. S. aggressor was unable to push the liberation armed forces very far away and ended up neither "sweeping" nor "keeping" anything. On the contrary, it suffered serious losses, while puppet government elements were abolished and revolutionary governments were solidified and expanded.

In crushing the U. S. -puppet operation in Dien Ban, the army and people of Quang Nam - Da Nang conclusively proved that the U. S. - puppet "accelerated pacification" program is destined for bankruptcy.

The soldiers and compatriots of Quang Nam - Da Nang have fought skillfully and victoriously on all fronts. The heroic struggle in Quang Nam - Da Nang clearly illustrates the determination to fight and win of an area where they "loyally, courageously, and with determination lead in killing Americans."

In Quang Nam - Da Nang they are triumphantly charging ahead.

Together with Quang Nam - Da Nang, the entire South is charging ahead.

In Quang Nam, as in Tay Ninh, Binh Long, Ben Tre, My Tho, Thua Thien, Quang Tri, and everywhere throughout the great front lines, the new U. S. aggressor military and political plots are being disrupted and will surely be crushed.

The struggle of the soldiers and compatriots of heroic South Vietnam is surely and forcefully moving toward total victory.

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