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U.S. DEFEATS IN DELTA PRAISED BY ARMY DAILY

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[QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 19 January commentary: "Praising the recent great feats of arms of the armed forces and people in U Minh]

[Text] The victorious gunfire of indomitable U Minh is again resounding on the heroic vast frontline. In 16 days of continuously attacking the enemy, from 22 December 1968 to 6 January 1969, the armed forces and people in Vinh Thuan and An Bien districts, Rach Gia Province, and Song Ong Dap and Thoi Binh districts Ca Mau Province, annihilated some 1,000 enemy troops, sank or set ablaze 32 warships, and downed seven planes.

U Minh has plunged the passive military operation conducted by approximately 6,000 U.S. and puppet troops into a quagmire. U Minh has burned to ashes the frenzied U.S.-puppet clique's illusion of pacifying the Mekong River delta area.

In order to extricate themselves from a stalemate caused by a passive defense strategy and to stop the decline of the puppet troops and administration, the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys have, for months, recklessly launched many accelerated pacification military operations in Ben Tre, My Tho, Can Tho, Sa Dec, Chau Doc, Rach Gia, and Ca Mau provinces, but they have been disastrously defeated.

Especially in the U Minh area, the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys have repeatedly used planes, including B-52's, artillery, and warships to violently bomb and shell, committing many barbarous crimes against our compatriots in an effort to pacify an area which has long terrified them.

Despite this, the armed forces and people in U Minh have remained impressive in the face of enemy bombs and bullets and perseveringly carried on the glorious resistance in this sacred stretch of land. Every time the U.S.-puppets have come to U Minh, they have been disastrously defeated.