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From June 15 to 29, 1978, the Vietnamese army of aggression have once again perpetrated barbarous criminal acts by mobilizing their forces left over from their previous defeats, in order to launch attacks of invasion and aggression against the territory of Democratic Kampuchea in the districts of Tromoung and Memot in the Eastern part of Kampong Cham province and in the districts of Samrong, Prasaut and Kampong Ro in Svay Rieng province, Eastern zone.

But this Vietnamese aggression has once again suffered a heavy and ignominious defeat. The valiant Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have crushed the Vietnamese troops and put them to rout.

This time, the Vietnamese forces have had more than 3,500 killed or wounded, and 19 tanks destroyed or damaged.

The remaining survivals have still been surrounded and successively annihilated by the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea and forced to ignominiously pull back in confusion towards their country.

Like the previous ones, during these attacks of invasion and aggression, the Vietnamese aggressors have always
perpetrated cruel and barbarous acts, devastated villages, cultures, rice-fields, lands and massacred our inhabitants.

The fact that Vietnam feverishly strives to carry on its aggressions against Kampuchea has clearly shown once again the true nature of Vietnam aggressor, annexationist, and swallowing of territories. It has clearly shown the obstinacy of Vietnam to want to subjugate Kampuchea in the "Indochina Federation" and in the framework of "one party, one people and one country" belonging to Vietnam, its extreme perfidious and fascist nature which is no different from Hitler's. What kind of revolution is this? What kind of socialism is this? What kind of Non-aligned country is this? If Vietnam has still carried on its acts of violation and aggression against Kampuchea, trampled the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Kampuchea, and has not respected the right of the Kampuchea's people to be masters of their own destiny.

By doing so, Vietnam has carried out a policy of regional big power, annexing and swallowing the Kampuchea's territory and then extending its expansion to the whole Southeast Asia, through brute force, in contempt of the world public opinion. This is the Vietnam's policy in an impasse.

Vietnam has aggressed Kampuchea and it has suffered defeats. It has attempted at plotting coups d'etat to overthrow Democratic Kampuchea and it has suffered defeats. It has obstinately persisted in doing again and it has suffered defeats again. Vietnam has suffered defeats in all fields, military, political, economic, financial as well as in diplomatic fields. It has suffered defeats in Kampuchea, at home and on the international arena.
The people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have since a long time been aware of the systematic barbarous and cruel nature of Vietnam. But Democratic Kampuchea thinks that if the Socialist Republic of Vietnam really wants to have friendship with Kampuchea, it has to show it through concrete acts. Vietnam has to stop aggressing Kampuchea, stop carrying out any act of interference and subversion in the internal affairs of Kampuchea, stop fomenting attempts of coups d'Etat to overthrow Democratic Kampuchea and respect through concrete acts the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea. If Vietnam does so, friendship would immediately establish. And it would be a wonderful friendship.

There is no difficulty if Vietnam abandons its perfidious true nature. All depends on Vietnam. If Vietnam continues to oppose the trend of independence and sovereignty, the right of the people to decide by themselves their own destiny, to be against the trend of progress, against genuine peace and against the principles of non-alignment, Vietnam could not escape from defeats and ruin./.