010115 -- Vietnamese government issues statement on Viet Nam-Kampuchea border issue

Peking, January 1, 1978 (Xinhua) -- The government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam yesterday issued a statement on the Viet Nam-Kampuchea border issue, according to a VNA report.

The statement says, "It is the policy of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam that the border and territory issue between Viet Nam and Kampuchea should be settled with democratic Kampuchea on the basis of respect for each other's territorial sovereignty, and also by consolidating and promoting the relations of solidarity and fraternal cooperation between the two countries, thereby building a permanent border of friendship between Viet Nam and Kampuchea on the principles of fairness and reason."

The statement describes the "increasing tension on the border" between Viet Nam and Kampuchea.

It refers to the process of the negotiations held between the Communist Party of Viet Nam and the government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Communist Party of Kampuchea and the government of Democratic Kampuchea for a rapid settlement of the border question between the two countries.

It adds, "Once again, the government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam proposes that the two sides meet as early as possible, at whatever level, so as to together solve the border issue between the two countries in a spirit of brotherly friendship."

The Vietnamese embassy in China also issued here yesterday a press release on the Viet Nam-Kampuchea border clashes.

The press release says that the policy towards the two countries of Laos and Kampuchea has been clearly put in the resolution of the fourth congress of the Communist Party of Viet Nam, that is: "striving to preserve and develop the special relationships between the people of Viet Nam and that of Laos and Kampuchea," "so that the 3 countries, that were originally attached to each other in the struggle for national liberation, will forever be bound to one another in the cause of national construction and national defence and for the independence and prosperity of each country excl." end item