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WHY DOES VIETNAM OBSTINATELY CARRIES ON ITS DIPLOMATIC MANOEUVRES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA?

Recently, Vietnam has undertaken feverish diplomatic manoeuvres of seduction, in the way of a cat hiding its claws, in Southeast Asia. In this framework, it has sent Pham Van Dong, its Prime Minister, to go, with a cane in one hand, and pay visits to some Southeast Asian countries.

But although its manoeuvres have been ignominiously unmasked right from the beginning, Vietnam continues to carry them out feverishly. It does not hesitate to face about. Neither does it hesitate to lie at the very daylight.

Vietnam is unmasked, so why does it obstinately go on acting like this?

Firstly, Vietnam has acted this way in an attempt at justifying itself on the accusations against it about its aggression against Kampuchea and at washing out its insults and its threats towards the Southeast Asian countries from 1975 to mid-1977. At the same time, it aims at misleading the opinion by making it believe that it has good intentions towards the Southeast Asian countries. Thus, Vietnam has undertaken these steps in a position of one who is accused.

Secondly, Vietnam has carried out these manoeuvres aiming at isolating Kampuchea on the international arena and so, at having the possibility to take possession of her through military attacks. It wants to take possession of Kampuchea to later be able to control and extend its hegemony in the Southeast Asian region.

Thirdly, the expansionist big power has also planned to control Southeast Asia. And in order to achieve its sinister goal, it has used Vietnam as its zealous puppet and mercenary, like it has used Cuba in Africa.

These are the reasons why Vietnam feverishly and impudently carries out its diplomatic manoeuvres. As for the expansionist big power, it encourages these Vietnamese manoeuvres and at the same time, strengthens the Vietnam's forces in the military field by providing it with armament, technicians, advisers and commanders, for the independent, sovereign and non-aligned Kampuchea constitutes a main obstacle for Vietnam and the expansionist big power from achieving their expansionist ambitions.

If the independent and non-aligned Kampuchea was overthrown by Vietnam and the expansionist big power, would the security, independence...
and neutrality in Southeast Asia not be threatened? Would the interests of the countries using the Strait of Malacca and having economic relations with Southeast Asian countries not severely suffer?

The Southeast Asian peoples and countries have more and more clearly realized that the independent Kampuchea is a screen defending the whole Southeast Asia and faces the expansionist ambition of Vietnam and the expansionist big power, its master. The peoples of Asia and the world over have been more and more aware of these problems and enhance their vigilance towards the diplomatic manoeuvres of Vietnam and the international expansionists.

Ignominiously defeated in its strategy of "lightning attack, lightning victory", Vietnam has been driven into an inextricable situation, both at home and abroad, and its manoeuvres of a cat hiding its claws cannot remedy its situation whatever.

The Kampuchea's people continue to always and resolutely struggle in order to fulfill their noble national tasks of defending and safeguarding the independent, sovereign and non-aligned Democratic Kampuchea. Democratic Kampuchea plays a part in the cause of defending the security, independence and neutrality of the Southeast Asian countries.

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