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With Respect to Beloved Brother Pol:

We would like to report on the problem of the removal of people from the East to go to the North. There are some problems on which there is no unity and on which the views and the instructions of the Organization are not being respected. At the reception points, the following phenomena occurred

- On 30 November, both sides were in unity about receiving the persons that the East was handing over at Steung Trang and Preah Prasap. At Preah Prasap, the reception was for those coming from the Chhlaung side. Steung Trang was receiving from the Peam Chi Leang and Krauch Chhmar districts side. The Sector had rounded up the full number of people there were supposed to be removed from Sector 21 and had even transported them to the opposite bank. Both points absolutely refused to accept Islamic people and would take only pure Khmer. Therefore the state of the people who were removed on the 30th is one of terrible chaos.

I immediately gave views and instructions to the Sectors and districts, asking them to suspend things temporarily, while waiting for your views and those of the North Zone. Is it maybe possible that Comrade Pok didn't know about this problem?

I instructed the Sectors and districts to take the Islamic people back to their original villages. The view decided at the meeting stipulated that Islamic brothers and sisters were not to be sent into Kracheh, whereas the Northwest and the North had to accept them in order to split up Islamic people and separate them from the length of the Mekong River, so as to ameliorate the atmosphere some. But now, instead, the Islamic brothers and sisters have not been accepted. Please decide what is to be done about this problem.

In principle, the Zone was to removed 50,000 people and turn them over to the North. Thus, more than 100,000 more Islamic people remain in the East Zone. We removed them only from important points along the length of the Mekong and the border. They were not removed from Tbaung Khmum district. In principle their removal was to break them up, in accordance with your views in your discussions with us already. But if the North refuses to accept them, we will continue to strive to persevere in grasping the Islamic people. That's no problem.

However, the number of persons may not total up to fully 150,000, if the North Zone refuses to accept the Islamic people. ...

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