

**About my contacts before leaving for Mondulkiri**

On 23 March 1977, *Bâng* Nath called Comrade San and me to a meeting about the plan. The meeting was scheduled to take place at Division 703, at 2:00PM on 23 March 1977. The participants of the meeting were Comrade Nath, Chairman; Comrade Pin (ព័ន្ធ); Comrade Nhâ (ញ៉ា); Comrade Dy (ឌី); Comrade Phân (ផាន); Comrade San (សាន); Comrade Chhorn presently at unit 920 and me. Brother Nath raised the following agenda:

- 1. He talked about our anti-revolutionary situation
- 2. Planned directions for individual spearheads
- 3. Other issues

He talked about the Joint Command Committee stationed in Phnom Penh. The whole meeting was in agreement. He talked about the subsequent failures of the struggle against the Communist Party of Kampuchea as the information leaked out, in particular, at the capital the revolution organization were also aware of even our minor activities. As all comrades already knew, our plan in all forms—big and small— activated; the Party had constantly taken measures against us in advance. However, we should not think too much, there were many ways to go further:

- 1. Our forces were in the hands of every unit.
- 2. For the forces that embedded at the base, the Party would not notice them by now.
- 3. The good point for us was that our prominent existing forces stationed in Phnom Penh.

If we examined the situation in general the peace was still existing too much; we will able to be successful in the future. Afterwards *Bâng* Nath assigned the duties to all units for implementation. At the outset, he talked about the forces that betrayed the Communist Party of Kampuchea as follows: At Phnom Penh, there were five divisions namely: Division 703, Division 310, Division 170, former Division 111, and Division 450. At the external side, there were all divisions of the East. They were all our forces. Our Joint Command stationed in Phnom Penh such as Brother Vorn (វ៉ុន), Brother Rit (រិត), and Brother Ân (អ័ន). He set the first plan to fight in rainy season of the year 1977; the second plan was to fight in dry season of the year 1978. The first plan to be carried out in rainy season of 1977; *Um* Vorn decided that all divisions in Phnom Penh delegated to Comrade Pin and Comrade Nhâ to lead the fight in collaboration from the lower echelon of the forces. Because if it could be leaked out, let the forces of the East cooperate with seven divisions of Yuon forces break out through Snuol and Svay Rieng.

Brother set the following spearheads: Division 703 would strike from the South. Division 170 would strike along the riverbank. Former Division 111 would strike through the street of Pochentong. Brother Pin was the Chairman of Command Committee of three

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spearheads and Brother Sok was Deputy Chairman. Comrade Dy would join obviously with Comrades in other units. The spearhead of the North, Division 310 would strike along the riverbank, Old Stadium and Phsar Thmey. Division 450 would strike along the street of Tuol Kok and shake hand with Division 310 and Division 111.

As for the weapons that were previously removed by the Party, Brother Nath, Brother Pin would re-supply. There were plenty of them.

For the northern part of Phnom Penh, Comrade Nhâ was the Chairman, Comrade Yan was Deputy Chairman and Comrade Sorn was a member. Three of them were in charge of leading direct fight. During that time, we did not allow Comrade Vin who just coming from the South-West to be aware of this. This division was under constant supervision of Comrade Yan. It was set to explode the weapons in June 1977. Brother Nath said that he would contact the East for agreement before the final time set. Therefore, he suggested all units to prepare for fight. When the upper echelon needed, we would explode the weapons in the synchronized time. Brother Nath confirmed that he had duties to grasp the situation both outside and inside of the country. Moreover, he was a messenger from the East to Phnom Penh because he had many possibilities. As for Comrade San and me, Brother Nath said that the upper echelon preferred and trusted both of us, even Brother 89, specially, Comrade San used to live with him. Therefore, it was good for both comrades to be obliged to go to Mondulkiri which complied with our request.

He assigned the first duty to keep constant contact with Brother Yi and Comrade Roeun, Kratie Sector, in any circumstances and Second duty, to contact with Yuon. The third duty was to control the unit firmly to persuade them to go against the revolution, that was all for comrades' duties. Due to the long distance, he requested us to carry out these duties on a factual basis. Comrade San and I committed to comply with the plan. During that time, the meeting was over at night on 23 March 1977. After mealtime, Brother 89 called to a meeting in his place about 7 pm. He talked about unit 920. He said that there was no more cadre in this unit. Therefore, Comrade San, Comrade Kim had to replace the cadres in this unit. During that time, Brother Pin came along with. Brother 89 asked whether there were any comments. Comrade San and I answered that there was no question, we could do it. Afterwards, first he advised to keep constant contact with Brother Yi and Comrade Roeun, Sector Committee of Kratie; second, continue to purge the enemies embedded in the unit to avoid obscurity; third, to deal with livelihood of army. After Comrade San and I had understood and committed to achieve the plan, he closed the meeting.

On 24 March 1977, Comrade San and I departed to Mondulkiri. When we had reached Kratie we rested there for three nights. Brother Yi (យី) and Brother Roeun (រ៉េន) came to meet us there. During that time, we did not have a meeting to prepare a traitorous plan because Brother 89 also came along with us. In a meeting, Brother 89 requested to purge hidden enemies burrowing from inside the army and the base. After one day meeting we returned to our own places.

### **About my previous contacts and activities**

At the outset, when we reached Mondulkiri Comrade San and I went to contact a person named Laing of Sector 105 to ask about the situation related to the base and army and then we came back to process the purging of the unit in order not to let them take notice.

In May 1977, Comrade San and I went to the battlefield to contact Yuon at Dak Dam. A Yuon Major named Tiv Deuk (ទីវ ឌីក) came to have a negotiation about ceasefire. From that time until 1977, we never fought each other.

In October 1977, the comrade came to study in Phnom Penh. I was on standby in the unit. When he came back, he called me to a meeting consisting of Comrade San, Comrade Leu (ឡូ), and myself. At the beginning, he talked about study. He said that the Party emphasized about national defense, therefore, we had find out any way not to let the Party take notice on our unit. The comrade added that, the Party made several arrests in Phnom Penh such as in Division 801, Division 703, the General Staff hospital(s). It was fine only in our unit, so we had be careful not to let it leak out.

After the meeting, we divided the following spearheads. I was standby in the province. Comrade Leu stationed at spearhead 91. Comrade San kept contact with Brother Yi and Kuon (ក្លូន), Kratie and Comrade Roeun 801, Ratanakiri. During this time, I did not contact the traitorous forces because I was on standby. As for Comrade San, he came to contact the traitorous forces stationed at Kratie to fight the Party in the dry season of the year 1978, all of them in Kratie knew Comrade San, so it was easy to make contacts at Kratie. The plan in Kratie was continued from that of A Khuon. Comrade San informed Comrade Leu and me that the forces consisting of nine Battalions under the direct command of Brother Yi and Brother Kuon. He added that it was a long distance to contact the forces of Ratanakiri, Comrade San allowed Comrade Leu to keep contact because Comrade Leu stationed nearby Ratanakiri. Comrade Leu went to contact two times to meet Brother Roeun, Brother Son of Division and Comrade Chom, Assistant to Division. When Comrade Leu came back, he reported that Division 801 already contacted Yuon, specially, spearhead 81, they never fought each other. They were waiting for the plan from the upper echelon only. In March 1978, the Party called Comrade San to work at Phnom Penh. Comrade San went to report to Brother Vorn, Brother Rit and Brother Ân at the Ministry of Industry about plotting activities. Comrade San who came to Phnom Penh in March 1978 did not meet Brother Nath. Brother Nath went to the battlefield. Brother Vorn laid out a plan for me to carry out robust activities because dry season plan was approaching. The previous rainy season plan of the year 1977 failed due to the information leaked out and many of our forces were hurt. Upon return Brother San took the opportunity to contact Kratie and to meet with Brother Yi. During the meeting, they agreed to prepare forces, food, and ammunition for fighting the Communist Party of Kampuchea in the dry season. When Comrade San came back to Mondulkiri, he laid out a plan for Comrade Nuon and me to contact Yuon for a ceasefire, to negotiate the same way as we did in Kratie so that our forces were not hurt. Comrade

Leu went to contact Brother Roeun. Comrade San had a general duty to keep contact and ammunition transportation to the stockpile in Kratie so that we could master the situation.

In June 1978, the Party called Comrade San to work in Phnom Penh again. After work, he took the opportunity to meet Brother Nath. During that time, Brother Nath laid out a plan to carry out in the dry season of the year 1978 to oppose the Communist Party of Kampuchea.

I would like to confirm that I received a traitorous plan from Brother Nath to betray the Party only one time. Besides that, I received subsequent plans from Brother San because he came to Phnom Penh frequently. After working with the Party, I went to receive the traitorous plan from Brother Vorn, Brother Ân and Brother Rit. I used to write to Comrade Pin, Comrade Nhâ, Comrade Dy, and Comrade Phôn at Phnom Penh one time in order to ask about the situation. During that time, Brother Pin responded that he was fine. He requested me to implement the duties. He wrote that short.

We stationed in Mondulkiri for one year and seven months. We used to come and be hospitalized in Phnom Penh only one time. Besides that, Comrades San came to Phnom Penh every month.

#### **About Plan to Fight Communist Party of Kampuchea in Dry Season**

In 1978, the plan that Comrade San received from *Um Vorn*, *Bâng Rit*, *Bâng Ân*, said that *Um Vorn* would come to our place in August 1978. We had to be prepared to welcome him. *Um Vorn* told Comrade San to prepare the regiment cadres for working with him (without exact date set) as long as he came back from Ratanakiri; he would then come to our place. The participants who were available in the meeting to receive the plan from Comrade San are in the following:

1. Comrade Leu
2. Comrade Nuon
3. Comrade Ben (វ៉ុន)
4. Comrade Soeun
5. Comrade Chhorn
6. Myself

Before laying out the plan, he raised the issues related the situation of our damaged forces against whom the Communist Party of Kampuchea had taken measures. He raised the failure and damage of our rainy season plan. He reminded of more considerations. He said that on 4 May 1978 the Party had already taken the measures against our forces stationed at Kratie, at the East, and at Ratanakiri.

Now the information leaked out at the East. The fighting forces lost too many. Our forces were put to rout. Therefore, we had to prepare the following plan through the individual spearheads that we grasped. Our forces that would attack from outside consisted of three spearheads. First, to attack and take control the East, second, to attack and take control the South West, third, to attack and take control Kratie and Ratanakiri but the most important is to take control the East because many of our bases existed there.

Comrade San added that the forces of three divisions from outside were purely Yuon. The one division of Khmer forces who defected to Vietnam guided the way. Totally, there were four divisions to fight Communist Party of Kampuchea in the forthcoming dry season. The time set to start fire on 4 November 1978 had already passed. The forces at Kratie were under the direct control of *Bâng Muth*. These forces did not fight the outside forces too much since they were scattered. Now Yuon took control of the territory near O Chhlong (អូរឡុង), Sre Preah (ស្រីព្រះ) since November. Comrade San told me nothing about the inside forces. Before coming, *Bâng Muth* deployed the forces at my side to attack Yuon near Sre Preah. He followed up continuously. I would like to confirm that in November 1978, Yuon entered Ratanakiri, Mondulkiri and Snuol through our plan.

I reported to the Communist Party of Kampuchea honestly. Besides this, I did not grasp it. Regarding my activities, I never travelled anywhere. Only Comrade San who was the secretary of the Division did travel back and forth. I was just a receiver of his plan.

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