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To Respected and Missed Brother Pâ (ប៉ា),

We would like to report about the situation in Sector 23, Sector 24 and the battlefield at Road Number 22 as follows:

1. Situation in Sector 24:

On 16th, we continued mobilizing force to infiltrate their territory; our force smashed 15 *Yuon* enemy and destroyed 5 *Yuon* enemy boats.

On 17 January, from 1 a.m., gun fighting erupted in the vicinity opposite Tuol Daung (ត្នោត ដូង). We swept clean the enemy base and their defence line along the riverside, causing them to disperse and we completely destroyed the enemy in that location.

We launched guerilla attack in their territory, 2 kilometers from our border.

Result: We smashed 30 military houses and burned down several civilian houses. We smashed two enemy motorboats. Their people in the motorboats were all destroyed.

In total, we smashed 30 enemies on 18 January. Also on 18 January, at 3 a.m., we continued firing Rocket 107 into Hok Ngi (ហុកឥ) market. We could not grasp the result, however we saw it was on fire.

Enemy situation: Currently they were 1 kilometer, 500 meters or 200 meters from the border at some locations. At other locations, they were 8 to 10 kilometers away. The enemy had stationed there and built barracks ranging from small to medium to large. Also, they stationed in groups and squads.

2. Situation at Road Number 22:

In the morning of 19 January, we completely liberated Khuoch (ខ្នុច) village and half of Prey Sala (ព្រៃសាលា) village.

Result: We seized some munitions.

3. Situation in Sector 23:

1- Enemy situation: From 15 to 19 January, the aggressive *Yuon* Enemy had stationed at all the spearheads in Sector 23; they made their defence base away from the border. The aggressive *Yuon* enemy had been under our storming attack.

2. Enemy situation: To some extend, they could only use artillery to shell into our territory. As for our situation to the north, our troops went up to smash the enemy near Chkao (ឃ្នោត) pagoda, Prasat

(ប្រាសាទ) village. The remaining enemy retreated to make their preparatory line at Tbèng (ត្បែង) [illegible] riverside. We took control and stationed near [illegible] Preah (ព្រះ), Râmiet (រមៀត) and [illegible] and went up to attack the enemy at Ta Èk (តាឯក) village. At Treung (ទ្រើង) we were attacking the enemy base and they were in chaos.

- From the spearheads of Svay Prâda (ស្វាយប្រដា), Prey Chămkar (ព្រៃចំការ) to Prey Dămbauk (ព្រៃដំបូក) [illegible] and Au Băt Touk (អូរបត់ទូក) (Svay Prâada, Prey Chămkar to Prey Dămbauk and Au Băt Touk), we moved up and made constant attacks at their base. In the morning of 19 January, we went after enemy base in the vicinity to the east of Prey Barăng (ព្រៃបារាំង) and to the north of Au Băt Touk. The enemy fled to the east. We were going after them to smash them more.

- At Svay Rieng spearhead: We went after enemy base. We took control and stationed there. We took a defensive position to the south, 3 to 4 kilometers from the border.

3. People movement: We organized the people and had them all evacuated from the front. The troops were defending the front. Regarding people's organization, we retrieved a large number of people who were herded by the *Yuon* enemy to be under their temporary control and those who believed the *Yuon*. Currently, we have organized to have them returned to the rear for re-education, grouping and screening.

4. Harvest issue: We organized mobile units comprising of good male and female elements to go and harvest at the front. We have bad elements harvest at the rear; they need to be re-educated more.

Harvest result: 2,000 to 7,000 or 8,000 hectares of rice paddy have been harvested in each district. They launched storming attacks to thresh and transport rice to the rear.

60 per cent of medium-term rice was too ripe and lost. A large percentage of long-term rice was also lost as it was too ripe and its stem broke, was harvested late or not collected on time.

Please, Brother, be informed about the above activities.

Respectfully wish you good health and great success.

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Chhon (ឆ័ន)

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