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PLAF IN KONTUM LAUNCH 'VIOLENT ATTACK' AGAINST ENEMY TROOPS

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(TEXT) Developing their initiative on the battlefield at 0500 on 31 March, the Kontum liberation troops launched a violent attack against all the enemy troops stationed on Hill 1,001 in (Ngoc To Ba), 40 kilometers northwest of the Kontum provincial capital. According to preliminary reports, after 5 hours of vigorous and relentless combat, which lasted even into the daytime, the Kontum liberation troops, braving fierce bombs and bullets, overran and seized complete control over Hill 1,001, completely annihilated one combined infantry-artillery battalion of the puppet army--which consisted of one battalion command post, three infantry companies, and one 105mm artillery company--and captured the U.S. advisers and many puppet prisoners. The liberation troops (words indistinct) and a large quantity of military equipment.

HANOI ACCAINS VICTORIES OF INDOCHINA LIBERATION FORCES

SIAM DAN on Quang Nam PLAF

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[NHAN DAN 2 April commentary: "The Quang Nam and Kon Tum PLAF have fought very well."] 1

[Text] In enlating the Route 9 battlefield, the entire vast frontiere has repeatedly attacked the enemy and won new feats of arms. According to HIA on the night of 27 March the Quang Nam PLAF unleashed attacks against the American troops' position at (La Die), completely annihilating Battalion 1746 (42nd Bn), of the U.S. 196th Brigade of the Americal Division. The PLAF killed and wounded nearly 250 enemy troops and destroyed 4 x 105mm howitzers and many enemy barracks and fortifications. They seized many weapons, including 3 machineguns.

On the morning of 31 March the Kon Tum PLAF valiantly attacked the enemy in 27 days, on 1001. The PLAF seized and destroyed many enemy weapons, completely annihilated the puppet infantry-artillery Battalion, captured American advisers and puppet troops and seized many enemy weapons, radio equipment and war materials.

(La Die) in Quang Nam Province and Hill 1001 in Kon Tum Province were the scenes of very outstanding annihilation battles by the PLAF. Quick attacks against the enemy were unleashed. They totally annihilated enemy troops, controlled the battlefields, captured enemy POW's and seized enemy weapons. These victorious battles show firm initiative on the battlefield, skilful combat coordination, and the resourceful fighting methods with high combat efficiency of the PLAF in the two provinces in the central Trung Bo delta and highland.

We warmly acclaim the Quang Nam and Kon Tum combatants and patriots who unleashed vigorous and accurate attacks against the enemy and who were using armed exploits. The battle at (La Die) in Quang Nam Province was a decisive blow dealt to the American troops. It shook the White House and the Pentagon. The American aggressors sustained losses. They had to confess that they were the most serious losses in any one battle of the war.

In totally annihilating a U.S. battalion right in its own zone during a 15 minute period and in completely controlling the battlefield, the Quang Nam liberation combatants have proven their very valiant spirit, skill and good combat ability.

According to Western news agencies, following the PLAF's victory at (La Die) on 27 March the Quang Nam PLAF on four occasions shelled the U.S. airbase at Da Nang and the U.S. base at Chu Lai. The PLAF simultaneously attacked the enemy at the My Dieu concentration camp, 32 kilometers southeast of Da Nang city, annihilating many puppet pacification agents, regional and militia troops, and wounding many pacification agents and spies.