Six Factors Necessary for Victory in the War of Resistance Against Vietnam’s Aggression

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Following the Soviet-backed Vietnamese full-scale invasion of Kampuchea at the beginning of this year, forecasts of doom were being spread in the press by those who haven’t yet learned from the experience of people’s war. There were even those who fabricated and spread rumors that Pol Pot, general secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, had been killed and that the resistance to the invasion had collapsed.

On Jan. 5, 1979, the eve of the seizure of Phnom Penh, comrade Pol Pot issued a statement of major importance. Personally giving leadership to the war of resistance, Pol Pot has advanced the Party’s call for unity of the whole Kampuchean nation and has elaborated six main factors needed for victory.

Beloved Comrades!
Beloved Compatriots!

Having been motivated by a lofty sense of patriotism for many generations against enemies of all kinds who had come and done harm to, aggressed on and annexed Kampuchea, the whole nation and the whole people of Kampuchea have become most accustomed to valiantly uniting together and struggling against these enemies, in their capacity as a nation and a people having a glorious tradition of struggle, a high level of civilization and a lofty sense of heroism.

It is as a nation and a people having such a glorious tradition of struggle that the Kampuchean nation and people have always waged struggle against Vietnam’s strategy, which is aimed at annexing and swallowing Kampuchea’s territory through its strategy of “Indochina Federation.” During the past 48 years, the Vietnamese enemy has unceasingly carried out its strategy of annexation and swallowing up of Kampuchea’s territory through all sorts of maneuvers, sweet or savage, open or secret, threats, subversions, attempts at coups d’état, acts of aggression and invasion. They have carried out all these maneuvers and acts without a break, aiming to carry out their arch-criminal strategy. But this Vietnamese arch-criminal strategy has suffered successive, heavy, ignominious and bitter defeats.

In the face of these great defeats during the past 48 years, especially in 1977 and 1978, the Vietnamese enemy, Soviet international expansionism and the Warsaw Pact have once again attempted to savagely fling themselves about in order to mobilize all their forces, including huge quantities of infantry, tanks, heavy artillery and planes, and to carry out invasions of Democratic Kampuchea, especially since December 25, 1978, which are aimed at annihilating Kampuchea’s nation and people. However, the heroic Kampuchean people and the heroic Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have most valiantly fought against them by holding aloft the banner of Kampuchea’s revolution, the banner of independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of glorious Democratic Kampuchea, the banner of the dignity and honor of the Kampuchean nation and people, and by resolutely fighting against the Vietnamese enemy, annexationists and swallowers of territory, and their master with blazing implacable hatred and high revolutionary heroism.

The news of the victories won on the fronts of Ratanakiri, Mondulkiri, Kratie, East Zone and South West Zone, by the people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea, as well as the sublime and noble revolutionary heroism of the latter, who are determined to fight and to win victory over the Vietnamese enemy, have reached every day the Kampuchean nation and people. The whole nation, people and Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea are filled with a high revolutionary pride towards their heroic comrades-in-arms on these fronts. They have firm confidence in them, respect and admire their lofty revolutionary heroism. This heroism has been written in golden letters in the history of the defense of the continuing existence of Democratic Kampuchea and...
the Kampuchean nation against the Vietnamese enemy and their master.

Concretely, though they have mobilized their forces to invade and penetrate into the territory of Democratic Kampuchea, however deep it may be, the Vietnamese enemy, the Soviet expansionists and the Warsaw Pact are drowning in the immense movement of people's war in the whole of Kampuchea. In Ratanakiri, the people's war against the Vietnamese enemy is vigorously blazing up. In Mondulkiri, the heroic people and the heroic Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea are mobilizing their forces to drive out and destroy the Vietnamese enemy. At the front of Kratie, we are fighting and cutting the enemy into pieces, wearing out and destroying their living forces every day. At the East Zone front, we are valiantly fighting against the enemy. In the South West Zone, the heroic Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea and the heroic Kampuchean people are surrounding the enemy and destroying them piece by piece.

Facing such a struggle by the heroic Kampuchean people and the heroic Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea, can the Vietnamese enemy, Soviet international expansionism and the Warsaw Pact take possession and swallow up Kampuchea's territory? Can they annihilate the Kampuchean nation? Absolutely not. The Kampuchean nation and people resolutely refuse to kneel down in front of the Vietnamese enemy. The experiences in the history of Kampuchea's people as well as those in the history of the peoples throughout the world against aggressors have clearly proved this truth.

Beloved Comrades,
Beloved Compatriots,
The Vietnamese enemy, Soviet international expansionism and the Warsaw Pact are striving with might and main to take possession of Democratic Kampuchea. Do the Kampuchean nation and people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea allow the Vietnamese enemy to swallow Kampuchea's territory? Do they allow the Vietnamese enemy to annihilate the Kampuchean nation? We all together have determined firmly and definitely to keep raising aloft the banner of the Kampuchean nation, her independence, sovereignty in her territorial integrity and national honor and dignity and of the Kampuchean race, although we have to undergo many hardships and sacrifices.

Based on this firm conviction and on our successive experiences, we set up the conception, the position and the lines of struggle and defense of Democratic Kampuchea and Kampuchea's race as follows:
—Firstly: resolutely uniting with the whole Kampuchean nation and people to fight against the Vietnamese aggressors, annexationists and swallowers of territory by destroying the enemy's living forces and safeguarding our own to the maximum.
—Secondly: constantly endowing and strengthening the conception and the position of waging the people's protracted war for defending the territory and to win final victory.
—Thirdly: in order to work out this historic task from one victory to another until the great total and definitive victory, we should:

a. Constantly defend, build, develop and strengthen the Party at every level to make it be the vanguard, leading and fulfilling all tasks in full mastery of the situation under any circumstances.
b. Carry on the tradition of safeguarding, building and developing and strengthening all the people's forces throughout the country based on the worker-peasant alliance. Along with this, we should unite with all Kampuchea's nationals living abroad. All the people of Kampuchea are determined not to become lackeys of the Vietnamese, not to lose their own nation, not to let the Vietnamese oppress, exploit and plunder them at their will. The Vietnamese enemy has increased and is increasing the contradictions between it and the whole Kampuchean nation and people. These contradictions are very deeply rooted and increasing more and more from day to day. So, the Vietnamese enemy is in the blazing flames of the national hatred of the whole Kampuchean nation and people. We are fully aware of the true nature of these basic, sharp and life and death contradictions.
c. We should the whole time, defend, develop and strengthen the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea and in a lively manner and with creativity carry out the line of people's war and the fighting line of the Party everywhere, under any circumstances, in every form, so as to make the Vietnamese enemy fall into the lowest ditch by the forceful movement of our people's war.
d. We should keep on strengthening and developing tremendous movement of production in all fields: agriculture, cottage industry and industry, so as to be the full master of food supplies and various commodities.
e. In every zone and region, the revolutionary backing bases, new and old, should be further strengthened and developed so that we can carry on the protracted struggle in independence and sovereignty to a great extent.
f. We must keep on uniting with all friends in the world, near or far, with all peoples and countries the world over who bring us their support in our struggle for independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, peace and stability of Democratic Kampuchea, of Southeast Asia, Asia and of the world as well.

Through these six above-mentioned factors, we perfectly see that the Vietnamese enemy is facing inextricable difficulties in all fields: military, political, economic, financial. Besides, in the international
arena, they are extremely isolated and they will meet with more and more difficulties.

Therefore, the fact that the Vietnamese and the Soviet international expansionists and the Warsaw military Pact are splashing about in attacking us in a mad dash to tear up and break into Democratic Kampuchea, is but a plain passing parade. Indeed, they cause us temporary tactical difficulties. However, through the strategy of protracted people's war, with its six above-mentioned factors that we are relying on, the Vietnamese enemy will unfailingly and finally be defeated.

It is with the firm belief in our line, in our heroic people, in our Revolutionary Army, in our successive experiences, in the historic world experiences, in the analysis of strong and weak points of the enemy and our own, for the time being and in the future, strategically and tactically, and being granted support to our just cause from friends and peoples and countries the world over, we clearly see that the Vietnamese enemy, the Soviet international expansionists and the Warsaw Pact could indeed make us undergo only temporary difficulties. But, in our prospect's strategic conception, we will certainly win. The Kampuchean nation, people, race, tradition, civilization will last forever.

—Long live the just and clear-sighted Communist Party of Kampuchea!
—Long live the powerful Kampuchean revolution!
—Long live the great Kampuchean people!
—Long live the valiant and powerful Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea!
—Long live glorious Democratic Kampuchea!