

Minutes
Meeting of Standing Committee
Evening of 22 February 1976

Composition: Comrade Secretary - Comrade Deputy Secretary - Comrade Van វ៉ាន់-
 Comrade Vorn វ៉ែន - Comrade Khieu ខៀវ - Comrade Thuch ធុច -
 Comrade Hêm ហែម - Comrade Doeun ឌឿន

Agenda: National Defense Matters

I. Report on the national defense situation

1. The situation on the Eastern border:

Comrade Khieu ខៀវ reported that since early February, Vietnam has acted strongly along our Eastern border, especially in Ratanakiri រតនៈគីរី, Svay Rieng ស្វាយរៀង, and Ka-âm Sâm-nâ ក្រុម សំណ. They have entered and deployed 200 meters to three kilometers from the border, inside our territory. At some locations, they have deployed inside old Lon Nol លន់ ណុល military camps in platoon to company strength. They say their Center sent them.

On the Lao border, some ethnic Lao have come to Traey Au ត្រើយអូរ [literally - stream bank] in our territory.

On the costal border there has been nothing important.

2. The matter of Chinese air and naval assistance:

Comrade Khieu ខៀវ raised a number of issues related to the air and naval assistance and asked for the opinion of Angkar, in particular:

- Combatants to study piloting aircraft.
- Combatants to study making gunpowder.
- Weapons factory, naval base, and airfield, and combat boat construction.
- 64 technicians have recently arrived.

3. Transporting ammunition:

Vietnam has proposed two new sites for handing over to us materials left over from 1975: Svay Rieng ស្វាយរៀង or Memot មេមត់. They say it cannot be loaded for transport by boat.

4. Military hospitals:

Comrade Khieu ខៀវ proposed that Angkar create a military hospital for our soldiers, and proposed using the old Preahketomealea ព្រះកេតុមាលា Hospital.

II. Opinions and instructions of Angkar

1. The problems at the border:

Vietnam's wearing away at the border has two aspects:

- First, they want to pick away at our territory, and that is their general goal.
- Second, their upper echelon has given instructions, or these are individual acts of the people who have left our Kampuchea and of their patrol units along the border.

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Our measures:

A. In principle, [when] we negotiate with them, we negotiate, but importantly, we must prepare defense forces. If we only implement politics or have no military measures, then when they come in large numbers in the future, we will have difficulty resolving that. We must examine the strong and weak points and be ready to fight; when they come, go at them immediately.

B. Must cooperate closely with the bases: Therefore, the military will report to the bases and then to the Staff for information. In Mondulkiri, Comrade Laing is in charge and in Rattanakiri, Comrade Ya is in charge. The important thing is that the army and the bases are in agreement and stick together.

C. Must be vigilant: Defend our forces, do not let them smash our forces, and concentrate on maintaining secrecy, not letting brothers and sisters zoom around in circles. Communications must be quiet

2. Chinese air and naval assistance:

A. Pilot training: Bargain for only two years. Propose setting it up and having a firm Party Committee to lead those going for training.

B. Studying making gunpowder: Must study everything. Some of the students will come from the General Staff and some from the base level, especially from the major Zones.

C. Weapons factory: Everything must be prepared.

D. Defense boats: Use Ream រាម as the Roedê^៧t រ៉ូដេត class boat repair site. Keep two boats at most at Ream រាម; keep the others in waiting far away. Major class defense vessels, anti-submarine vessels, we do not yet accept. Wait for our cadres and combatants to study in their country.

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E. Airfield: Propose the examination of a new site, somewhat deep inside, for example in the vicinity of Tmat Porn^៧g ត្បាតពង or Kampong Chhang កំពង់ឆ្នាំង.

F. Depots: Must be set up in distant places as well.

G. Ammunition transport from Vietnam: Must be prepared to transport. Propose three passes, Snuol ស្នួល, Smach ស្មាច់, or Memot មេមត់. We receive it at the border; do not let them enter our territory.

4. Military hospitals:

Angkar agrees to set up a military hospital in accordance with the proposal of the General Staff.