

FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CONDEMNS CHINA'S
NEW WAR ESCALATION

On May 22, 1984, Chinese troops wantonly shelled many civilian targets in provincial town of Ha Giang, Ha Tuyen province, killing or wounding many civilians, destroying many dwelling houses, and damaging a number of factories and public facilities.

This is a serious war escalation of the Chinese authorities against Vietnam. By opening artillery fire on a densely populated provincial town of Vietnam, the Chinese authorities have revealed more clearly their wicked design of invading Vietnam, violating Vietnam's territorial sovereignty and disrupting the peaceful life of the Vietnamese people in the border area. These cruel shellings on civilians have laid bare the Chinese authorities' deceptive contentions about peace.

This is also an insolent challenge to world opinion which is condemning the Chinese authorities and demanding that they put an end to their war acts against the Vietnamese people.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam severely condemns and denounces the crimes committed by the Chinese authorities and resolutely demands that China immediately stop all those acts./.