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Vietnamese Foreign Ministry's Spokesman  
Condemns U.S. Intervention in El Salvador

Vietnam News Agency (VNA) reported that on February 24, 1981 the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam issued a statement strongly condemning the increased intervention by the United States in El Salvador .

The statement points out that the U.S. itself is sending weapons, war means and military advisors to El Salvador while pressing for direct military intervention by Guatemala and Honduras .

The statement says : ' the U.S is mounting this slander campaign to cover up its blatant interference in the internal affairs of El Salvador and condition public opinion for direct US military intervention to stamp out the just struggle of the Salvadorean people. This is reminiscent of the 'Tonkin Gulf incident' staged by the U.S years ago as a pretext for its criminal war against independent, sovereign Vietnam. The U.S. is also opposing Cuba, Nicaragua, Grenada and other democratic and progressive forces in Latin America, thus threatening the sovereignty and security of the countries in this region. This campaign is a part of the overall scheme of the U.S. to collude with Beijing in order to play the role of an international gendarme against the forces of peace, national independence, democracy and socialism, to create tension and sabotage world peace . '

The statement after hailing the Salvadorean people's struggle as a just one, says that the Vietnamese people 'resolutely support' it. ' We firmly believe that no force on earth can prevent the Salvadorean people from winning final victory' the statement stresses .

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