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CHINA CONTINUES ARMED PROVOCATIONS AND ATTACKS.

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Hanoi VNA 10- Chinese armed forces in the past few days have continued their intrusions, ambushes and shellings in many areas along Vietnam's northern border, particularly in Hoang Lien Son and Ha Tuyen provinces, killing or wounding a number of civilians and militiamen.

- On March 30, more than 20 Chinese soldiers intruded into Pha Long area (Hoang Lien Son province), where they sprang ambushes, planted mines and opened fire on Vietnamese ricefields, logging camps and hamlets, destroying a number of houses and killing a number of animals.

- On March 31, a Chinese platoon in small groups intruded into the area of marker-post 19 in Meo Vac ( Ha Tuyen), took away a number of cattle and killed a Vietnamese militiaman on duty.

- On April 4, Chinese forces fired dozens of mortar shells of various calibres at Bat Sat area (Hoang Lien Son), killing a number of draught animals and destroying large areas of orchard.

- On April 5, dozens of Chinese soldiers intruded into Soay Nguon area (Quang Ninh), ambushed local market-goers, laid mines on their road and opened fire at them. On the same day many other groups of Chinese soldiers made an incursion into Muong Khuong area ( Hoang Lien Son), damaging a truck of the local logging camp, killing four people and wounding two others.

- From March 30 - April 7, Chinese armed boats and ships made thousands of incursions into Vietnamese waters, particularly in Thai Binh and Thanh Hoa provinces, while Chinese aircraft flew hundreds of sorties close to the Vietnamese waters.

- In the same period, the Chinese side continued stepping up its deceptive propaganda and smuggling spies and commandos into a number of areas in Lang Son, Lai Chau and Ha Tuyen provinces for intimidation and sabotage purposes.

The local armed forces and people have duly punished the intruders.

Hanoi VNA April 22. April 4 Chinese artillery shelled Coc Lai village Bat Sat district, Hoang Lien Son province, the area is two kilometres behind the border.

April 4: An ambush was laid by dozens of Chinese intruders in the area of Mao Pai Chai hamlet, Lao Tai village, Muong Khuong district (Hoang Lien Son). The intruders shot afire a car, killing four occupants and wounding two others, and withdrew under cover of an artillery barrage.

April 6: Many Chinese civilian guards crossed the border and felled timber in an area three hundred metres from the border at marker post 20 in Meo Vac district (Ha Tuyen).

April 9: Chinese troops fired at the area of Pa Vay, Su Xin Man district (Ha Tuyen province) killing one civilian.

April 16: Chinese troops attacked with 12.7mm machine gun fire and 82mm mortar fire the area of marker post 10 in Dong Van district (Ha Tuyen). Thirty Chinese troops also crossed the border into the area on a distance of two hundred metres.

April 19: Many groups of Chinese troops intruded into the area of marker post 21 in Meo Vac district (Ha Tuyen), planting mines and firing at villages. A number of cattle were killed. On the same day twenty Chinese troops crossed the border at marker past 4 into Xin Man district (Ha Tuyen), felling thousands of fir trees and destroying a number of houses.

April 20: A Chinese platoon intruded into the area of marker post 4 in Muong Khuong district (Hoang Lien Son), planting mines on roads.

April 21: Dozens of Chinese troops crossed the border into Xi Ma Kai area (Hoang Lien Son), firing at farmers at work.

April 8 - 20: Chinese armed vessels made thousands of incursions into Vietnamese waters from Quang Ninh to Dong Hoi. Chinese fighter planes also flew hundreds of sorties close to the sino Vietnamese border or intruded into Vietnamese airspace especially over Muong Khuong district (Hoang Lien Son).

The Provocators were firmly countered.