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INTERVIEW WITH VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER ON KAMPUCHEA.

Hanoi VNA May 2 - Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach has granted an interview to VNA on the general elections in Kampuchea.

Asked to comment on the slanders issued by Beijing and the imperialist and other reactionary forces against the general elections in Kampuchea, Nguyen Co Thach said: "The general elections held on May 1, 1981 was a political event of very great significance not only for the Kampuchean people but also for peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

To conduct general elections only two years after the overthrow of the Pol Pot clique in a country heavily ravaged by the most brutal genocidal clique in human history and at a time when the Beijing reactionaries are joining hands with the U.S imperialists and the reactionaries in certain Asean countries to interfere and oppose Kampuchea is indeed a very great success.

Within only two years, the Kampuchean people have steadily and quickly revived from the hellish Pol Pot regime. Kampuchea's social and family life, completely destroyed by Pol Pot, has been rebuilt. After their liberation from Pol Pot's bloody hands, the Kampuchean people were threatened by famine. Today, they have averted famine thanks to efforts in production and assistance from brothers, friends and international organisations. This shows that the Kampuchean people are enjoying security and stability, that the revolutionary power in the People's Republic of Kampuchea is effective and that the Pol Pot and other reactionary Khmer clique has no place in this country. The great successes obtained in all fields in the recent period are the firmest foundations for the general elections on May 1, 1981 in Kampuchea. The elections will firmly consolidate and bring into play the Kampuchean people's successes obtained over the past two years.

"While colluding with the US imperialists and their henchmen in Southeast Asia, the Beijing reactionaries are striving to use the Pol Pot clique and the other Khmer reactionaries to interfere in Kampuchea in an attempt to reverse the Kampuchean situation, and maintain tension between the Indochinese countries on the one hand and the Asean countries on the other with a view to opposing the Indochinese countries. The stable situation in Kampuchea

is<sup>a</sup> big failure for them. Therefore, they are exerting all efforts to destabilize it. They describe the general elections as illegal. This cannot plead for their present criminal act of supporting the genocidal Pol Pot clique to oppose the Kampuchean people. They want to make black white by regarding the genocidal Pol Pot clique who oppose the Kampuchean people as legal and describing the Kampuchean people's general elections and exercise of their sovereign right as illegal. That is a gangster's logic.

'All peace and justice-loving people in the world consider the Kampuchean people's general elections as a victory of the Kampuchean people in their struggle against the Pol Pot gang and the Beijing hegemonists who are colluding with imperialism and the reactionaries, a victory of the just cause of the three Indochinese countries and a victory of the struggle for peace and independence of the nations in Southeast Asia.