

LAOS & THAILAND - VILLAGES OF BANE MAI, BANE KANG & BANE SAVANG\*

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STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON LAO-THAI RELATIONS

THE LAO AND THAI PEOPLES HAVE HAD FRIENDLY RELATIONS SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL. THEY HAVE ALWAYS CO-EXISTED IN CONCORD, MUTUAL AFFECTION AND ASSISTANCE. THOSE FRATERNAL RELATIONS HAVE GONE THROUGH TESTS DUE TO THE POLICY OF DIVISION OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTION.

SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, DESPITE THE DIFFERENCE IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE SOME TIMES TENSE BUT NEVERTHELESS THE AFFECTION BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES HAS REMAINED STRONG.

HOWEVER, THE ULTRA-RIGHTIST FORCES AMONG THE THAI RULING CIRCLES ARE OPPOSED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE THAI PEOPLE. THEY HAVE COLLUDED WITH THE CHINESE EXPANSIONISTS AND HEGEMONISTS IN CARRYING CEASELESS SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, DETERIORATING THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES.

A MOST SERIOUS EVENT OCCURRED A YEAR AGO, ON JUNE 6TH, 1984 : THEY SENT TROOPS OF REGULAR ARMY TO ATTACK AND OCCUPY THREE LAO VILLAGES NAMED BANEMAI, BANEKANG AND BANESAVANG IN PARLAY DISTRICT, SAYABOURY PROVINCE. THOSE ACTS CONSTITUTED A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE LAO SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, A BRAZEN VIOLATION OF THE 1979 LAO-THAI JOINT COMMUNIQUES, AN ENCROACHMENT ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES ARE MEMBERS.

NEVERTHELESS, WHILE STRUGGLING TO SAFEGUARD THE COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LPDR. HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS GOODWILL IN TAKING THE INITIATIVE OF SENDING ITS DELEGATION FOR TALKS IN BANGKOK TO SETTLE THE ISSUE OF THE THREE VILLAGES.

THE THAI PEOPLE OF ALL SOCIAL STRATA INCLUDING THAI POLITICIANS THE PEACE AND JUSTICE LOVING GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA AND IN THE WORLD SUPPORT THE JUST POSITION AND GOODWILL OF THE LPDR. RECOGNIZE THAT THE THREE VILLAGES BELONG TO LAOS, CONDEMN THE ACTS OF AGGRESSION TAKEN BY THE THAI ULTRA-RIGHTIST REACTIONARY FORCES THUS ISOLATING THEM IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY AS WELL AS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA. THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMPELLED TO ANNOUNCE AT THE

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39TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR TROOPS FROM THE THREE LAO VILLAGES.

FROM THAT TIME UP TO NOW THE ULTRA-RIGHTIST REACTIONARY FORCES WITHIN THE THAI RULING CIRCLES HAVE NOT WITHDRAWN THE WHOLE OF THEIR TROOPS FROM THE AREA OF THE THREE VILLAGES, THEY CONTINUE COMMITTING CRIMES AGAINST THE LOCAL POPULATION AND REFUSE NEGOCIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN BANGKOK. FURTHERMORE, THEY HAVE INCREASED THEIR COLLUSION WITH THE REACTIONARIES AMONG THE BEIJING RULING CIRCLES, TURNING THAI TERRITORY INTO A SANCTUARY FOR RAILING, FOSTERING AND TRAINING THE LAO EXILED REACTIONARIES AND SENDING THEM BACK TO SOW TROUBLE AND CARRY SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST PEACEFUL CONSTRUCTION WORK OF THE LAO PEOPLE.

THEY ZEALOUSLY SERVE THE BEIJING EXPANSIONISTS AND HEGEMONISTS HOSTILE POLICY AIMED AT WEAKENING LAOS, KAMPUCHEA AND VIETNAM SO AS TO ANNEX THE THREE COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA, CREATING A SITUATION OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE LATTERS AND THE ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES THIS RUNS COUNTER TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH EAST ASIA AND OF THE WORLD WHO WISH TO SOLVE ALL ISSUES ARISING IN THEIR RELATIONS THROUGH NEGOCIATIONS, TO CO-EXIST PEACEFULLY AND MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

IT IS OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE THAI-CHINESE COLLUSION IN THE MULTI-FACETED SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE LPDR., THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND THEIR UTILIZATION OF THE POLPOT GENOCIDE TO OPPOSE THE RIVAL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA HAVE ALL BEEN DEFEATED. THAT COLLUSION HAS CREATED FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE CHINESE REACTIONARIES TO INFILTRATE EVERY DAY DEEPER INTO THAILAND THROWING THAT COUNTRY INTO SERIOUS POLITICAL CRISIS MULTIPLYING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS, MAKING THAILAND'S INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE DROP. FINALLY THE THAI PEOPLE ARE THOSE WHO BEAR THE HEAVY BURDEN OF THOSE CONSEQUENCES. HENCE, A WIDE SCOPE OF PUBLIC OPINION IN THAILAND IS DEMANDING THE ULTRA-RIGHTIST REACTIONARIES WITHIN THE THAI RULING CIRCLES TO PUT AN END TO THEIR COLLUSION WITH THE CHINESE REACTIONARIES THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE A GOOD NEIGHBOURLY POLICY WITH LAOS AND COEXIST PEACEFULLY WITH THE COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA, RESTORE AND DEVELOP GOOD RELATIONS WITH LAOS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT AND CONTENT OF THE TWO 1979 LAO-THAI JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE LPDR FULLY SUPPORT THESE JUST ASPIRATIONS OF THE THAI PEOPLE.

THE LPDR AT ALL TIME HOLDS TO POLICY OF GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS WITH THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND, IT RESOLUTELY MAINTAINS AND DEVELOPS FRATERNAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES AND WILL DO ITS UTMOST

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