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The Viet Cong said yesterday that life has "returned to normal" in Hue, Quang Ngai and several other areas under their control and that nearly 100 government workers and officers have joined their side.

The claim came from the Viet Cong's military delegation to the Joint Military Commission at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut air base. The delegation's chief spokesman, Major Phuong Nam, said:

- In the old imperial capital of Hue in the northern part of South Vietnam the local chapter of the neutralist and predominantly Buddhist Forces for National Reconciliation continues to operate.

- In the provincial capital of Quang Ngai, about 80 South Vietnamese government officers, led by the former intelligence chief, "de-

clared they have quit the Saigon administration to join the regional revolutionary administration."

- In the lower Central Highlands city of Cheo Reo, the hospital is functioning again with its former staff of doctors and nurses. Local Buddhist, Catholic and Chinese-run schools are also functioning again.

- Viet Cong officials in Pleiku and Kontum provinces have distributed "dozens of tons of rice to the provinces' inhabitants" and residents, including Montagnards, "forced off their land by the Saigon administration" over the years, have been allowed to return to their native villages.

- In Kien Duc district of Quang Duc Province, "some 8000 inhabitants removed by force by the Saigon side have returned to controlled zones."