

## Vandalism of Thieu Grave Site Reported

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Nguyen Van Thieu's decision to resign as president of South Vietnam came after he learned that mutinous government troops had bulldozed his family's burial ground at Phan Rang, Newsweek reported in its current edition.

"The rebellious units — marines and rangers—were among Thieu's favorites, but in a culture that holds ancestor worship as the key to social harmony, the destruction of Thieu's ancestors' graves was the most devastating possible repudiation of Thieu and all he

stood for," the magazine said.

Time magazine said Thieu's resignation came after the Viet Cong served an ultimatum on him through U.S. ambassador Graham Martin.

The Viet Cong demanded that Thieu resign within 48 hours or face a Communist attack on Saigon, Time said, adding that the message came as Thieu was being urged to resign by his top generals.

"Thieu accepted the verdict on the spot," Time said.

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