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Saigon's Surrender Texts

SAIGON, South Vietnam, April 30 (Agence France-Presse)—Following are the texts, in unofficial translation, of President Duong Van Minh's address on the surrender of South Vietnam and of the General Staff's order to South Vietnamese forces:

Minh Statement

The policy line we back is reconciliation.

I believe firmly in reconciliation among Vietnamese to avoid unnecessary shedding of the blood of Vietnamese.

For this reason, I ask the soldiers of the Republic of Vietnam to cease hostilities in calm and to stay where they are.

I ask the brother soldiers of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam to cease hostilities. We wait here to meet the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam to discuss together a ceremony of orderly transfer of power so as to avoid any unnecessary bloodshed in the population.

General Staff's Order

Soldiers, regimental commanders, unit commanders, Regional Forces, People's Forces, Self-Defense Forces, I, General Nguyen Huu Hanh, Deputy Chief of General Staff, in the absence of General Vinh Loc, Chief of General Staff, ask you, generals and soldiers of all ranks, to follow strictly the order of the President of the Republic of Vietnam concerning the cease-fire.

The military command is ready to enter into contact with the military command of the army of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam in order to effect a cease-fire without bloodshed.