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TOKYO AP - Cambodia's deposed Prince Norodom Sihanouk and his North Vietnamese allies have declared that the situation in Indochina remains "grave," but "new and better than ever," for Cambodians and Vietnamese who support Sihanouk and Hanoi.

The declaration came in a joint communique issued in Hanoi at the end of Sihanouk's visit to the North Vietnamese capital Saturday. An English text of the communique was broadcast Sunday by Peking's Hsinhua news agency.

The communique said Sihanouk and the North Vietnamese "severely condemn" the United States for "escalating the war against the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples . . . in an attempt to make up for its position of defeat," and to maintain the South Vietnamese government.

It said Cambodian rebels and Vietnamese Communists "have inflicted a serious defeat" on U.S. war policy "and created a new and better than ever situation . . ."

It added: "The current grave situation stems from the fact that U.S. imperialists remain very obdurate and bellicose and have not renounced their schemes of aggression against Vietnam and Cambodia . . ."

The communique charged the United States with "resorting to perfidious maneuvers on the political and diplomatic planes."

Sihanouk heads the exile Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia set up by him in Peking, where he has been living since ouster in March, 1970.

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