

Saigon Reports 73 Violations

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The South Vietnamese government yesterday reported 46 soldiers on both sides killed in 73 Communist cease-fire violations in a 24-hour period.

A South Vietnamese high command communique said 73 Communist violations of the cease-fire agreement were committed from noon Sunday to noon yesterday. It said 30 Communists and 16 South Vietnamese soldiers

died, raising to more than 60,000 the number of persons killed in 11 months of continuing truce violations. Forty more were wounded.

Exactly a year ago, the American command in Saigon announced that 42 U.S. military men became casualties during the last week in December. Most of the dead and wounded were part of the losses accumulated in President Nixon's 12-day intensified bombing of north Vietnam during the closing days of 1972.

The last American troops left South Vietnam March 29, two months after the Paris cease-fire agreement was signed.

In the 11 months following the signing of the agreement, 42,612 Communists, 12,096 South Vietnamese soldiers and 2043 civilians were killed and another 53,553 were wounded, a Saigon high command communique said yesterday.

Spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Le Trung Hien said fighting continued in Quang Ngai province, 318 miles northeast of Saigon. Eleven Communist soldiers were killed Sunday when they attacked Saigon government infantry and militia posts in Son Hoa and Binh Son districts bordering the South China Sea, he said, Saigon government losses were reported as three killed and eight wounded.

Grenade Kills 6 in Cambodia

Phnom Penh

Two women and four children died when a motorcyclist tossed a grenade into a private house in Phnom Penh yesterday.

The children were home on holiday and watching a fight between fighting fish when the grenade exploded, members of the family said.

Three other people in the vicinity were injured by the blast, which blew the house's doors off their hinges and shattered furniture.

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