Heavy Red Attacks in Vietnam

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Communist forces stepped up attacks across South Vietnam to the highest point in four weeks, military spokesmen said yesterday.

The weekend attacks followed by only 24 hours a call by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (Viet Cong) in Paris and Saigon for strict implementation of the Vietnam cease-fire.

The Saigon command said 126 Communist attacks between dawn Saturday and sunrise yesterday killed 131 Communist troops, 35 government soldiers and 12 civilians.

It was the highest level of Vietnam combat since last February 27, when 140 cease-fire violations by North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops were reported.

Spokesmen said the heaviest fighting was in the Central Highlands, 240 miles north of Saigon. Significant attacks also took place around the capital and in the Mekong Delta.

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