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2-Day Record in Bombing of North

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As American Air Force B-52s hit North Vietnam with the heaviest two-day attacks of the war, Radio Hanoi charged yesterday the bombers were conducting "annihilation raids."

The Bombers carried out 11 raids of three planes each in the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday. The previous day, they made 13 raids — matching the highest single - day total of the war.

Radio Hanoi condemned the bombing and claimed one of the "annihilation raids" wiped out a village. The Hanoi official newspaper also accused the U.S. of "escalating B-52 missions."

A typical three - plane B-52 raid will unload 90 tons of bombs and the 24 raids through noon yesterday would have dropped about 2,640,000 pounds of high explosives onto targets in the north.

The U.S. command said all raids were against "enemy supply caches."

United States Navy pilots from the Kitty Hawk reported they blew up an ammunition storage area southeast of the port of Vinh.

The Navy jets set more than 50 fires and reported concussions of the detonating ammunition could be felt at 9000 feet. The pilots said thick smoke blanketed the target up to an altitude of 4000 feet.

There were 120 tactical air attacks over North Vietnam as U.S. pilots tried to hit all possible targets prior to being grounded by a cease-fire.

United States Air Force pilots of the Thailand-based Eighth Tactical Fighter Wing dropped their laser-guided bombs to destroy three 100-mm guns near Quang Khe, the command said.

The ground war in South Vietnam was quiet yesterday for the first time in weeks, and the Saigon command said "no hamlets" in the Saigon were captured by Communists.

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