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# U.S. Intensifies Raids on North

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Some of the most concentrated air attacks of the war have been mounted against North Vietnam during the past two days, the U.S. command announced yesterday.

American officials said the raids will continue until a peace agreement is concluded.

Air Force and carrier-based fighter - bombers made more than 300 attacks Tuesday. During the 24 hours ended at noon yesterday, B-52s flew more than 30 missions against targets in the southern part of North Vietnam.

### AREAS

It was the largest number of fighter - bomber raids on the north in a month. All were concentrated in the four most southerly provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh and Quang Binh.

The violence of the raids brought a protest from North Vietnam against what it charged was "indiscrimi-

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nate carpet bombing of populated areas."

American and South Vietnamese officials say the stepped-up air campaign is directed against a substantial flow of war materiel, including new heavy guns, to the battle fronts of South Vietnam.

### TRAIL

Fighter - bombers and B-52s also attacked enemy troop concentrations in South Vietnam, Cambodia and along the Ho Chi Minh trail.

The U.S. is pushing its own massive supply buildup to the forces of South Vietnam in a bid to beat a cut-off after a cease-fire.

Pentagon sources reported the U.S. has turned over more than 600 planes and helicopters since the big operation began two weeks ago.

About 350 American transport planes have carried 7000 tons of military equipment including artillery, tanks, armored personnel carriers, ammunition and spare parts.

### FIGHTING

Ground action in South Vietnam remained scattered and generally light. 65 Communist soldiers were reported killed in the area.