

# Long Night Of Bombing For Hanoi

While the last air raid warning of the night — the ninth — was finishing at 6:30 local time, intermittent explosions could be heard in the north and an acrid smoke was spreading over the city.

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## Hanoi

Hanoi has just lived through its longest night — being attacked by nine groups of U.S. fighter-bombers.

Starting at 8 p.m. last night and going on until 6 a.m. this morning, the Hanoi region was bombed on nine separate occasions by the American Air Force.

Taking advantage of a relatively clear sky soon after nightfall, then using rockets to light up the night sky, successive groups of fighter-bombers, coming in hour after hour and sometimes half-hour after half-hour, pounded the region north and northeast of the capital.

Since the beginning of the Vietnam war, this was the worst night raid ever carried out on Hanoi, observers said.

The effects of the bombings were felt in the center of city. Everything was shaking dangerously. Doors, furniture, windows in the shelters, where every one had finally taken refuge in the face of the violence of this latest raid, the blast could be felt as it passed between one's legs.