

# Cease-Fire Violations Said to Be Minor

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Monday, Feb. 5—Only isolated minor incidents broke the truce in South Vietnam yesterday as the cease-fire moved into its second week.

For the second straight day, South Vietnamese military authorities reported that there was "no significant action" anywhere in the country.

They also said there was a continuing decline in the number of Communist cease-fire violations, charging that there were only 18 such incidents between 6 A.M. and noon yesterday.

That was by far the lowest number of violations charged by the South Vietnamese for any comparable period since the cease-fire went into effect on Jan. 28.

The new allegations brought the total of reported Communist violations to 1,585. The Communists have also charged

the South Vietnamese with numerous cease-fire violations.

By far the great preponderance of the violations charged by Saigon, according to American analysts who have access to more detailed data than the South Vietnamese make public, involved minor skirmishing or sporadic shelling incidents, especially during the last three or four days.

## Toll of 4,295 Reported

The only incident of any consequence reported by the South Vietnamese yesterday was a clash about four miles northeast of Cai Lay, a district capital in the Delta province of Dinh Tuong about 25 miles southwest of Saigon.

In that clash, the South Vietnamese authorities said, 16

The South Vietnamese say that since the cease-fire began, 3,705 Communist soldiers and 590 Government troops have been killed.

The cease-fire has followed a pattern outlined with what

appears to be remarkable precision by American analysts during the first turbulent days after the truce went into effect.

These officials said then that despite the large number of battlefield incidents reported by the South Vietnamese, in their view the cease-fire was taking hold, there was a clearly detectable decline in the fighting and the situation would soon reach a point of relative calm.

As one such analyst put it the day after the cease-fire started: "The fighting is definitely on a downward trend. I never thought this messy thing would somehow, with Germanic precision, stop with the clock."

On that first day after the cease-fire began, the South Vietnamese said that the Communists had committed a total of 480 cease-fire violations. Yesterday the total of alleged cease-fire violations reported by the Government was down to 102.