

Hanoi Condemns Saigon 'Sabotage'

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North Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Van Dong yesterday attacked "the actions of the Saigon administration, aimed at sabotaging the Paris agreements with U.S. support and approval."

The prime minister addressed the National Assembly upon the reopening of North Vietnam's Parliament after 11 months' interruption caused by American bombing. Other top government officials were present, including President Ton Duc Thang, party secretary general Le Duan and Defense Minister General Vo Nguyen Giap.

For the first time in eight years, the diplomatic corps and foreign journalists were able to attend the session.

Pham said, "It is because the Paris agreements are a very significant victory for our people that the other side not only does not want to carry out all its provisions but is deliberately trying to torpedo their execution."

He said North Vietnam intends to respect the agreements "strictly and scrupulously" and it expects Washington and Saigon to do the same.

Before the speech, one minute's silence was observed in memory of those who had died for their country. After the speech, the

deputies and guests were invited to take a 15-minute "breather."

On the marble steps of the ultramodern assembly building Pham stood talking with a group of girls, most of them leaders of co-operatives.