

# A Saigon Helicopter Is Shot Down

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The Saigon command reported yesterday that Communist troops shot down a South Vietnamese helicopter on a resupply mission northeast of Tay Ninh, a city about 60 miles from Saigon, killing all six soldiers aboard.

Lieutenant Colonel Le Trung Hien, spokesman for Saigon, said the helicopter was hit with a Soviet-built, hand-fired Strela missile.

The Saigon command claimed 128 more violations of the cease-fire during the 24-hour period ended at 6 a.m. yesterday. It reported a total of 5668 alleged violations in the 36 days the cease-fire has been in effect. Despite this high number, U.S. officials say the intensity of the fighting has generally decreased in the past two weeks, with no major battles. Many of the claimed violations involve only minor incidents.

In Cambodia, Communist gunners fired seven mortar shells into the Phnom Penh suburb of Takhmau on Saturday night, killing two persons, including an infant, and wounding 12 military men and civilians, the military high command reported yesterday.

Takhmau is six miles south of the capital, near the site of fierce fighting for control of Cambodia's major southern Highway 2. Fifty miles farther south, the command reported, government troops repulsed an attack on the garrison town of Prey Sandek, killing one Communist and wounding another.

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