

Viet Cong *POWS* Won't Talk In Paris

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The South Vietnamese Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) announced yesterday it will no longer participate in the bilateral political talks with Saigon.

The PRG (Viet Cong) delegation here said it had taken this step "unilaterally" and for an "indefinite" period.

The talks were set up in accordance with the 1973 cease-fire agreement to work out a political settlement for South Vietnam, but have been interrupted for over three weeks.

On April 16, the Saigon government delegation refused to attend the talks in protest against the capture of Tong Lo Chan base by PRG forces in South Vietnam.

The Saigon side has set as a condition for resuming participation that "Communist forces" should return to positions as of Jan. 28, 1973, a condition which the PRG has consistently turned down.

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