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SOUTH VIETNAM -- THE MILITARY SITUATION

Communist pressure against government outposts in Tay Ninh Province continues fairly intense. Government regional forces gave up another outpost in southwest Tay Ninh after the now familiar pattern of armor and infantry assaults preceded by heavy shelling. ernment's commander for Military Region 3, fearing ambush, is reluctant to send army units to help territorial forces under attack at remote outposts.

In the northern section of the country, Communist attacks are still in progress against a government outpost in western Pleiku Province, but the defenders are

still holding on. North Vietnamese pressure in Quang Nam and Quang Ngai has slackened, but the lull undoubtedly is only temporary.

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An 8,000-man Cambodian army force began moving into the area between the Bassac and Mekong rivers yesterday in one of the government's biggest offensive operations in recent years. Khmer Communist resistance has been light so far. Elsewhere, government units from the provincial capitals of Pursat and Kompong Thom--northwest and north of Phnom Penh respectively--have also launched forays into Communist territory.

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