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UNPROVOKED CHINESE INTRUSION INTO LONGJU
AREA ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDER

Government of India lodge strong protest

Following is the text of a note dated December 13 which has been sent by the Ministry of External Affairs to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in India, New Delhi :-

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in India and has the honour to state as follows :-

On the 10th December 1965 about 400 armed Chinese troops entered the Longju area in Subansiri district of NEFA and intruded to a depth of 1½ to 2 miles into Indian territory. Following this unprovoked intrusion, Chinese troops have been digging trenches and setting up military works in this area.

This latest act of calculated intrusion in the eastern sector of the India-China border, has come in the wake of repeated Chinese provocations and intrusions in the other parts of this border. These Chinese troops who had penetrated into Indian territory south of the Tnagla ridge (reference our note of 4th December 1965) are still entrenched there and have been strengthening their position at the Haturia ridge.

These aggressive acts constitute a serious infringement of India's territorial integrity. They are also in gross violation of the Colombo Proposals and China's own statements and assurances.

In their statement of the 1st March, 1963, the Chinese Government had stated:

"With regard to the four areas within the 20 km zone on our side of the line of actual control where there is a dispute between China and India about the cease-fire arrangements, namely, the Chedong area and Longju in the eastern sector, Wunjo in the middle sector and the area in the western sector....our Government in response

to the appeal of the Colombo conference, has decided to vacate them and refrain from establishing civilian checkpoints there after the withdrawal of our frontier guards".

Confirming this Premier Chou En-lai in his letter to the prime Minister of India dated the 3rd March 1963 said;

"Moreover, the Chinese Government has further decided to refrain from establishing civilian checkpoints in the four areas where there is a dispute about the cease-fire arrangement".

In blatant disregard of their own statements and public assurances the Chinese Government have now despatched armed forces to intrude into Longju across the international border of India. This is yet another provocative act in the chain of calculated violations of Indian territory by Chinese troops in recent weeks and, is obviously, designed to further China's scheme of creating tension and conflict in the Indian sub-continent. The Government of India lodge a strong protest with the Chinese Government against these reckless and aggressive actions by Chinese troops.

The Ministry of External Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China the assurances of its highest consideration.

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