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SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT

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The official spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs, made the following statement here today:

On the October 20, 1975, an Indian patrol party consisting of one NCO and five men, while on a routine patrol along India's northern border, were ambushed by a Chinese party of about 40 persons. The ambush was well within Indian territory and in an area which has been regularly patrolled by us for many years and where no previous incident had taken place.

Following this incident, four men were missing and it was subsequently learnt through diplomatic channels that they had been killed. Their bodies have since been returned.

The Government of India have taken a very serious view of this incident and have lodged a strong protest with the Chinese Government against the unprovoked and unjustified firing on the Indian personnel who were on routine duties within the Indian side of the border and against the deliberate killing of Indian personnel performing their routine duty.

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