

QUANG DA PRP INTERZONE C.C. RECRUITING DRIVE - July 1972

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SPECIAL DIRECTIVE

This directive concerns the mobilization of youths to join the ((VC/NVA)) Army and Assault Youth Group so they can contribute to the struggle against the US for national salvation.

1. We are gaining great victories while the enemy is sustaining serious defeats. In his death throes, the enemy sticks to the Vietnamization plan and increases the exploitation of manpower and material resources in support of the war of aggression waged by the US. After suffering great failures on all the battlefields, the enemy has blatantly resorted to many cunning schemes to upgrade troops and conscript youths.

To gain a decisive victory, we must simultaneously cut off enemy replacements by frustrating his troop upgrading and conscription schemes, motivate youths to join our Main Force units and Assault Youth Groups, and recruit as many youths as possible to provide replacements for our combat units. We should observe the slogan: We will become stronger as we continue to fight and will attack the enemy in conjunction with the strengthening of our forces.

During the past, local ((VC)) forces in P6, P9, P10, P13 and P15 ((villages of Hòa Vang District)) made considerable efforts in recruiting youths and replacements for the ((Hòa Vang)) District Unit and for village guerrilla units. Some villages where friendly agents encountered the most difficulties also succeeded in instigating personnel of a People's Self-Defense Force B ((possibly platoon)) to defect to the friendly side. However, their efforts were still limited as compared with the mission requirements and did not catch up with the development of the present situation. Some areas failed to carry out this task. The motivation of youths to enlist in the ((VC)) Army or join Assault Youth Groups was not widely conducted among the people. The above weaknesses are due to the failures of some cadre of Party committees, agencies, branches, and organizations to clearly understand the significance and urgent requirements of this task. They did not provide proper leadership for personnel or set forth organizational methods for proper implementation. They did not make careful preparations or comply with prescribed guidelines in their relationships with the people. Some areas had to force personnel to execute orders.

We should strive to eliminate the above weaknesses and be determined to aggressively and continuously initiate a campaign to motivate youths to enlist in the ((VC)) Army or join Assault Youth Groups.

2. To satisfy the heavy requirements for the development of friendly forces, which is intended to enable us to fight the enemy continually and to gain successes in the shortest period of time, and to implement the resolution passed by the conference held on 31 May ((72)), TC10 plans to initiate a large-scale campaign for a general mobilization of youths to enlist in the ((VC)) Army or join Assault Youth Groups to fight the US for national salvation throughout ((Hòa Vang)) District. The campaign is to be initiated from now ((unspecified)) till the end of Jul 72 (with a climaxing stage to be conducted during Jun 72) with the purpose of fulfilling the following requirements:

In conducting political and ideological motivation activities, we should make all Party members, ((VC)) servicemen, and the people, especially youths, fully recognize their responsibility in and the honor of contributing their efforts to the struggle to defeat the US aggressors in this historically important phase. We should ensure that the mobilization of youths to join the ((VC/NVA)) Army or Assault Youth Groups will exceed the prescribed criteria as far as quotas, desirable qualifications, and recruiting schedules are concerned.

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This is a revolutionary campaign initiated throughout the district which has great political significance and urgent requirements. It is also the immediate task of the Party headquarters the principal mission of the ((Assault)) Youth Group. This campaign will be conducted to motivate youths, including young Party members, to voluntarily fight the enemy.

The Party headquarters, army, and people are required to thoroughly understand this important, urgent task and enthusiastically participate in the campaign to achieve the greatest results. Party committees, branches, and associations (especially Assault Youth Groups) are to have sound leadership, work out specific activity plans, and carefully implement their assigned missions to achieve the following criteria ((concerning the recruitment of youths)) during the campaign:

P6 ((Villages of Hòa Vang District)):	35 youths P11
P7	P12
P8	P13
P9	P14
P10	P15
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The main targets of this campaign are ((RVN controlled)) areas, schools, and youths who come to reside in cities to earn their living. Furthermore, efforts are to be centered on disbanding the People's Self-Defense Force units and instigating their personnel to join the Revolution.

1. Implementation of the ((recruitment)) plan from this date until late Jun 72.

Step 1: The following tasks are to be carried out:

Organize classes for all Party members to study the directives and policies concerning military proselyting, countering enemy conscription, and winning over the people, etc ... ((sic)).

Through indoctrination activities, make ((Party members)) clearly see the purpose and significance of their missions, review past activities in motivating youths to join the ((VC)) Army, and study experiences concerning guidance over the campaign.

Consider the capability of each Party chapter and area in order to work out specific plans for each area to properly implement the motivation task.

During indoctrination activities, all village and hamlet cadre and Party members are to clearly understand their missions of mobilizing youths to join the ((VC)) Army and setting examples for the people by motivating their relatives to enlist into the ((VC)) Army or Assault Youth Groups.

Conduct indoctrination courses among associations on the ten-point military proselyting policy and armed uprising mission and settle problems concerning the registration of youths.

Organize classes for youths in our controlled and disputed areas to study the letter of appeal from the ((Assault Youth)) Group, ((Quảng Đà)) Special Zone. Based on the letter addressed to the people from the Province People's Revolutionary Committee and the letter from the ((Quảng Đà)) Special Zone ((Assault Youth)) Group, motivate youths residing in cities, strategic hamlets, resettlement centers, and schools, to enlist. It is necessary to recruit as many youths as possible to be our hardcore agents and study various recruiting forms appropriate to the campaign.

Step 2: From 1 to 15 Jul ((72)), we are to concentrate on motivating youths to join the ((VC)) Army and closely coordinate the assignment of village guerrillas to higher units with the bringing of youths recruited in urban areas to ((our controlled)) areas. Incite youths residing in resettlement centers, strategic hamlets, and our controlled areas to enlist in the ((VC)) Army and Assault Youth Groups. If conditions permit, we are to organize parties for youths, etc ... ((sic)) to encourage them to enlist in our army.

Step 3: From 15 Jul to late Jul ((72)), hold departure ceremonies before youths are assigned to their units. Pay particular attention to organizing these ceremonies to excite both the youths leaving and those who have to remain in the locality because of mission requirements. As for recruits, we must warmly welcome them, reorganize messing and billeting facilities, conduct indoctrination classes for them, and take care of their daily needs.

2. Leadership task

To successfully plan the recruitment campaign, local Party committees, branches, sections, and associations are to thoroughly understand the following:

Closely coordinate the leadership over the campaign with that over the rising revolutionary movement and combine this campaign with the movement opposing enemy conscription schemes. Increase the number of Party and Group members and develop ((Assault Youth)) Groups to conduct the recruitment campaign successfully.

They are required to thoroughly understand the following main tasks:

Initiate a broad ideological campaign among youths and work out plans suitable to the situation in each locality and objective.

Consider the motivation task the principal mission, properly apply the policy towards the people, and employ youths in the recruitment task. Successfully overcome all difficulties, understand the capability of each individual, and settle the problems concerning the enrollment of youths, and reception and departure ceremonies. Exert every effort to implement the Party's policies concerning land reform, WIA and KIA, etc ... ((sic)).

Party committees at all levels are to concentrate on leading cadre and Party members and promoting their exemplary vanguard role. Branches and associations are to realize their main missions in the campaign. Assault Youth Groups are to act as a key force in bringing the recruitment campaign to complete success.

3. Specific organizational methods

Based on this directive, the district Assault Youth Group Committee is to work out specific activity plans for the successful recruitment of youths.

The Farmers' and Women's Associations are to encourage their members to motivate their relatives and sons to enlist in the ((VC)) Army.

Each locality is to activate a recruiting council supervised by the village unit commander. Branches and civilian organizations are to participate in the campaign by organizing mobile cells to motivate youths and students residing in urban areas, etc ... ((sic)) to obtain good results.

We are now in a most favorable situation which will enable us to effectively strengthen our forces. To successfully accomplish our future missions, we are to recruit as many youths as possible to use as replacements for our units and Assault Youth Groups so as to be able to conduct violent and repeated attacks against the enemy to achieve the decisive victory.

This is the most important and urgent task and is aimed at promoting revolutionary heroism among our youths, leading youths to continue the unaccomplished work of their fathers and brothers to glorify our nation's flag, saving the future of youths, and preventing our brothers and sons from being conscripted by the enemy. To respond to the call of the nation and carry out Uncle HỒ's testament, the people in both NVN and SVN have been ever ready to make noble sacrifices. Many NVN youths have been and are fighting side by side with the SVN army and people to wipe out the US ((aggressors)), overthrow the Puppet clique, liberate SVN, and bring independence to the nation. We are a glorious young generation having the heroic blood of Nguyễn Văn Trỗi and Lê ĐỘ, and born in this country, we cannot refuse the glorious responsibility entrusted to us in this historic phase.

In this significant period of time, each cadre's or Party member's work may affect thousands of other tasks. For that reason, the Current Affairs Committee of the Party headquarters earnestly appeals to all Party committees, branches, civilian organizations, cadre, and Party members to realize the new situation and missions and clearly understand the significance of this campaign in order to make extraordinary efforts and display a high fighting spirit by surmounting all difficulties to successfully fulfill the criteria prescribed by higher echelons.

The Current Affairs Committee earnestly appeals to all cadre, Group members, and youths to understand the present favorable opportunity and the significance of their missions and to rush forward to drive the US aggressors out of this country, annihilate the Puppet troops, fight the enemy for the Party's ideals, and bring a new life to our nation and our families. We are determined to maintain and foster the national tradition and achieve the final victory.

To be deserving of the generation of HỒ Chí Minh's great era, let all youths surge forward.

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For TC10 ((possibly the Current Affairs Committee of the Hòa Vang District Party Committee, VC Quảng Đà Special Zone, VC Region 5))

/S/ Nguyễn Văn Chí

((Footnote)) You may read the last paragraph of the directive concerning the recruitment of youths.

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