

On the same evening the Leaders of the Delegations of India, Canada and Poland met at about 2000 hrs and after discussion decided that an ad hoc team consisting of three officers, one from each of the three Delegations should visit the scene of incident to carry out preliminary investigations. The Ad Hoc Team proceeded to the scene of incident on the 5th May, 1957, leaving Phnom Penh at 0700 hrs and returning on the same night at about 2300 hrs. The Ad Hoc Team submitted its report on the 8th May 1957. In signing the report of the Ad Hoc Team, the Canadian Representative on the Team pointed out that he was authorised to participate in the preliminary investigation only, without prejudice to the Canadian Delegation's view with respect to the Commission's competence regarding border incidents. A copy of the Ad Hoc Team report is given in Appendix 'D'.

A summary of the facts verified by the Team as a result of having visited the village and having questioned the victims as well as persons of the Khmer Border Post were as follows:

(a) 18 Vietnamese military personnel with headquarters at Thanan crossed the Vietnam-Cambodia frontier and raided the villages of Sam Rong and Bathu on the 2nd May, 1957.

(b) Fire Arms were used by raiders causing injury to persons and to the property of the Cambodian residents.

(c) The scene of the raid was approximately 2½ km from the Vietnam-Cambodia border within the territory of Cambodia.

(d) One of the raiders was killed on the spot by the villagers.

(e) One Officer and four Other Ranks were captured by the Cambodian Armed Force and two Other Ranks were captured by the villagers taken as prisoners.

(f) According to Lieutenant Huyn Tan Tai of the Vietnamese Army, the raid was carried out under orders of a Battalion Commander. This Officer stated that he was not sure about the frontier.

The Report was considered by the Commission at an Extraordinary Meeting held on the 9th May, 1957. A copy of the minutes containing the statements of the Leaders of the three Delegations is annexed as Appendix 'B'.

The Canadian Delegate stated that the Commission was not competent to deal with such border incidents involving the Government of the Republic of Vietnam. The Indian Delegate and the Polish Delegate held that the International Commission in Cambodia was competent to take action on reports from the Royal Government regarding border incidents involving the Government of the Republic of Vietnam.

The under-noted resolution was proposed by the Indian Delegation: