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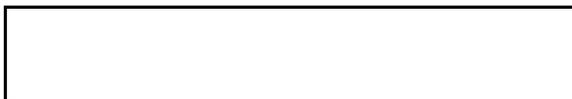


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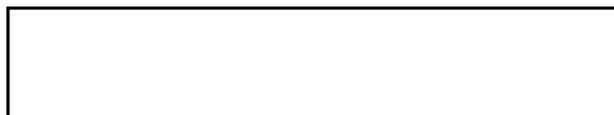
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SOUTH VIETNAM: A second operational SA-2 missile site has been identified in the Khe Sanh area. The first site was detected on 19 March.

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A preliminary readout of photography [redacted] shows that the new Communist site has four missiles positioned on launchers. Two other sites close by are near operational status. One is equipped with three launchers and radar support gear, but no missiles were photographed. The other is under construction. [redacted]

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The new SA-2 sites are part of the continuing Communist air defense buildup in the northern sector of South Vietnam around the military complex at Khe Sanh.

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Fighting remained generally light throughout the country over the weekend, although the Communists maintained their pressure against the government's Ranger camp at Tonle Cham in northern Tay Ninh Province. The South Vietnamese believe that the Communists are readying another effort to retake the coastal village of Sa Huynh in Quang Ngai Province and that fighting also will increase soon around Hong Ngu in the northern delta province of Kien Phong. Both efforts, the South Vietnamese feel, would be designed to secure additional Communist infiltration routes.

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