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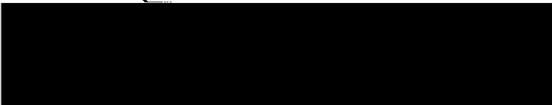
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SCHEDULED DIRECTORATE MEETING ON 18 MARCH TO DISCUSS  
BUDDHIST EXPLOITATION OF CURRENT UNREST

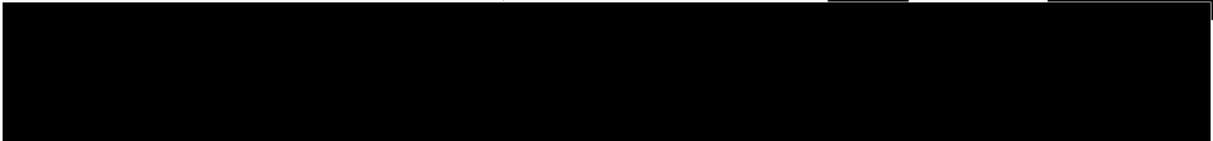
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1. THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORATE ON 18 MARCH. THE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WILL BE THE BUDDHIST THREAT TO THE GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY BUDDHIST EXPLOITATION OF CURRENT UNREST FOR POLITICAL ENDS.

2. BUDDHISTS HAVE BEEN CONTACTING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORATE IN AN ATTEMPT TO ASSESS THE UNITY OF THE GENERALS. CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDER LE NGUYEN KHANG BELIEVES THE DIRECTORATE HAS SUFFICIENT UNITY TO STAND

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UP TO THE BUDDHISTS. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
NGUYEN HUU CO WILL SUPPORT HIS DIRECTORATE COLLEAGUES  
BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN A PARTICULAR TARGET OF BUDDHIST CRITICISM.  
KHANG BELIEVES THE BUDDHISTS MUST BE CONTROLLED EVEN IF  
STRINGENT MEASURES ARE REQUIRED. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE  
THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD COMPROMISE WITH THE BUDDHISTS TO THE  
SLIGHTEST DEGREE.

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