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Appeals to the people condemning Thai Government policy toward Vietnamese refugees in Thailand are distributed by the Viet Minh in Bangkok. The statements are forwarded to left wing organizations and so-called progressive newspapers. Following is the text of one of these leaflets received by Politics Weekly:

"A spokesman of the Government of the Viet Nam Democratic Republic issued a statement on 19 October 1960 expressing the regret that the Government of Thailand has adopted an unfriendly policy toward the Vietnamese nationals in Thailand. The statement reads: 'In order to avoid terrorist acts of the French imperialists, a number of Vietnamese residents in Laos had sought refuge in Thailand. Having the sympathy and the support of the Thai people, those nationals settled down in this friendly country, worked hard and obeyed the law and helped maintain its security. The Vietnamese nationals in Thailand always bear in mind two tasks: to unite and struggle for the liberation of their homeland and to promote the friendship between the Vietnamese and Thai peoples. The Vietnamese people are grateful toward the Thai people for the sympathy they have shown and the assistance they have rendered to Vietnamese nationals who have been able to live and work peacefully in Thailand for many long years.'

"Recently however, the Thai Government suddenly and without any reason took another course of policy toward the Vietnamese nationals in Thailand. It ordered the concentration of Vietnamese nationals, driving them into starvation and misery. The Government and the people of Viet Nam deem it much to be regretted that the Government of Thailand has adopted such a policy which is prejudicial to the friendship between Thai and Vietnamese peoples and hope that the Government and the people of Thailand, following the example of humanity set by Buddha will maintain the same friendly attitude that they have until recently shown to the Vietnamese residents in Thailand."

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