

# January 30, 1970 Letter, UNCURK Principal Secretary Kuzbari to UN Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan

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# **Summary:**

Principal Secretary of UNCURK Zouheir Kuzbari updates Chef de Cabinet C.V. Narasimhan on the NDP's boycott on the National Assembly and the charges and counter-charges between the UN Command and DPRK.

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Dear Mr. Narasimhan,

The prolonged deadlock in the functioning of the National Assembly appears to be on its way for an early solution. As you may recall, the opposition New Democratic Party which was badly defeated in its attempt to block the passage of the constitutional amendment bill supporting President Chung Hee Park to run for a third term in the National Referendum last fall has boycotted the National Assembly since 29 October 1969. Now with the election of Representative Yu Chin San as its new leader, it is hoped that the NDP will stop its boycott of the National Assembly and participate in its February session. The new NDP leader is known for his moderate views and for the necessity of organizing the various opposition groups within the framework of parliamentary debates.

There was an exchange of charges and counter-charges at the Military Armistice Commission meeting held on 26 January 1970 between the United Nations Command and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea sides. Major-General Ri Choon Sun, the DFRK's senior representative, accused the UNC of sending agents to north Korea, bringing weapons into the Demilitarized Zone and introducing new fighters-bombers into south Korea in recent months. The UNC's representative, Major-General A.H. Adams, countered the charges by accusing north Korea of committing a total of 522 Armistice violations in 1969 and in continuing military build-up in north Korea. The incident of the south Korean plane, reported to have been taken to the north on 11 December 1969, was not discussed in the meeting.

With warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Zouheir Kuzbari Principal Secretary

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