

TIMELINE

HISTORY OF VIETNAM

1858

French colonial rule begins.

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1930

Ho Chi Minh founds the Indochinese Communist Party (ICP)

1945

The Viet Minh seizes power. Ho Chi Minh announces Vietnam's independence.

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1956

South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem begins campaign against political dissident.

1960

American aid to Diem increased.

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1962

Number of US military advisors in South Vietnam rises to 12,000.

1965

200,000 American combat troops arrive in South Vietnam.

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1969

Ho Chi Minh dies. President Nixon begins to reduce US ground troops in Vietnam as domestic public opposition to the war grows.

1973

Ceasefire agreement in Paris, US troop pull-out completed by March.

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1995

Vietnam and US restore full diplomatic relations. Vietnam becomes full member of Association of Southeast Asian Nations. (Asean)