

List of Prisoners of Conscience Belonging to Religious Communities

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Following are prisoners of conscience that are members of religious communities.

1. Mr. Bui Van Tham: b. 1987. Residence: 277 Phuoc Hoa Village - Phuoc Hung Subdistrict - An Phu District - An Giang Province. He is a Hoa Hao Buddhist. His sentence is 2.5 years in prison under Article 257 of the penal code, hampering government officials who were carrying out their assignments. Arrested on 07/26/2012, he is currently in Prison A20 in Xuan Phuoc District, Phu Yen Province. His impoverished family faces difficulties in visiting him in such a distant prison.

2. Mr. Bui Van Trung (father of Bui Van Tham): b. 1964. Residence: 277 Phuoc Hoa Village - Phuoc Hung Subdistrict - An Phu District - An Giang Province, is the father of another detainee, Mr. Bui Van Tham. Both are Hoa Hao Buddhists. His sentence is 4 years in prison under Article 257 of the penal code, hampering government officials who were carrying out their assignments. Arrested on 10/30/2012, he is currently in Prison Z30A, Section 2, in Xuan Loc District, Dong Nai Province.

3. Mr. Dau Van Duong: b. 1986. Residence: Vinh City, Nghe An. He is a senior at the Information Technology College and a Catholic blogger who advocates for religious freedom. Arrested on 8/3/2011, his sentence is 3.5 years in prison and 1.5 years of probation under Article 88 of the penal code, spreading propaganda against the socialist government of Vietnam. He is currently in prison in Camp 5, Lam Son, Thanh Hoa.

4. Ms. Do Thi Hong: b. 1957. Residence: Tuy Hoa, Phu Yen Province. She is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". Her sentence is 13 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. Arrested on 2/14/2012, she is currently in Prison Z30A, Section K5, Xuan Loc, Dong Nai Province, and suffers from poor health.

5. Pastor Duong Kim Khai: b. 6/17/1958. Residence: Subdistrict 27, Binh Thanh Province. He is an Evangelical pastor. His sentence is 5 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. Arrested on 08/10/2010, he is currently in Prison Z30A in Xuan Loc District,

Dong Nai Province. His wife passed away in March 2012, survived by a 21 years old son. His impoverished family has difficulty in supplying him with minimal necessities in prison.

6. Ms. Duong Thi Tron: b. 1947. Residence: Tan Hoa Subdistrict, Lai Vung District, Dong Thap. She is a Hoa Hao Buddhist who advocates for religious freedom. Her sentence is 6 years in prison under Article 245 of the penal code, disrupting public order. Arrested on 10/02/2006, she is currently in Prison Z30A in Xuan Loc District, Dong Nai Province. She suffers from low blood pressure and other ailments. Her impoverished family has difficulties supplying her with minimal support.

7. Mr. Duong Van Tha: a Hoa Hao Buddhist currently in Bang Lang Prison in An Giang Province. The government has prevented him from contacting family and friends.

8. Mr. Duong Van Tu: b. 1967. In 1989, he converted to the Duong Văn Minh Protestant Sect in Tuyên Quang. The sect's teachings aim at helping Hmong people shed outdated customs - consistent with the Vietnamese government's New Cultural Life initiative. Mr. Duong Van Tu is a cousin of Duong Van Minh. On October 10, 2013, Ham Yen District's public security agents arrested him as he was visiting Mr. Duong Văn Minh, who was detained in Hospital 198 of the Public Security Ministry. In March 2014 he was sentenced to 21 months of imprisonment.

9. Mr. Hoang Van Sang: b. 1962. In 1989, he converted to the Duong Văn Minh Protestant Sect in Tuyên Quang. The sect's teachings aim at helping Hmong people shed outdated customs - consistent with the Vietnamese government's New Cultural Life initiative. Seeing that the sect has attracted many adherents, the government decided to abolish it. He has been very active in protesting Vietnam's violation of basic human rights and brutal attacks on peaceful Hmong people. He refuses to give up his beliefs. He was arrested on Oct. 10, 2013 in Hanoi. He was sentenced to 1.5 years under Article 258 of the penal code.

10. Mr. Le Duc Dong: b. 1983. Residence: Phu Dien Subdistrict, Phu Vang District, Thua Thien - Hue. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". His sentence is 12 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. Arrested on 2/5/2012, he is currently in prison in Phu Yen Province.

11. Mr. Le Duy Loc: b. 1956. Residence: Khanh Hai Town, Ninh Hai, Ninh Thuan Province. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". His sentence is 12 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to

overthrow the government. Arrested on 2/5/2012, he is currently in prison in Phu Yen Province. His health is poor.

12. Mr. Le Phuc: b. 1958. Residence: Dai Son Subdistrict, Phan Rang-Thap Cham Town, Ninh Thuan Province. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". His sentence is 15 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. Arrested on 2/5/2012, he is currently in prison in Phu Yen and suffers from poor health.

13. Mr. Luong Nhat Quang: b. 1987. Residence: Luong Phuoc, Hoa Phu Subdistrict, Tay Hoa District. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". His sentence is 12 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. Arrested in March 2012, he is currently in prison in Phu Yen Province.

14. Mr. Ly Van Dinh: b. 1963. In 1989, he converted to the Duong Văn Minh Protestant Sect in Tuyên Quang. The sect's teachings aim at helping Hmong people shed outdated customs - consistent with the Vietnamese government's New Cultural Life initiative. Seeing that the sect has attracted many adherents, the government decided to abolish it. He spoke many times to the government's representatives to convince them that they should not coerce people to give up their belief. Arrested in November 19, 2013, in March 2014 he was sentenced to 21 months of imprisonment.

15. Ms. Mai Thi Dung: b. 1969. Residence: My Thanh, My An Subdistrict, Cho Moi District, An Giang Province. She is a Hoa Hao Buddhist. Arrested in August 2005, her sentence is 6 years in prison under Article 245 of the penal code, disrupting public order. She is currently in Thanh Xuan Prison, Ha Noi. She suffers from kidney stones and other ailments. Her impoverished family has difficulty in visiting to bring her minimal essentials.

16. Pastor Nguyen Cong Chinh: b. 1966. Residence: Vinh Quang, Kon Tum Town. An evangelical pastor, he was arrested on 4/28/2011. His sentence is 11 years under Article 87, sabotaging the policy of national unity. He is currently in An Phuoc Prison in Phu Giao District, Binh Duong Province. They gave him frequent beatings in prison because he denied that he had committed any crime. The government has been making life very difficult for his family. He is in poor health.

17. Mr. Nguyen Dinh: b. 4/1/1968. Residence: An Nien Village, Hoa An Subdistrict, Phu Hoa. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". His sentence is 14 years in prison and

5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. Arrested on 2/5/2012, he is currently in prison in Phu Yen Province.

18. Mr. Nguyen Ky Lac: b. 1/1/1951. Residence: Trieu Son Dong, Xuan Dai Subdistrict, Song Cau Town. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". Arrested on 2/6/2012, his sentence is 16 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. He is currently in prison in Phu Yen Province.

19. Mr. Nguyen Van Lia: b.1940. Residence: Kien Thanh Subdistrict, Cho Moi, An Giang Province. He is a Hoa Hao Buddhist. Arrested on 4/24/2011, his sentence is 5 years in prison, later reduced by 6 months, under Article 258, abusing democratic rights in an effort to harm the government's interests. He is currently in prison in Xuan Loc, Dong Nai. His health is very poor.

20. Rev. Nguyen Van Ly: b.5/15/1946, in Ba Binh Village, Vinh Chap, Vinh Linh, Quang Tri Province. A Catholic priest in Hue Archdiocese, he formed Block 8406 (in 2006) and led many protests to demand religious freedom and the return of confiscated Church property. Arrested in 2007, his sentence is 8 years in prison under Article 88 of the penal code, spreading propaganda against the socialist government of Vietnam. He is currently in Nam Ha Prison in Ha Nam Province. His health is poor.

21. Mr. Pham Ba Thong: b. 1962. Residence: Village 2, Phu Le Subdistrict, Ba Tri District, Ben Tre Province. A Mennonite, he was arrested on 7/18/2010. His sentence is 7 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. He is currently in Prison Z30A, Section No. 2, in Xuan Loc District, Dong Nai.

22. Mr. Phan Van Thu: b. 1948. Residence: Section 10, Liem Truc Area, An Nhon, Binh Dinh. He founded the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". His sentence is life in prison under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. Arrested on 2/5/2012, he is currently in An Phuoc Prison in Phu Giao District, Binh Duong Province, and suffers from poor health.

23. Mr. Phan Thanh Tuong: b. 1987. Residence: My Thanh Tung 1, Hoa Phong Subdistrict, Tay Hoa. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". Arrested on 3/8/2012, his sentence is 10 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. He is currently in prison in Phu Yen.

24. Mr. Phan Thanh Y: b. 1948. Residence: Thanh Trung, Hoa Phong Subdistrict, Tay Hoa. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". Arrested on 2/6/2012, his sentence is 14 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. He is currently in Prison T345 in Xuyen Moc District, BaRia - Vung Tau Province.

25. Mr. Thao Quan Mua: b. 1964. In 1989, he converted to the Dương Văn Minh Protestant Sect in Tuyên Quang. The sect's teachings aim at helping Hmong people shed outdated customs - consistent with the Vietnamese government's New Cultural Life initiative. Seeing that the sect has attracted many adherents, the government decided to abolish it. On behalf of the people of his hamlet, Mua tried to convince the government not to destroy the village's collective funeral storage facility. He was arrested on October 10, 2013 when he visited the sect's leader Duong Van Minh in the police hospital 198 in Hanoi. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison in March 2014.

26. Mr. Tran Phi Dung: b. 1966. Residence: Phu Nhien, Hoa My Dong, Tay Hoa. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". Arrested on 2/12/2012, his sentence is 13 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. He is currently in Prison Z30A, Section 2, in Xuan Loc District, Dong Nai.

27. Mr. Tran Quan: b. 1984. Residence: Lam Tuyen, Dran, Don Phuong, Lam Dong Province. He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization "An Dan Dai Dao". His sentence is 12 years in prison and 5 years of probation under Article 79 of the penal code, plotting to overthrow the government. Arrested on 2/12/2012, he is currently in prison in Phu Yen.

28. Vu A Su: b. 1990. He follows the Duong Van Minh Sect. On Nov 24, 2013 hundreds of police officers and militia came to Na Phiao Hamlet to destroy the village's common funeral storage facility. Mr. Su and dozens of HMong believers stood around the facility to protect it. They were beaten, chased by the police. Mr. Su was arrested during the police raid and the storage facility was destroyed. On May 6 he was sentenced to 2 years of imprisonment.