

The Cao Dai Tay Ninh Sect:

A government-created instrument to destroy the Cao Dai Religion

In 1978 Vietnam's Communist Government declared the Cao Dai Religion, which was founded in 1926, to be counter-revolutionary and forced its Sacerdotal Council to cease operations. In 1997, the Vietnamese Government created the "Cao Dai Tay Ninh Sect," appointed to its leadership individuals loyal to the Vietnamese Communist Party and transferred religious properties and assets of the Cao Dai Religion, including its Holy See in Tay Ninh Province, to the new sect.



In 2007, this new sect changed its name to become almost identical to that of the original Cao Dai Religion, and has since proceeded to seize most Cao Dai temples, often with the use of force and violence and with the support of government authorities.

Sect members have committed severe violations of human rights, including torture and cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment against Cao Dai adherents with the aim of coercively converting them. Complaints and requests for intervention filed by Cao Dai adherents have all been ignored by the government.



The Government of Vietnam should:

- (1) Abstain from siding with or aiding the Cao Dai Tay Ninh Sect in its human rights violations;**
- (2) Investigate, prosecute and punish members of the Cao Dai Tay Ninh Sect for criminal acts including taking or destruction of property, use of force, abduction, and illegal intrusion into private homes;**
- (3) Properly adjudicate all complaints by Cao Dai followers against members and clerics of Cao Dai Tay Ninh Sect and ensure just, effective and prompt compensations for financial, physical and psychological damages caused to the victims.**

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