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ACTIVISTS CONVICTED WITH A TOTAL OF IMPRISONMENT OF 300 YEARS & 69 YEARS UNDER HOUSE ARREST

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PEACEFUL PROTESTERS CONVICTED OF A TOTAL OF 121 YEARS AND FIVE MONTHS IN PRISON & NINE YEARS OF SUSPENDED PRISON TERMS

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ACTIVISTS ARRESTED (5 FOR EXERCISING THEIR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION)

IN 2019 AS OF MAR 5

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PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

AS OF MARCH 2019, VIETNAM HOLDS

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Nguyen Bac Truyen (Prominent religious freedom advocate, two-time prisoner of conscience)



Mr. Nguyen Bac Truyen is a Hoa Hao Buddhist who has been imprisoned twice for his peaceful advocacy for religious freedom. As a legal scholar, Nguyen Bac Truyen provided pro-bono legal assistance and training on basic human and civil rights to families of political prisoners, victims of illegal land appropriation, Catholics, Hoa Hao Buddhists, Hmong and Montagnard Christians, Cao Dai followers, and members of other persecuted religious communities. On July 30th, 2017, he was abducted on the street and on April 5th, 2018 was sentenced to **11 years imprisonment and 3 years of probation** on **subversion** charge.

Bui Van Trung (a devoted Hoa Hao buddhist and a respected leader in his local religious community)



Mr. Bui Van Trung is the patriarch of a family whose **5 members** sentenced to a total of **24 years imprisonment and 2 years suspended sentence** for refusing to dissolve the Prayer Hall he established at home. Mr. Trung and his son, **Mr. Bui Van Tham**, are currently behind bars for the second time.

On February 9th, 2018 in a [one-day trial](#) the People’s Court of An Giang province sentenced Mr. Trung, his wife (*Mrs. Le Thi Hen*), his daughter (*Bui Thi Bich Tuyen*), his son (*Bui Van Tham*) and two fellow Hoa Hao Buddhists (*Mr. Nguyen Hoang Nam* and *Mrs. Le Thi Hong Hanh*) to a total of **22 years imprisonment and 2 years suspended sentence** on charges of “*causing public disorder*” and “*resisting persons in the performance of their official duties*” for their objection to police’s brutal disruption and unlawful harassment of Hoa Hao practitioners attending a religious ceremony at the Prayer Hall Mr. Trung established at his private residence.

