

La Thi Ty (born 1977): She is of Thai ethnicity and a resident of Vinh City, Nghe An Province. Leaving her husband behind and two children behind, on October 7, 2018, she went to Saudi Arabia through Bao Son Manpower, a labor export company based in Ha Noi, to work as a domestic servant under a two-years contract. According to the contract she would work 8 hours a day and would be fined 120 million VND for breaking the contract. Her employer/host, a couple with five children, put her to work from 8am to midnight. There were days she had to work till 2am taking care of the children. After 21 months, her original employer/host, a woman, “sold” her to another host. The original host took her to a broker’s place where she was fingerprinted. Afterwards, she found herself placed with a new host, who put her work around 20 hours a day, took away her mobile phone, and gave her insufficient food. After a month and ten days of this treatment, she could not bear it anymore, fled from her host and reported to the police. The host came to the police station to bring her home and then passed Ty to her young sister. She was mistreated again. On September 6, 2020, she fled and sought help from the Saudi police. They dropped her at a shelter. She was transferred to another shelter before arriving at the SAKAN Center. As one of her employers kept her personal documents, she had to pay 6 million VND to a certain Mrs. Thai Ha, who was very close to Mr. Nguyen Quoc Khanh at the Vietnamese embassy, for a temporary passport so that she could register for repatriation. She signed up for registration in April 2021 but has not heard anything back from the labor export company or the Vietnamese embassy.



Lu Thi Tuyet (born 1976): She is of Thai ethnicity and resident of Con Cuong District, Nghe An Province. She was sent to Saudi Arabia by Bao Son Company to work as a domestic servant. When her employer took her home on October 26, 2018, she learned that he owned many houses and she would have to maintain all of them. She called the representative of the labor export company to ask to be transferred to another employer. She was told by this representative to refuse to work and the employer would take her to representative's office. That did not work. Her employer threatened to beat her if she failed to perform. Out of fear, she had no choice but to upkeep the employer's multiple houses. Every day, she worked from 7am till 1am or 2am the next day. Upon completion of her contract, Tuyet requested to go home; her employer explained that there was no flight to Vietnam and continued to put her to work. After two months, she could not bear it any longer. Her head became numb and then half of her body also became numb; she started to limp and suffered memory loss. She was dropped off at SAKAN Center on January 6, 2021. Despite her illness, she was not given any medication or taken to the doctor. She now wishes to go home to be with her husband.



Nguyen Thi Quyet (born 1986): She is of the Hmong ethnicity in Hoa Binh Province. Bao Son Manpower, a labor export company based in Ha Noi, sent her to Saudi Arabia. After completion of her contract, her employer refused to buy her a ticket to go home. As she insisted, suddenly her employer started beating her on her head with a big log. She fell down and bled profusely. The employer's wife struggled for a while to stop the bleeding with bandage. After the incident, Quyet insisted on leaving. Her employer took her to SAKAN Center but kept her personal documents, luggage, mobile phone and other possessions. At the center, she did not get any assistance from the labor export company, MOLISA or the Vietnamese embassy. On April 11, Quyet joined other victims to call for help on Facebook. Soon Mr. Nguyen Quoc Khanh from the Vietnamese embassy came and told me that I had to pay 30 million VND if she wanted to go home. She cannot afford such a huge sum of money.

