

**Three Vietnamese women sold to an employer in Najran, near the border with Yemen:
Nguyen Truc Ly, Lang Thi Loanh and Mai Thi Nau**

Case Summary compiled by BPSOS-CAMSA, compiled on September 3, 2021, updated on October 18, 2021

Information for rescue:

Tel No. of Nguyễn Trúc Ly: 058 2485 014, Lăng (Pinăng) Thị Loanh: +966 556246141, Mai Thị Nâu: +966 5824 90352.

Location where Ly and Loanh are kept: 17.4693961, 44.0994290, which appears to correspond to the address: 2889, Al Hadn, Najran 66292 7626. They know Nâu's location.

Employer's location: 17.469215, 44.099312.

According to them there are many other victims being held with them.



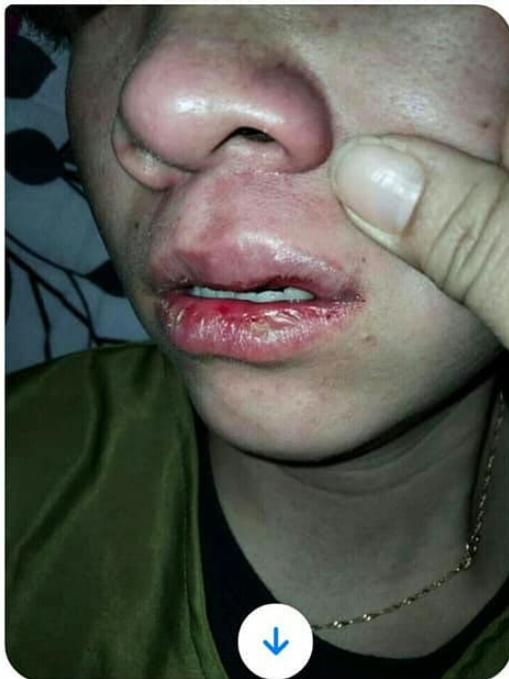
On January 21, 2021, Ms. Thái Thị Hà (aka Thái Hà) escorted by Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, Second Secretary at the Vietnamese Embassy, came to the SAKAN Center to pick up 5 Vietnamese women, telling them that they should pack up to fly home. Once out of the center, they were taken to Ms. Thái Hà's home. After three days, Mr. Khánh sent three of them to a company located in Najran, near the border with Yemen: Ms. Nguyễn Trúc Ly (1966), Ms. Lăng Thị Loanh (1982) and Ms. Mai Thị Nâu (1987).

According to one victim's account, Mr. Khánh told the three women that they must sign a contract to work for two years for a payment of 2,000 Rials per month. Wishing to go home, they would only agree to work on a month-by-month basis. The employer, a Saudi woman, had them beat up so that they sign the two-years contracts -- she had already paid 30,000 Rials for three workers.

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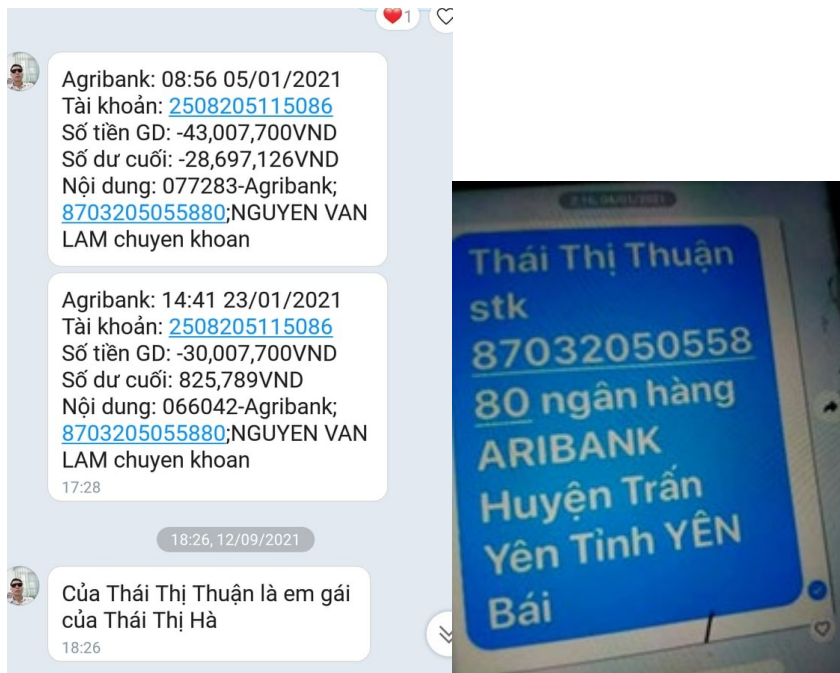
Injuries suffered by one victim. Text message: "Do you have the phone number of Mr. Khanh? Please give it to me. Look at how they beat me. How can I bear it?"

The company that “bought” them runs a maid service. The victims were sent out to work for customers for a few hours, a few days or an entire month.

Each time the victims stopped work to protest their captivity, they were beaten. Four times they went to the police to request that they be taken back to the SAKAN Center. However, after the employer paid a fine of 500 Rials to the police, she was allowed to take them back to the company. As these women still refused to work, the employer finally agreed to release them and promised to send them back to Riyadh if she was refunded the 30,000 Rials she had paid. As no refund has been made, the three victims are still in Najran.

The employer paid Ms. Thái Hà 20,000 Rials for the delivery of the three workers, of which 7,000 Rials were hand delivered in Saudi Arabia while the balance had been wire-transferred to her younger sister, Ms. Thái Thị Thuận, in Vietnam as advance payment. The employer also paid 7,000 Rials for the transport of the three workers from Riyadh to Najran and 3,000 Rials in commission to a middle person who connected the employer with Ms. Thái Hà and facilitated the monetary transactions. The middle person is a Vietnamese by the name Lành, tel: 0593135189; her husband, Nguyễn Văn Lâm (tel: 0967 388 025), effected the money transfer to Vietnam.

The driver, a Pakistani (tel: 0505119776), transporting the three victims was provided with a pass issued by the Vietnamese embassy.



Proof of wire transfers to Ms. Thái Hà’s relative in Vietnam

On September 19, the Saudi police rescued all three victims; a Filipina victim was also rescued at the same time. They stayed in Najran for three weeks to receive full backpay by their employer. On October 11, they were taken to SAKAN Center.



Three Vietnamese and a Filipina victims being taken from police station to a local hotel, Sep 19, 2021

On October 28, Ly left Saudi Arabia to return to Vietnam. Loanh and Nâu could not afford the US \$1,200 airfare to go home. They finally were repatriated on January 22, 2022.

There is no information about the remaining two women that Mr. Khánh and Ms. Thái Hà took out of SAKAN Center. The only information we have on them are their first names: Phương and Thảo.

Between October 15, 2020 and January 20, 2021, Mr. Khánh and Ms. Thái Hà took some 20 Vietnamese workers from SAKAN, including: Hoài, Trang, Bình, Thẩm, Hằng, Chuân, Vy and

others whose names were unknown. Many of them paid 6.000 SR to Khánh and Thái Hà for promised work outside. SAKAN Center should be able to trace them all from its record.

Video clips of the victims' repeated calls for help (around August 20):

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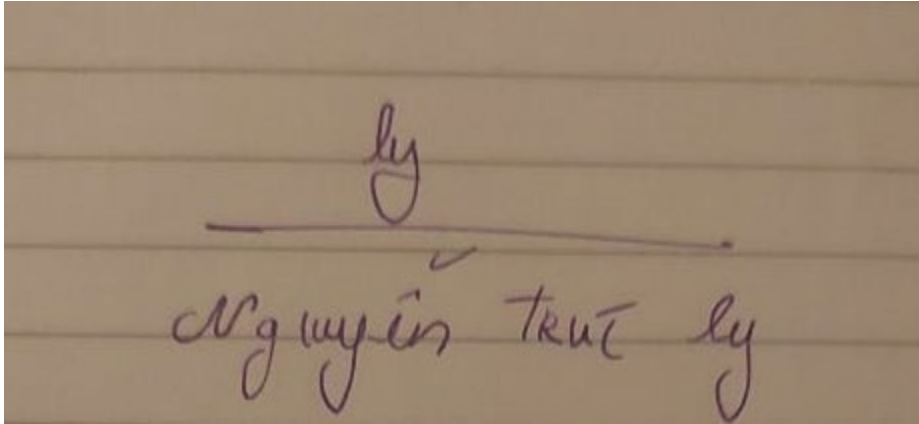
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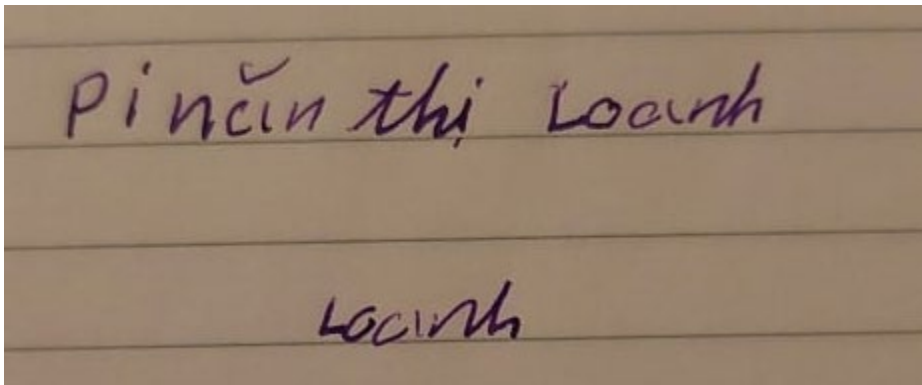
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Appendix A – Consent signatures

Nguyen Truc Ly and Lăng (Pinan) Thị Loanh have consented for the UN and the international community to act on their behalf. Below are their consent signatures.



A handwritten signature in brown ink on lined paper. The signature consists of a stylized 'ly' above a horizontal line, with 'nguyen truc ly' written below it.



Two lines of handwritten text in brown ink on lined paper. The first line reads 'Pinan thi Loanh' and the second line reads 'Loanh'.

Appendix B – Background information on the perpetrators

Ms. Thái Thi Hà (aka Thái Hà):



She came to Saudi Arabia under Vietnam’s labor export program and stayed illegally after the end of her contract. Later, she married a Vietnamese migrant worker by the name Ninh Phan. Although Saudi law would not permit the marriage of an illegal migrant, the Vietnamese embassy somehow made that possible.

Ms. Thái Hà’s phone number: 0581080919. Her Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008731216174>



Ms. Thái Hà and her husband after registration of their marriage at the Vietnamese embassy

Ms. Thái Hà frequently organizes parties at her home or at rented places to attract Vietnamese workers. She then enticed them to leave their employers to work illegally at other places. Reportedly, some of them were paired with clients for sex at Ms. Thái Hà's home. Video of a party held by Ms. Thái Hà on August 30, 2021:

<https://www.facebook.com/100008731216174/videos/2009395232549778/>

Ms. Thái Hà was often seen visiting SAKAN Center with Mr. Khánh. Her phone number: 0581080919. Her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008731216174>

Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh:



He assumed the post of Second Secretary in early 2020. His phone number: +966 570416684, email: khanhnguyenquoc.neu@gmail.com.

Boat People SOS (BPSOS) was founded in 1980 by former Vietnamese refugees. The organization operates in many U.S. cities and in Southeast Asia. In 2008, BPSOS launched Coalition to Abolish Modern-day Slavery (CAMSA), which has since rescued some 5,000 victims of sex and labor trafficking in 24 countries and aided in the rescue of 6,000 labor trafficking victims in Russia. Website: <https://www.bpsos.org/>