

Ms. Y Manh – illegally taken out of SAKAN Center
Case Summary compiled by BPSOS-CAMSA, September 29, 2021



DOB: May 15, 1990

Passport No.: C2900584

Address in Vietnam: Làng Kon Hra Chot, phường Thống Nhất, TP Kontum

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ymanh.ymanh.31>

Tel in Saudi Arabia: 0570394728

Relatives in Vietnam: Y Kher (mother), A Mit (father), Y Khich (younger sister), tel: +84 (0)7946 52264.

Current location: Reportedly at the private residence of Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, Vietnamese embassy's Second Secretary for migrant workers management.

Ms. Y Manh, a Montagnard woman in Kontum Province, signed the employment contract on March 31, 2017 and was sent to Saudi Arabia by Thăng Long OSC labor export company. After 10 months working without pay, she called the company's representative in Saudi Arabia, Ms. Phạm Thị Mây, for help. Ms. Mây is the representative of Thang Long OSC, a labor export company in Vietnam and also of a Saudi human resource company in Riyadh. She took the case to the Saudi police. The police tried to contact the employer to no avail. After seven more months of fruitless attempts, Ms. Mây arranged for Y Manh to leave the employer and stay at the SAKAN Center, a private entity partnering with the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to provide accommodation facilities for distressed migrant workers.

On November 9, 2020, Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, Vietnamese embassy's Second Secretary for migrant workers management, used the authority of the embassy to take Ms. Y Manh out of the SAKAN Center despite her objection and without notifying Thăng Long OSC. He also took two other Vietnamese women out of SAKAN Center along with Y Manh.

Mr. Khánh placed Ms. Y Manh with Ms. Thái Hà. Fearing for her personal safety, Ms. Y Manh called Ms. Mây for help. The latter contacted the shelter's management and learned that there was a request from the Vietnamese embassy for Ms. Y Manh to leave the center and that Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh was the one picking her up. One of Y Manh's calls for help when she was

at Ms. Thái Hà's home, on December 12, 2020, is available at: <https://dvov.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Y-Manhs-call-from-Ms.-Thai-Has-home.mp4>

Ms. Mây contacted Mr. Khánh and insisted that he, now Ms. Y Manh's de facto custodian, must secure the 17 months of backpay for her. Unable to place Ms. Y Manh with another employer without the prior consent of both the migrant worker and Thăng Long OSC, on March 5, 2021, he transferred Y Manh from Ms. Thái Hà's home to his residence. Text message of Ms. Y Manh on August 1, 2021:

01 TH8 LÚC 03:29 AM

Dạ em ra vào ngày 9 tháng 11 ở nhà chị thái hà

Ngày 5 tháng 3 thì em ở nhà anh Khánh



"I left the center on November 9 and stayed at Ms. Thái Hà's. On March 5, I stayed at Mr. Khánh's."

At Mr. Khánh's home, Ms. Y Manh does house chores, including taking care of his newborn, to this day. Mr. Khánh pays her 1,500 Rials a month, turning her into an illegal and reluctant worker. On September 8, in a text message to Ms. Mây, she confirmed that she was still working at Mr. Khanh's house and reiterated her desire to go home. Mr. Khánh did not include her in the repatriation list that he compiled for the September 3, 2021 flight home. It is unclear what Mr. Khánh has done to get the employer to pay her for the 17 months of work.

On September 30, Mr. Khánh took Y Manh to SAKAN Center. He did not include her for repatriation on October 13. Meantime, around the same time, the police of Kon Tum took Mr. A Ngoai, a Montagnard, in for questioning after he visited Y Manh's parents in Vietnam and provided them with the draft complaint against Mr. Khánh and Thái Hà and request for the prompt repatriation of Y Manh. The police asked him for information of the legal expert who helped with the draft and promised to conduct further investigation. The police confiscated two mobile phones from A Ngoai.

Below is the SAKAN Center's record of the release of Ms. Y Manh per the Vietnamese embassy's request:

NAME LIST OF VIETNAMESE WORKERS WISHING FOR
RECEIVING FULL SALARY FROM THEIR SPONSORS
(ATTACHED TO THE EMBASSY LETTER REF No: 20/LS-SA DATED: 09/11/2020)

قائمة بأسماء العمالة الراغبين في
إستلام كامل رواتبهم من كفلائهم
(المرفقة بخطاب السفارة رقم SA.20... بتاريخ: 09/11/2020)

No	Full Name	Date of Birth	Passport & issue date	Travel Document & issue date	Noted & File No
الرقم	الإسم بالكامل	تاريخ الميلاد	جواز السفر وتاريخ إصداره	وثيقة سفر وتاريخ إصدارها	تم القيد ، ملف رقم
1	Y MANH	15/05/1990	C2900584 (21/3/2017)	None	Ask for full salary from sponsor (24 months) before repatriation طلب كامل الراتب من الكفيل (24 شهرا) قبل العودة إلى الوطن

There is no information regarding the whereabouts of the other four workers that Mr. Khánh took out of the SAKAN Center at the same time as Ms. Y Manh.

Tỉnh Kon Tum
Thành Phố Kon Tum
UBND Phường Thắng Lợi

Số: 100/TLKS-BS

CỘNG HOÀ XÃ HỘI CHỦ NGHĨA VIỆT NAM
Độc lập - Tự do - Hạnh phúc

P. Thắng Lợi, ngày 07 tháng 03 năm 2017

TRÍCH LỤC KHAI SINH
(BẢN SAO)

Họ, chữ đệm, tên:

Y MANH

Ngày, tháng, năm sinh: 15/5/1990

ghi bằng chữ: Ngày mười lăm, tháng năm, năm

một ngàn chín trăm chín mươi.

Giới tính: Nữ

Dân tộc: Ba Na

Quốc tịch: Việt Nam

Nơi sinh: Thôn Kontumkonâm, phường Thắng Lợi, Kon Tum

Quê quán:

Số định danh cá nhân:

Họ, chữ đệm, tên người mẹ: Y KHER

Năm sinh: 1968

Dân tộc: Ba Na

Quốc tịch: Việt Nam

Nơi cư trú: Thôn Kontumkonâm, phường Thắng Lợi, Kon Tum

Họ, chữ đệm, tên người cha: A MÍT

Năm sinh: 1968

Dân tộc: Ba Na

Quốc tịch: Việt Nam

Nơi cư trú: Thôn Kontumkonâm, phường Thắng Lợi, Kon Tum

Đăng ký khai sinh tại: UBND phường Thắng Lợi, Thị xã Kon Tum, tỉnh Kon Tum

Số: 272 ngày 21 tháng 9 năm 1990

Ghi chú:

NGƯỜI KÝ TRÍCH LỤC

Phó Chủ Tịch



Trần Thị Thanh Thúy

Birth certificate extract of Y Manh

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 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 for migrant workers management at the Vietnamese embassy in Riyadh 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/>