

**Vietnamese victims of human trafficking continue to face risk
at the SAKAN Center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

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To:

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children
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(1) General Information

Summary

Vietnamese trafficked victims and workers residing at SAKAN Center continue to be spied on, verbally abused, threatened, and physically assaulted by a group of Vietnamese residents led by two individuals with close ties to Vietnamese traffickers based in Riyadh and certain officials at the Vietnamese embassy.

Following the UN's appeal to Saudi Arabia and Vietnam to prevent trafficking of Vietnamese women and young girls into modern slavery in Saudi Arabia, members of Vietnamese-run trafficking rings have increasingly targeted victims at the SAKAN Center who spoke out and the Vietnamese authorities have investigated those in Vietnam suspected of having aided the victims and/or their family members. It appears that the management of SAKAN Center has knowingly or unknowingly colluded with the perpetrators, thus putting victims at high risk of abuses, mistreatment, and violence. Currently, three victims at SAKAN Center need immediate protection:

- H'Thái Ayun, the de facto leader of the group of victims at SAKAN Center who went on Facebook on April 11, 2021 to call for help. Two days later she was directly threatened by Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, Labor Attaché at Vietnamese embassy, of jail term for speaking ill of the Vietnamese government. H'Thái has been the primary target of the said two individuals.
- Dương Thị Sải, a victim of Nguyễn Quốc Khánh and Trương Thị Hiền, the leader of one Vietnamese-run trafficking ring in Saudi Arabia. An associate of Ms. Hiền dropped her at SAKAN Center on September 20, 2021 after intervention by BPSOS.
- Pinăng Thị Loanh, one of the three victims of Nguyễn Quốc Khánh and Thái Thị Hà, the leader of another Vietnamese-run trafficking ring in Saudi Arabia. They were rescued by the Saudi police in Najran on September 19, 2021. Loanh currently stays in the same room as the said two individuals and has been therefore kept under tight surveillance by them.

The perpetrators are two residents of SAKAN Center who reportedly act as operatives of two Vietnamese-run trafficking rings and of officials at the Vietnamese embassy in Riyadh. They are:

- Huỳnh Ngọc Tài
- Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân

Tài and Ngân work closely with both Thái Thị Hà and Trương Thị Hiền and communicate frequently with officials at the Vietnamese embassy including Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, Mr. Hồ An, Ms. Thuý Quyên, and Ms. Huyền. Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân publicly declared that she was appointed, probably by the management of SAKAN Center, as leader of all Vietnamese residents at the center and as such has access to their private information.

Tài and Ngân apparently have the backing of the management of SAKAN Center. Ngân allegedly paid a staff at SAKAN Center 2,000 SAR to turn a blind eye on her sending Vietnamese center residents to work in prostitution outside of the center. Tài and Ngân have turned their living quarters into their unofficial command center.

In the latest incident, on December 11, at around 9am Tài and Ngân entered the room of H'Thái and Sải with the intention to beat H'Thái up. They had to call out for help. Ngân said that she would call Mr. Hồ An from the Vietnamese embassy to come and deal with the two reactionary elements. She then went back to her room and livestreamed on Facebook her denunciation of H'Thái and other victims who cooperated with CAMSA as reactionaries.

Number of Victims: some 20 Vietnamese residents still at SAKAN Center and about ten who have repatriated to Vietnam

Location of Incident: Sakan Shelter, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Nationality of victims: Vietnamese citizenship.

Ethnicity: Kinh, Hmong, Ede, Raglai

(2) Identity of the Persons Concerned

Of all the victims, the following three are the most at risk:

1. H'Thái Ayun, Female, DoB: 24/11/1983, Ede ethnicity
2. Dương Thị Sải, Female, DoB: 02/01/1994, Hmong ethnicity
3. Pinăng Thị Loanh, Female, DoB: 01/01/1982, Raglai ethnicity

All three are Vietnamese citizens. Other victims prefer not to reveal their identities at this time, fearing official retaliation.

(3) Intimidation and threats

The case of Y Manh appears to have prompted Tài and Ngân into action. This case was exposed by Phạm Thị Mây, the Saudi Arabia-based representative of Thăng Long OSC, the Vietnamese recruitment agency that sent Y Manh to Saudi Arabia. After finding out that Y Manh disappeared from the Khadimat Center in late November, Ms. Mây launched a search for her and found out that on November 9, Nguyễn Quốc Khánh and Thái Thị Hà took her and four other workers out of the center. Y Manh initially stayed at Ms. Hà's home. Then on March 5, 2021, Khánh took her to his home, where she did house chores and took care of his newborn for a monthly payment of 1,500 SAR. Ms. Mây publicly challenged Khánh and Hà for illegally extracting workers from the Khadimat Center and denounced Khánh for employing Y Manh illegally (due process would require the involvement of Thăng Long OSC and the signing of a new employment contract). On September 30, 2021 Nguyễn Quốc Khánh dropped Y Manh, a victim of him and Ms. Thái Thị Hà, at SAKAN Center, most probably because of increasing international scrutiny.

Immediately, Tài and Ngân started to attack Mây on Facebook. On October 2, Y Manh posted a video disclaiming all her prior statements, thanking Mr. Khánh and Ms. Hà, and accusing Mây of posting untrue information about her case. At places in the video, it was obvious that Y Manh was repeating what Tài and Ngân told her to say. See:

<https://www.facebook.com/ymanh.ymanh.31/videos/3038756109775818>

They also closely monitor H'Thái Ayun and all victims who joined H'Thái to denounce the traffickers, particularly Dương Thị Sải, Pinăng Thị Loanh, Lê Cẩm Hồng, and Huỳnh Thị Gấm. Other victims targeted by Tài and Ngân included Y Ble, Nguyễn Thị Thanh Hương, Nguyễn Thị Quyết, and Mã Thị Tùng. Tài and Ngân were seen contacting the Vietnamese embassy very frequently.

Soon after the arrival of Y Manh at SAKAN Center, Tài started to post comments on the Facebook page of CAMSA International to attack victims who returned to Vietnam, defaming them, accusing them of being anti-government reactionaries, and threatening them of punishment by the authorities. These victims were among cases that BPSOS/CAMSA reported to the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Trafficking, the US Department of State, and IOM; many of them were rescued by the Saudi police. Following are some key incidents.

November 18: Tài and Ngân started to target H'Thái Ayun, the de facto leader of the many trafficked victims staying at SAKAN. They told Vietnamese residents at SAKAN to stay away from H'Thái if they wanted to return to Vietnam. Tài and Ngân also verbally abused Hồng, Sải, Gấm and Loanh verbally in public.

November 25: Tài and Ngân entered the living quarters of H'Thai, Hồng and Sải to insult and threaten them.

Ngân: *"What the fuck are you, you are beasts, inhuman. Fuck you those liars, snakes. There were 19 people working with police but how dare you upload it online [note of translator: Probably referring to H'Thai's April 11 appearance on Facebook along with other victims]... You posted all the fucking made-up things on the internet. Fuck, maybe they did not abuse you enough, damn. I will beat to death any fucking one behind this... I am not like others who just talk without taking action. I am telling you so you know... Talking about rescue -- recuse your mother fucking cunt... Yeah, I say it to your face. Fuck, anyone dare to challenge me. Can you buy any ticket for anyone to go home? Bastard. Fuck, I do not want to talk but look what you make me do. Dare you to post a new video. Fuck, try to go back home, and let's see. Fuck, I am trying to cook but you choke on my ball. Bloody hell. Try to collaborate with others, fuck off. Damn, 19 victims asking for rescue, fucking your mother cunt 19 victims."*
Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qaHD4SPcLp6bxYq9lY07R9qc3xKWJ4H/view?usp=sharing>

Tài: *"Everyday there are people going back to Vietnam. It's simply a question of whether you have money or not. Everyone, dead or alive, has her own fate. You have met your fate, hence wherever you are you will die. Fuck. Your fate is certainly to die..."* Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SvWTbnekBwMNBfExHy9wHMxON9G26-DO/view?usp=sharing>

Tài (referring to Đinh Thị Ca, a victim who lost eyesight and hearing due to brutal beatings by her employer): *"Fuck. That gal Ca.... finally, last night you, fuck... you slept with boys..."* [in a prior Facebook posting, Tài had falsely accused Ca of sleeping with her male employer

and got beaten by him.] Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PnR3KaMTAdWsEa8RfSfRpMKIBI3VRSKQ/view?usp=sharing>

November 26: At 9am, Tài and Ngân again entered H'Thái's room to threaten her and Nguyễn Thị Thanh Hương after the latter refused to sign up for repatriation through them. Hương, instead, wanted to ask H'Thái to connect her with the international community for help. They cursed H'Thái and Hương loudly so that everyone nearby could hear them.

Ngân: *"Fuck you want rescue. I'll rescue you, crazy bitch, bitch eats shit. Damn, you think I do not know what your plan is? Fuck. If anyone wants to spread the video, I will beat your father till death. Fuck. I swear that if I won't hit you, I am not a human. I've declared from Sunday until now and fuck I hate those videos. If you want to challenge me, come here."*

Audio source link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ywLELSy5p3o8kNN1wk9-K53K0ipRBUH3/view?usp=sharing>

Tài: *"I heard that no one dares to beat you. I declare that I will beat you in your room; I will knock you down. Fuck you, who allows you to come back Vietnam?... Who is that guy? What is he? Thắng... Thắng, what the hell is he? Fuck, they don't know any fucking things, just listening to you reactionaries say, and you want to mess this case up? [She referred to Dr. Nguyễn Đình Thắng, CEO & President of BPSOS and co-founder of CAMSA.]"* Audio source link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_BtI6ECPBHuCG-g313UZceCWwc9dadF9/view?usp=sharing

November 29: At a group meeting, Tài and Ngân cursed all the Vietnamese residents who refused to register with them for the December 10 repatriation flight.

Ngân: *"Which cunt is the United States? Can you just show me, where's the US pussy? Did the United States cunt pick you up? I am fucking tired, my goodness!!! I did not sell you nor persuaded you. Here you sign the contract, you receive money in 2 installments. Who sold you that way? Fuck it, who give you an air ticket, give you money, bring you here and pay your salary. Is that human trafficking? You bastards! Are you deaf? You guys are dogs, not people; dogs even know their owners. Fuck, the dog knows loyalty to its owner. It still knows how to repay its owner, it knows how to protect its owner. As for you, you are less than a dog. You are not human."*

Tài: *"Tài: You grew up in Vietnam but it seems like you resent Vietnam too much. Vietnam, no matter how bad it is, it's not your turn to speak up. What happened in Vietnam will stay in Vietnam, it will not be the United States's business... Fuck, just act like you are a decent person. Taking people's information and posting them to make money for yourself."* Audio source link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lznJxqtx-Hnj_n6_tfgrDia_fm7_tDcK/view?usp=sharing

For the full transcript with partial English translation, see:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mSHElyXFKbjxQ9fhOAA1kt79UNfhE3MVS8WDa4M9u2M/edit?usp=sharing>

(4) Collaboration with Vietnamese embassy personnel

December 1: At around 11:00 AM. SAKAN Center employees asked 32 or 33 female victims to meet Mr. Hồ An, Vietnamese Embassy official responsible for meetings and interactions with exported Vietnamese workers. Mr. Hồ An asked the assembled victims for their names and dates of arrival at the center, and asked each of them what they needed (most wanted to be repatriated). He told them about an upcoming flight on 10 December, 2021 and the priority given to those whose Saudi employers pay for their airfare, with the added priority within this group given to those who have been stranded the longest.

He had managed to talk to only a few victims when Tài interrupted him and asked if the flight would be sent by the Vietnamese government. Mr. An said: yes. Tài and Ngân then took turns to decry that the government was so good, yet reactionary individuals falsely insinuated that the flight was going to be financed by human rights organizations.

Ms. H'Thái Ayun, one of the stranded victims, was being watched by Tài and Ngân. As she took a picture of the meeting, Tài and Ngân warned Mr. Hồ An who ordered H'Thai to hand him her cell phone. She handed it to him. Tài and Ngân grabbed the phone and deleted any new photographs, showed Mr. An the Facebook page of the advocacy group Coalition against Modern Slavery in Asia (CAMSA International), saying that this entity is reactionary because it aims to report negative things about the Vietnamese government.

H'Thái protested being violated of her privacy. Mr. Hồ An did not respond. Ngân said loudly that she was about to smash H'Thái's phone to pieces. Tài and Ngân then intimidated the victims by loudly asking Mr. Hồ An to tell the Vietnamese Embassy to punish H'Thái or else the two subjects would punish her themselves.

Center security personnel intervened to stop the commotion. Tài and Ngân ordered all the other victims to go back to their rooms and pressured those victims to leave the scene. Only H'Thái remained with Mr. Hồ An, Tài, Ngân and a few of Vietnamese residents of SAKAN Center who sided with Tài and Ngân. Tài and Ngân continued to verbally abuse H'Thái in the presence of Mr. Hồ An.

December 7: Two officials from the Vietnamese Embassy, Ms. Thuý Quyên and Ms. Huyền, visited SAKAN Center. Tài and Ngân ordered all workers to lay their cell phones upside down, then proceeded to denounce H'Thái to the two embassy officials, calling her a reactionary who did not dare to return to Vietnam for fear of imprisonment because she had sold her country to foreigners. Tài and Ngân then told other workers not to go to H'Thái's room; those who do would be reported to the Vietnamese embassy and would not be vetted by the embassy for repatriation. Below is the report by Pinăng Thị Loanh, who wishes to remain anonymous because she is staying in the same room as Tài and Ngân. Loanh secretly called Huỳnh Thị Gấm, a trafficked victim who repatriated on October 28. Report by Gấm:

"Today, 7 December 2021, employees of the Vietnamese Embassy - Huyền and Thuý Quyên came to SAKAN Center. Ngân and Tài walked behind these women to a meeting with the stranded workers. Before the meeting started, Tài and Ngân asked the workers to put their phones on the table to make sure no one could record the meeting.

"Ngân and Tài denounced H'Thái as a reactionary and traitor to her country who dared not return to Vietnam, fearing imprisonment. They warned that anyone caught being with

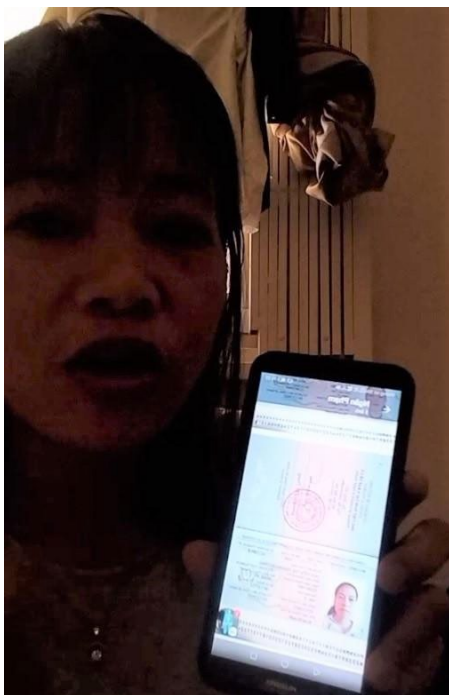
H'Thai in her room would be reported to the Vietnamese Embassy and the embassy would not put them on the list of those who can return home.

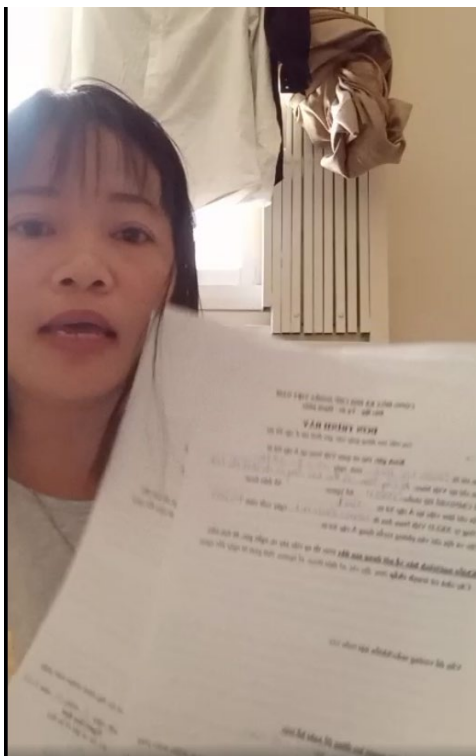
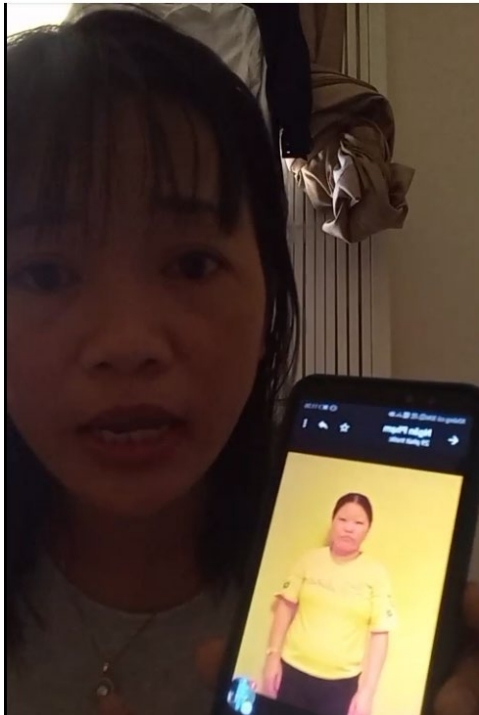
"Ms. Loanh, one of the workers attending the meeting, was confused and afraid because she could not tell if the two speakers were telling the truth or not. Loanh reported to Gấm [in Vietnam] what took place at the meeting.

"Tài and Ngân said to the stranded workers: all the 13 workers who would get on the plane had to pay for the trip. Even Ms. Hồng [Lê Cẩm Hồng, roommate of H'Thai] had to pay. Those who did not pay were not allowed to go home.

"Loanh dared not go to H'Thai to tell her directly."

December 11: At 9am, Tài and Ngân entered H'Thai's room with the intention to beat her up. H'Thai said that she would call the police. In response, Ngân threatened to call Mr. Hồ An to come and deal with H'Thai. H'Thai went to the common washroom to brush her teeth. Both Tài and Ngân positioned themselves outside. As H'Thai went to the SAKAN office to call the police, they left. Tài went out to the court to curse H'Thai, and Ngân went on Facebook to denounce H'Thai and other "reactionaries" who provided information to CAMSA. Ngân disclosed that, as the SAKAN-appointed leader of the Vietnamese group at the center, she had access to the personal information of all Vietnamese residents of SAKAN Center including passport information, exit visa photocopy, intake photos, etc. and information submitted to the Vietnamese embassy. She also affirmed herself being the liaison with the Vietnamese embassy – Vietnamese residents wishing to go home would receive the Vietnamese embassy's registration form from her. As proof, she showed on her smart phone copies of the Vietnamese residents' passport, photos taken by SAKAN Center at intake, and repatriation registration forms submitted to the Vietnamese embassy:





She then instructed Vietnamese workers in Saudi Arabia to not comment on the Facebook page of CAMSA, which she labeled as being run by a group of reactionaries: *“They have Vietnamese blood running through their veins, but they are reactionary dogs.”*

She also affirmed that she was the one who helped the 13 workers in SAKAN to successfully register for repatriation with the Vietnamese embassy.

See original livestream video:

<https://www.facebook.com/100073345864748/videos/421687979628938>

In early morning of December 17, Tài led two other Vietnamese residents to intrude into the room of H'Thai and Sải when these two were still asleep. Tài pulled H'Thai up, cursed her, and threatened to beat her with a fire extinguisher that she brought with her. H'Thai went to SAKAN Center to report the incident while Sải stayed in the room to look over their personal possessions. A few hours later, two officials from the Human Rights Council came to interview H'Thai and Sải and worked with SAKAN Center's management to move them to the section reserved for Ethiopian migrant workers.

On the same day, Tài livestreamed herself on Facebook, cursing "reactionaries" and confirming that: *"I frequently beat up people. You can rest assured about that. I beat them for the right, not the wrong, reason."* See video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YcUMI8Oidwu2FZ-Ziy15_FJ-kLNMLIgi/view?usp=sharing

Both Tài and Ngân returned to Vietnam on January 22, 2022.

(5) Information about the Entity Submitting this Report

NGO: Boat People SOS, Virginia, USA.

Website: <https://www.bpsos.org/>

Contact: info@bpsos.org

In 2008, BPSOS co-founded Coalition to Abolish Modern-day Slavery in Asia (CAMSA).

The victims authorize BPSOS to speak for them.

(6) Additional Background Information About the Perpetrators



Huỳnh Ngọc Tài (left) and Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân

Ms. Huỳnh Ngọc Tài

DOB: October 9, 1988

Passport No. C6013346

Arrival in Saudi Arabia: October 2018 through VINACO

Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/tai.huynhngoc.9081>,
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071004828394>

Tài is the leader of a Vietnamese gang at SAKAN Center that bullies and intimidates Vietnamese residents of this center. Tài stays in close contact with Thái Thị Hà and Trương Thị Hiền, leaders of two Vietnamese-run trafficking rings in Saudi Arabia. As recent as November 20, Thái Thị Hà visited Tài at SAKAN Center, delivering clothing and other items for Tài to sell to other center residents.

Tài has charged several Vietnamese women 60M VND for repatriation service to get them on the repatriation list of the Vietnamese embassy and a one-way ticket on the repatriation flight chartered by the Vietnamese government.

Tài often verbally abuses other residents, threatens violence against them, and regularly goes on Facebook to defame victims who spoke out, labeling them anti-government “reactionaries” and liars. BPSOS has maintained a growing collection of screenshots of her statements on Facebook. Below is a sample:

October 1 (responding to a SBS news story featuring the repatriation of some trafficked victims): *“Rescue the hack damned your father... You took the photos [of repatriated victims] for the story of escapees for reactionary purpose, to sell the country, while you are allowed to go home but did not fucking want to go home... You are exactly the public reactionary and don’t dare to go home, that’s the truth [referring to H’Thái Ayun].”* See original posting: https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2639540286191629?comment_id=2671555752990082¬if_id=1636185094535936¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

October 2 (responding to news update on CAMSA Facebook page about Dương Thị Sải, a trafficked victim): *“You cunt-like liar, claiming that you don’t want to go home -- regardless of how much money you are given, you don’t want to go back to Vietnam. Now you are saying the opposite. No wonder you got to the airport but then dragged by your head back [to SAKAN Center] and still don’t realize that you are a reactionary [referring to Dương Thị Sải].”* See original posting: https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2639867599492231?comment_id=2671064586372532¬if_id=1636135344351008¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

November 16 (responding to a VOA news story featuring 13 trafficked victims staying at SAKAN Center): *“Spreading lies about your country means being publicly reactionary... In Vietnam there is a saying “we don’t beat those who repent. It’s best if you repent in time... I am telling you, reactionaries out there, you should turn around [referring to victims*

interviewed by VOA].” See original posting:

<https://www.facebook.com/192228040922878/posts/2680970152048642/>

November 19 (targeting H’Thái): *“You mother fucker reactionary dog should spread less lies from your cunt... People allowed you to go home 5, 7 times. You replied that you wanted to give your slot to Ka (Đinh Thị Ca). You said that you did not like Vietnam. You took money from reactionaries and became confused. Remember that, either you stay or go home, you have no value to the American reactionaries... If you continue to speak recklessly, not you but your entire family will be exiled to an island [referring to a high-security prison]. You grew up in Vietnam, eat Vietnam’s rice; now you went overseas and I don’t know what little law that you know, but you turned reactionary, you dog eat shit.”* See original posting:

<https://www.facebook.com/192228040922878/posts/2683525898459734/>

November 27 (targeting Dương Thị Sải): *“I know the reactionary dog that you are, who runs out of money, hence posting this story. Fuck you.”* See original posting:

https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2690241804454810?comment_id=2690942291051428¬if_id=1637959707045678¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

December 10 (commenting on the call for help of a trafficked victim): *“Before you try to get money from others’ stories, you must admit the truth, reactionary dog... You are truly a reactionary being guided by others.”* See original posting:

https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2700056263473364?comment_id=2702618169883840¬if_id=1638970838859223¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

December 10 (responding to a posting on CAMSA Facebook page about its being “opinion shapers” with negative comments): *“Once a reactionary, you are a reactionary for ever... You speak while hiding behind the reactionaries. I dare you to show your true identity. You are the type that eats the shit of reactionaries...”* See original posting:

https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2699287623550228?notif_id=1639120826781690¬if_t=page_tag&ref=notif

December 11 (responding to posting on CAMSA Facebook page about three victims being repatriated): *“There is no trafficking here. When one left [for Saudi Arabia] and received money, one must work. When one did the work, one must be happy... Why posting reactionary information to cause dissent between two countries? Not good.”* See original posting:

https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2702415859904071?comment_id=2702675339878123¬if_id=1639200173510760¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

December 19 (responding to

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/langviettrongtoi/posts/670233820662440/>

Screenshots of Tài’s threatening and cursing on Facebook trafficked victims who spoke out against the traffickers are included in Appendix A.

On November 9, Tài called Hồng, a trafficked victim who entered SAKAN Center on October 7, to show up at the center’s office. According to Tài, a former employer of Hồng was at the

office to pick her up and take her home. At the office, a female Center staff told HỒNG that the man claiming to be her former owner offered to pay for her repatriation if HỒNG followed him home. However, HỒNG found that man was a total stranger, refused to speak to him, and returned to her room. Tài started targeting HỒNG, viewing the latter as an ally of H'Thái.

On November 29, Tài called and cursed Phạm Thị Mây, who worked for Thăng Long OSC as its Saudi Arabia-based representative – Mây returned to Vietnam in December 2020 to recuperate from COVID-19. She was the one who exposed the trafficking of Pinăng Thị Loanh, Y Manh and other workers by Thái Thị Hà and Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, the Labor Attaché.

Tài: *"You are not a fucking hero. If you think you are good, try to admit any thing you do. Like me, I curse you, I point my finger in your cunt face to curse you. The horse slut. Fuck you, if the police don't come to your house, I will cook chicken for you to eat. Hey bitch, dare you to speak out, you are in Vietnam. Fuck you. You devil. You guys want to be reactionaries, then do it yourself, don't get others involved. You call your entire family to be reactionary with you, you bitch."* Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lBfji0yoyX4choOMqZ3oWFqxNtE5b3HI/view?usp=sharing>

Tài: *"You slut bitch! Your vein is Vietnamese blood, not the blood of reactionaries, nor reactionary dogs from the United States. If the United States sent an airplane to pick us up, then it would be a rescue. The United States come to our aid, hey, aid fuckin' your bitch mother, you slut."* Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gl18ih2biCyz6CXdvP7dZXUE9ny-xgNc/view?usp=sharing>

On December 9, Phạm Thị Mây was visited by public security agents from the provincial government. They inquired her about her involvement with reactionary groups overseas. Mây took that opportunity to denounce the human trafficking activities of Nguyễn Quốc Khánh. The public security agents left. The following day, Mây flew to Saudi Arabia as she had planned a month before.

In mid-October, the police in Kontum Province summoned A Ngoai, a Montagnard Christian lay leader, to the police station for investigation regarding his contacting Y Manh's parents and offering them help to get her rescued and repatriated. The police confiscated A Ngoai's cell phone.

On December 12, Tài told a delegation of four Arab officials visiting SAKAN Center that she decided to stay in Saudi Arabia.

Many Vietnamese residents have reported Tài's misdeeds at SAKAN Center:

1. Tài allegedly stole money from Ms. Y Ble and Ms. Y Nua. Y Ble repatriated on December 11 and Y Nua on September 3.
2. During a dispute on August 17, Tài threatened Ms. Nguyễn Thị Thanh Hương with an empty glass bottle during an argument, then pounded the table, causing the glass bottle to hit and injure the wrist of Ms. Hoàng Thị A Sin. A Sri Lankan staff of SAKAN Center intervened and stopped Tài's physical assault. Ms. Hương repatriated on December 11 and A Sin on October 13.

3. Tài assaulted Ms. Phạm Thị Phi. In October 2021, Ms. Phi was using the toilet in the shelter. Tài knocked and yelled. Phi said she needed to use the toilet for a few more minutes. When Phi came out, Tài grabbed her throat and started choking her. Phi cried out. Others rushed to the scene and stopped Tài. Tài violently surged forward even when Ms. Nguyễn Thị Thanh Hương had pushed Tài's hand from the throat of Phi. As Hương went to seek help from the shelter's office, Tài resumed her attack, pulling hard on Phi's necklace until it broke. The other Vietnamese women tried to stop the violent act and scolded Tài. Phi returned to Vietnam on October 13.
4. Many rescued victims staying at SAKAN Center reported being spied on by Tài, who maintains frequent contact with officials at the Vietnamese embassy. Tài confirmed her close ties to the Vietnamese embassy in a livestreamed video of the farewell party on December 9 that she organized for those about to be repatriated. According to Tài, the party was funded mainly by the Vietnamese embassy per her request. At the party, Tài instructed prospective returnees to say that the Vietnamese government sent a charter flight to rescue them, not the international community. See:
https://web.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2702415859904071?comment_id=2702608756551448

Ms. Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân

DOB: September 30, 1984

Passport No. C314714

Arrival in Saudi Arabia: August 2017, through LETCO

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/872481473101933/user/100073345864748/>

In May 2021 Ms. Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân and three other stranded workers allegedly contributed 2,000 SAR (530 USD) to bribe SAKAN Center guards because they wanted to work and make quick money outside. When they left the Center, someone was already waiting for them outside. About 6 weeks later, Ngân came back for a 2-hour visit to the shelter and proudly told the other stranded workers about the nice things people outside had given her such as shoes, a watch, nice handbags. She said that a man was paying for her hotel room. In early October she returned to stay at the center, giving as the reason: she wanted to return to Vietnam. Actually, she needed to recover from some sickness and also to recruit other female workers for outside "work". Allegedly she recruited fellow Vietnamese residents at the SAKAN Center and sneaked them out to clients who paid for sex.

A witness who wishes to stay anonymous reported that Ngân had asked Trương Thị Hiền to help transfer money to her family in Vietnam twice: 35,000 SAR and then 18,000 SAR.

More recently, Ngân and Tài talked by phone and enticed Vietnamese female workers to leave their employers and come to SAKAN Center, promising them that she would help them go back to Vietnam without having to pay for the trip - but they ought to "reward" her with some cash. Ngân continues to profit from the prostitution ring she had set up, using new victims coming to SAKAN Center.

On November 7, Ngân approached Lê Cẩm Hồng and showed the latter her mobile phone, which had Hồng's intake picture and name from the record of SAKAN Center. Ngân then asked Hồng, purportedly on behalf of an "agency," whether Hồng would like to find work outside. Hồng declined the offer, explaining that she wanted to go home.

She often brags about being well connected to the son of the owner of SAKAN Center. In her livestreamed video dated December 11, Ngân bragged about having full access to SAKAN Center's information of Vietnamese residents. As proof, she showed information stored on her cell phone, including scanned copies of passports, intake photos, information submitted to the Vietnamese embassy... of such residents.

In the said streamlined video, Ngân disclosed that she had decided to stay in Saudi Arabia indefinitely due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic in Vietnam.

Under the alias "Thích Ngọc", Ngân also joined Tài in lambasting trafficked victims who shared their experience on Facebook.

December 11 (responding to the news story of three trafficked victims being returning to Vietnam on December 11): *"Don't listen to the disinformation of the people who are reactionary and betray their country. Despite having the same Vietnamese blood, they received money from the reactionaries to divide the trust in everyone... No one is deceiving anyone. There is no trafficking at all. People completed their term of contract and they paid for their own ticket to be on the repatriation flight."* See original posting: https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2702415859904071?comment_id=2702675339878123¬if_id=1639200173510760¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

Information on the two Vietnamese-run trafficking rings in Saudi Arabia that Tài and Ngân are affiliated with is included in Appendix B.