

TIP Report Submission: Vietnamese trafficked victims in Serbia

Submission of BPSOS – CAMSA

Since mid-November 2021, we have worked with Serbia-based A11 Initiative to expose labor trafficking of over 400 Vietnamese workers employed by a Chinese construction company in Serbia. While A11 Initiative worked with the individual victims in Serbia, BPSOS looked into the involvement of Vietnamese labor export companies which recruited them under Vietnam's state-run labor export program. Both organizations shared findings with the UN Special Rapporteurs on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.

On January 18, 2022, four UN Special Procedures sent their [Joint Allegation Letter](#) (JAL) to the Government of Vietnam, expressing concerns and requesting answers to specific questions. It was the second JAL that UN Special Procedures sent to Vietnam in three months. The first one was on Vietnamese women and girls trafficked to Saudi Arabia.

These UN Special Procedures also sent similar communications directly to three labor export companies identified by BPSOS – CAMSA:

1. Công Ty Cổ Phần Quốc Tế Kaizen (Kaizen International Stock Company): [OTH 3.2022](#)
2. Công Ty Trách Nhiệm Hữu Hạn Quốc Tế Song Hỷ Gia Lai (DBA SONG HY GIA LAI CO., LTD): [OTH 4.2022](#)
3. Công Ty Xuất Khẩu Lao Động Bảo Sơn (DBA: BAO SON EXL CO.,LTD): [OTH 5.2022](#)

This unusual step may reflect concerns that the Vietnamese Government had demonstrated little interest in investigating, prosecuting and sanctioning labor export companies involved in labor trafficking under Vietnam's state-run labor export program.

All aforementioned communications were embargoed for 60 days and was only released to the public on March 21, 2022.

Updates:

By early March 2022, we received reports that some 30 victims had left Serbia for other European countries, and over 30 victims had been repatriated. Those who remained informed us that their current employer was planning to transfer them to another employer that they knew nothing about. Concerned, a few victims asked BPSOS – CAMSA to help find a shelter. Unfortunately, there was no shelter for male victims of human trafficking in Serbia. These victims have since become incommunicado.

After the JAL had gone out, BPSOS – CAMSA provided the UN Special Rapporteur on TIP our analysis of guaranty forms that SONG HY GIA LAI CO. LTD forced recruits to sign. They contain provisions that blatantly violate Vietnam's domestic laws. See Attachment A.

BAO SON EXL CO., LTD was involved in at least three cases of Vietnamese women trafficked to Saudi Arabia as identified by BPSOS - CAMSA: La Thi Ty, Lu Thi Tuyet, and Nguyen Thi Quyet. We have shared information about all three victims with the TIP office. Their case summaries are included in Attachment B.

Interestingly, Kaizen International Stock Company posted information about the 20 recruits it sent to Serbia, which should simplify the work of the Vietnamese government authorities should they decide to protect the victims and prosecute their Vietnam-based traffickers:



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DANH SÁCH LAO ĐỘNG SERBIA XUẤT CẢNH NGÀY 25/03/2021

NO.	NAME OF LABOR	D.O.B	POSITION	PASSPORT/ ID			PROVINCE	NOTE
				NO	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF EXPIRY		
1	NGUYEN SY HANH	01-06-87	BuỘC SẮT	C1698695	06-05-16	05-05-16	KY THINH - KY ANH - HA TINH	
2	CHU DINH HOANG	09-08-84	FOREMAN MỘC	C8388225	08-07-19	08-11-20	QUANG THANH - YEN THANH - NGHE AN	
3	NGUYEN DAC THUAN	08-08-87	BuỘC SẮT	C136620	04-03-16	04-03-26	MY LOC - CAN LOC - HA TINH	
4	TRAN VAN BINH	12-06-86	BuỘC SẮT	C09825	26-02-20	26-02-30	MY LOC - CAN LOC - HA TINH	
5	NGUYEN BA QUE	10-05-92	BuỘC SẮT	C2809592	16-02-17	16-02-27	THANH MY - THANH CHUONG - NGHE AN	
6	NGUYEN TRONG THANH	29-11-90	B. C S. T.	C4148795	14-11-17	14-11-27	KHANH SON - NAM DAN - NGHE AN	
7	NGUYEN VAN HOC	25-03-75	LE PT	C4714056	16-03-18	16-03-28	NGHI QUANG - NGHI LOC - NGHE AN	
8	TRAN DINH NGO	11-08-70	HÀN	C3364996	24-05-17	24-05-27	NGHIA HONG - NGHIA DAN - NGHE AN	
9	TRAN DINH TRANG	04-02-92	MỘC	C9083964	07-04-20	07-04-30	LIEN TRACH - BO TRACH - QUANG BINH	
10	HO VIET LAM	08-10-73	KHUNG KẾT CẦU	C0724634	07-07-15	07-07-25	CAM THANG - CAM XUYEN - HA TINH	

11	TRAN DINH HONG	10-04-76	MỘC	B7422694	06-03-13	06-03-23	CAM QUANG - CAM XUYEN - HA TINH	
12	PHAM NGOC PHUONG	02-09-87	KHUNG KẾT CẦU	C9383158	01-12-20	01-12-30	KY PHONG - KY ANH - HA TINH	
13	NGUYEN TRONG TU	17-07-99	LDPT	C9370411	07-11-20	07-11-30	BAO THANH - YEN THANH - NGHE AN	
14	HUYNH NGOC TINH	13-09-86	KHUNG KẾT CẦU	C9394701	09-11-20	09-11-30	TAM LANH - PHU NINH - QUANG NAM	
15	PHAN VAN ANH	20-09-96	BuỘC SẮT	C1575688	12-04-16	12-04-26	CO DAM - NGHI XUAN - HA TINH	
16	NGO DUC CHUNG	25-05-72	KHUNG KẾT CẦU	B6648939	28-05-12	28-05-22	NAM GIANG - NAM DAN - NGHE AN	
17	LE THUC DINH	07-08-84	MỘC	B9104329	26-04-14	26-04-24	QUANG PHONG - THAI HOA - NGHE AN	
18	LE DAI THIEN	03-03-78	MỘC	C9367012	20-11-20	20-11-30	QUANG PHONG - THAI HOA - NGHE AN	
19	TRUONG VAN CANH	07-08-80	BuỘC SẮT	C7170521	19-04-19	19-04-29	DIEN VAN - DIEN CHAU - NGHE AN	
20	TRAN THANH TUAN	20-10-68	LDPT	C8886298	19-02-20	19-02-30	XUAN PHO - NGHI XUAN - HA TINH	

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