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Montagnards for Justice

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Regarding the current violent event in the Central Highlands
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Bangkok – today VNA/Vietnam+ published a news release regarding a group of people who used force to attack and cause casualties to several officials and civilians in Cu Kuin district, Dak Lak Province. Although we have not yet been able to verify the authenticity of this report, we need to issue this press release to confirm the following:

1. Montagnards for Justice is not associated with any group or individual that incites, promotes, plots or abets the use of violence for any purpose.
2. Montagnards for Justice advocates peacefully for religious freedom and in close cooperation with the international community, including the United Nations and governments of democratic countries.
3. Montagnards for Justice are concerned that any form of armed uprising will unjustly present obstacles to our peaceful advocacy process, typically in the following situations:
 - a) The international community may be more reticent to cooperate with or support our peaceful advocacy efforts if they have any doubts about our activities.
 - b) The Vietnamese government may use such incidents as justification for its repression of independent religious groups.

Once again, we reaffirm our continued advocacy for religious freedom based on international conventions and the laws of Vietnam.

Montagnards for Justice is an organization founded by Highlanders persecuted because of their religion with the goal of fighting for freedom of religion of fellow Highlanders and for human rights in the Central Highlands, Vietnam

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