

VIETNAM

Buddhist (Unified Buddhist Sangha of Vietnam)

THICH QUANG DO

Age: 87 years

Date and place of arrest: 1998

Place of detention: Thanh Minh Zen Monastery in Ho Chi Min City (Saigon)

Other information: Thich Quang Do has spent over 30 years in detention for his advocacy for religious freedom, democracy, and human rights. In 1982, he was sent into internal exile in northern Vietnam for protesting against the creation of a state-sponsored Buddhist Church. In 1995, he was charged with "undermining national solidarity" and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment. After international pressure, he was released in 1998, but placed directly under house arrest without any formal charges or indictment, where he currently resides. He was named the Fifth Supreme Patriarch of the Unified Church of Vietnam in November 2011.

Catholics

RUNH, JONH, BYUK, Dinh HRON, and Dinh LU (Montagnards)

Place of residence: Gia Lai province

Date and place of arrest: 2013, Gia Lai province

Charges: Undermining the national unity policy

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 87 of the penal code ("undermining national security").

First court decision: Sentenced to prison terms of between three and eleven years in May 2013

Other information: Ruhn, Jonh and Byuk were arrested previously for being members of the banned Ha Mon Catholic sect in 2012.

Source: <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/montagnards-05292013165006.html/>

A HYUM, A TACH, and Y GYIN (Montagnards)

Place of residence: Kon Tum province

Date and place of arrest: 2013

Charges: Undermining the national unity policy

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 87 of the penal code ("undermining national security").

First court decision: Sentenced to prison terms of between three and eleven years in May 2013

Other information: Gyin is the founder of the banned Ha Mon Catholic sect. He was a strong opponent of government action in rural areas.

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NguyHn Cinh

Date of birth: 1981

Date and place of arrest: 24th December 2011

Charges: Carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people administration

Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Article 79 of the Penal Code ("Subversion of the administration").

Last court decision: On 26th March 2012 he was sentenced to 11 years in prison.

Place of detention: B14 prison, Thanh Liet, Hanoi

Other information: He is a Catholic activist.

Protestants

Pastor Nguyen Cong CHINH

Date and place of arrest: On 28th April 2011, Pastor Chinh was arrested at his home in Plei Ku, Gia Lai.

Charges: Sabotaging the unity policy under Article 87. An article in the *People's Police* newspaper the following day stated that the provincial police security investigation agency had collected hundreds of files through "administrative inspection" of "self-proclaimed" Pastor Chinh since 2003 that showed he had allegedly colluded with foreign reactionaries, including exiled members of the former Montagnard resistance group known as FULRO, to conduct anti-government activities.

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 87 of the Penal Code ("undermining national security").

Court decision: 11 years in prison

Place of detention: An Phuoc Prison in Binh Duong Province

Other information: Originally from Quang Nam, since 1985 he has lived in the Central Highlands provinces of Kon Tum and Gia Lai, where he has focused his ministry on ethnic minority highlanders. In January and September 2004 police used bulldozers to destroy Pastor Chinh's unregistered Mennonite chapel in Kon Tum, which doubled as his residence. In 2006, Pastor Chinh founded the Vietnamese People's Evangelical Fellowship (VPEF), which focuses on charitable work in the highlands as well as assistance to minority prisoners and their families.

Ksor Y DÚ (Montagnard)

Date of birth: 1963

Charges: Undermining the unity policy.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 87 of the Penal Code ("undermining national security").

First court decision: On 15th November 2011, he was sentenced to eight years in prison and three years of house arrest.

Place of detention: Phu Yên

Other information: Ksor Y Du previously served a four year sentence of detention. He is a member of the house church movement "Vietnam Good News Mission."

Am IINH (Montagnard)

Date of birth: 1943

Charges: Undermining the unity policy

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 87 of the penal code ("undermining national security").

First court decision: On 9th August 2009, he was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Place of detention: Gia Lai prison camp

Other information: He was arrested in a mass crackdown of Montagnard house churches, which he was a member of.

Kpã SINH (Montagnard)

Date of birth: 1959

Charges: Undermining the unity policy.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Article 87 of the penal code ("undermining national security").

First court decision: On 5th April 2011 to eight years in prison and three years of house arrest.

Place of detention: Gia Lai

Cho A TRANG (Hmong)

Charges: Activities aimed at overthrowing the People's Government

First court decision: On 12th December 2012, Triang A Cho was sentenced to seven years while Giang A Long, Li A Di, Hau A Giang were all given three years in prison.

Other information: They were among the five thousand Hmong who on 30th April 2011 had gathered near Huoi Khonm (Dien Bien Province) to perform prayer rituals and to demand religious freedom.

Duong Van Minh Believer (Hmong)

Duong VAN THANH

Date and place of arrest: On 14th February 2014

Charges: Abusing democratic freedoms

Statement of the defendant: He denies the charges.

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: §258 VCC of the Penal Code

Court decision: 2 years

Place of detention: Bac Kan

Other information: The Duong Van Minh belief is a new variant of Christian religion for Hmong ethnics in the four Northeastern provinces of Vietnam: Cao Bang, Bac Kan, Tuyen Quang and Thai Nguyen since 1989.

Source: <https://veto-network.org/news/persecution-against-adherents-of-duong-van-minh-belief-in-vietnam.html>