

VIETNAM

Buddhists

Unified Buddhist Sangha of Vietnam

Thich QUANG DO

Date of birth: 27th November 1928

Date and place of arrest: In 1982

Charges: Undermining national solidarity

Last court decision: In 1998 he was placed under house arrest.

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

Other information: Thich Quang Do has spent over thirty 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. 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.

Bia Son Buddhist

Nguyen VAN HUU

Date of birth: 1957

Place of residence: Ca Du, Khanh Hai, Ninh Hai District, NinhThuan Province

Date and place of arrest: On 7th September 2014

Charges: Illegally storing, using and trading explosive materials to overthrow the government

Last court decision: He was sentenced to six years in prison

Place of detention: Song Cai Prison in Bac Ai District, Phu Yen Province

Other information: He is a member of the unsanctioned Buddhist organization Bia Son Council for Laws and Affairs.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

An Dan Dai Dao

Nguyen DINH

Date of birth: 1st April 1968

Place of residence: An Nien Village, Hoa An Commune, Phu Hoa District, Phu Yen Province

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd November 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to fourteen years in prison, to be followed by a 5-year probationary period.

Place of detention: Section 2, Prison Z30A in Xuan Loc District, Dong Nai Province

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Le DUC DONG

Date of birth: 1983

Place of residence: Ke Sung Village, Phu Dien Commune, Phu Vang District, Thua Thien – Hue

Date and place of arrest: On 5th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to twelve years in prison, to be followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: An Diem Prison, Dai Hung Commune, Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Le DUY LOC

Date of birth: 1956

Place of residence: Khanh Son, Town of Khanh Hai , Ninh Hai, Ninh Thuan Province

Date and place of arrest: On 15th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to twelve years in prison, followed by a five-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section 3, Prison #5, Yen Dinh District, Thanh Hoa Province.

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Ta KHU

Date of birth: 1947

Place of residence: Binh Thang, Son Thanh Dong Commune, Tay Hoa District, Phu Yen Province

Date and place of arrest: On 6th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to sixteen years in prison, followed by a five-year probationary period.

Place of detention: Section K3, Prison T345 in Xuyen Moc District, Ba Ria- Vung Tau

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Nguyen KY LAC

Date of birth: 1st January 1951

Place of residence: Trieu Son Dong, Xuan Dai Commune, Song Cau Town, Phu Yen Province

Date and place of arrest: On 6th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to sixteen years in prison, followed by a five-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section 2, Prison Z30A in Xuan Loc District, Dong Nai Province.

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Vo NGOC CU

Date of birth: 1951

Place of residence: Trieu Son Dong, Xuan Dai Commune, Song Cau Town

Date and place of arrest: On 6th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to sixteen years in prison, followed by a five-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section K3, Prison T345 in Xuyen Moc District, Ba Ria- Vung Tau

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Luong NHAT QUANG

Date of birth: 1987

Place of residence: Luong Phuoc, Hoa Phu Commune, Tay Hoa District, Phu Yen Province

Date and place of arrest: In March 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to twelve years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Prison #6, Thanh Chuong District, Nghe An Province.

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Tran PHI DUNG

Date of birth: 1966

Place of residence: Phu Nhien, Hoa My Dong, Tay Hoa

Date and place of arrest: On 10th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to thirteen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Prison #6, Thanh Chuong, Nghe An Province

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Le PHUC

Date of birth: 1951

Place of residence: 21/32A Thong Nhat Street, Dai Son Commune, Phan Rang-Thap Cham Town, NinhThuan Province.

Date and place of arrest: On 5th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to fifteen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section K3, Prison T345, Xuyen Moc District, Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province. He suffers from poor health.

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Tran QUAN

Date of birth: 1984

Place of residence: Lam Tuyen, Dran, Don Duong, Lam Dong Province

Date and place of arrest: On 10th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to thirteen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: An Diem Prison, Dai Hung Commune, Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Vuong TAN SON

Date of birth: 1953

Place of residence: Thanh Lam Village, Hoa Quang Bac, Phu Hoa

Date and place of arrest: On 10th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to seventeen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section K3, Prison T345 in Xuyen Moc District, Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Nguyen THAI BIHN

Date of birth: 1986

Place of residence: Thanh Hai Commune, Phan Rang - Thap Cham, Ninh Thuan Province.

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd November 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to twelve years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: An Diem Prison in Dai Hung Commune, Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province.

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Vo THANH LE

Date of birth: 1955

Place of residence: PhuocLoc 2, Hoa Thanh Commune, Dong Hoa, Phu Yen

Date and place of arrest: On 5th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to sixteen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section K3, Prison T345 in Xuyen Moc District, Ba Ria - Vung Tau

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Phan THANH TUNG

Date of birth: 1987

Place of residence: My Thanh Trung, Hoa Phong Commune, Tay Hoa District, Phu Yen Province

Date and place of arrest: On 8th March 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to ten years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section 2, Prison Z30A in Xuan Loc District, Dong Nai Province.

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Phan THANH Y

Date of birth: 1948

Place of residence: My Thanh Trung, Hoa Phong Commune, Tay Hoa

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd November 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to fourteen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section K3, Prison T345 in Xuyen Moc District, Ba Ria – Vung Tau Province

Other information: He is a member of An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Do THI HONG

Date of birth: 1957

Place of residence: Binh Thang village, Son Thanh Dong Commune, Tay Hoa District, Phu Yen Province.

Date and place of arrest: On 14th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: She was sentenced to thirteen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Prison Z30A, Section K5, Xuan Loc, Dong Nai Province

Other information: She is a member of the An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975. She suffers from poor health.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Tu THIEN LUONG

Date of birth: 1950

Place of residence: Section 3, Duc Nghia Commune, Phan Thiet District, Binh Thuan Province

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd November 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to sixteen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: An Diem Prison, Dai Hung Commune, Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province

Other information: He is a member of the An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975. He suffers from poor health.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Vo TIET

Date of birth: 1952

Place of residence: Ngo Gia Tu St., Area 5, Phu Dong Commune, Tuy Hoa Town, Phu Yen Province

Date and place of arrest: On 5th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to sixteen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Prison #6, Thanh Chuong, Nghe An Province

Other information: He is a member of the An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975. He suffers from poor health.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Le TRONG CU

Date of birth: 20th October 1966

Place of residence: Quy Hau Village, Hoa Tri Commune, Phu Hoa District

Date and place of arrest: On 5th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to twelve years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section 3, Prison #5, Yen Dinh District, Thanh Hoa Province.

Other information: He is a member of the An Dan Dai Dao, a Buddhist sect founded in 1969 but outlawed after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975. He suffers from poor health.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Doan VAN CU

Date of birth: 1961

Place of residence: Dai Binh village, Hoa Quang Nam Commune, Phu Hoa District, Phu Yen Province.

Date and place of arrest: On 10th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to fourteen years in prison, followed by a 5-year probationary period

Place of detention: Section 3, Prison #5, Yen Dinh District, Thanh Hoa Province.

Other information: He is a member of the Buddhist sect known as An Dan Dai Dao, founded in 1969 but outlawed in after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Phan VAN THU

Date of birth: 1948

Place of residence: Section 646, Tran Phu Street, An Nhon Town, Binh Dinh Province

Date and place of arrest: On 5th February 2012

Charges: Plotting to overthrow the government

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Place of detention: An Phuoc Prison in Phu Giao District, Binh Duong Province

Other information: He founded the Buddhist Sect titled An Dan Dai Dao in 1969 which was outlawed in after the Communist regime took over South Vietnam in April 1975.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Khmer Krom

Lieu NY

Date of birth: 1985

Date and place of arrest: On 5th May 2013

Charges: Fleeing abroad to act against the people's government

Last court decision: On September 27th 2013, he was sentenced to four years in prison

Other information: As the deputy head monk of Ta Set Pagoda, he supported Venerable Thach Thuol in advocating for religious freedom for Khmer Krom Buddhists. At the order of the government, the Patriotic Monks Association ordered him to be defrocked and evicted from his temple.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Thach THUOL

Date of birth: 1985

Date and place of arrest: On 5th May 2013

Charges: Fleeing abroad to act against the people's government

Last court decision: On September 27th 2013, he was sentenced to six years in prison.

Other information: As the head monk of Ta Set Pagoda, he often spoke out against the government's mistreatment of Khmer Krom Buddhists who refused to be absorbed into the government-created Vietnam Buddhist Sangha. Venerable Thach Thuol also criticized the government for rejecting his multiple requests that his temple be allowed to teach Khmer language to Khmer Krom children. At the order of the government, the Patriotic Monks Association decided to defrock him. As the representative of this association, escorted by the police, came to evict him from his own temple, his followers put up resistance.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Hoa Hoa Buddhists

Nguyen NHAT THUONG

Date and place of arrest: On 18th May 2017, in An Giang province's An Phu district

Place of detention: Bang Lang Prison, An Giang's Long Xuyen district

Other information: He was arrested alongside Nguyen NHAT TRUONG, Vuong VAN THA and Vuong VAN THUAN. The family was not notified of their location until more than three months later.

Source: <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/hermit-09282017170708.html>

Nguyen NHAT TRUONG

Date and place of arrest: On 18th May 2017, in An Giang province's An Phu district

Place of detention: Bang Lang Prison, An Giang's Long Xuyen district

Other information: He was arrested alongside Nguyen NHAT THUONG, Vuong VAN THA and Vuong VAN THUAN. The family was not notified of their location until more than three months later.

Source: <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/hermit-09282017170708.html>

Nguyen VAN MINH

Date and place of arrest: On 30th July 2011

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eleven years in prison.

Place of detention: Nghi Son Prison in Thanh Hoa Province

Other information: He suffers from low blood pressure and other ailments. The government has prevented his family from visiting him and supplying him with minimal necessities.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Vuong VAN THA

Date and place of arrest: On 18th May 2017, in An Giang province's An Phu district

Place of detention: Bang Lang Prison, An Giang's Long Xuyen district

Other information: Prior to his arrest Vuong VAN THA was using a loudspeaker to condemn the government's 'mistakes and crimes'. He was arrested alongside his son Vuong VAN THUAN, and his cousins Nguyen NHAT THUONG and Nguyen NHAT TRUONG. The family was not notified of their location until more than three months later.

Source: <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/hermit-09282017170708.html>,
<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Dissident-Buddhist-hermit-arrested-in-An-Giang-41916.html>

Vuong VAN THUAN

Date and place of arrest: On 18th May 2017, in An Giang province's An Phu district

Place of detention: Bang Lang Prison, An Giang's Long Xuyen district

Other information: He was arrested alongside his father Vuong VAN THA, and his father's cousins Nguyen NHAT TRUONG and Nguyen NHAT THUONG. The family was not notified of their location until more than three months later.

Source: <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/hermit-09282017170708.html>

Catholic sect

Ha Mon

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

Place of residence: Gia Lai province

Date and place of arrest: In 2013, in Gia Lai province

Charges: Undermining national unity

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 87 (Undermining national security)

Last court decision: In May 2013 they were sentenced to prison terms between three and eleven years.

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: In 2013

Charges: Undermining the national unity policy

Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code: Penal Code Article 87 (Undermining national security)

Last court decision: In May 2013 he was sentenced to a prison term of between three and eleven years.

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

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

NguyHn CÌNH

Date of birth: 1981

Date and place of arrest: On 24th December 2011

Charges: Carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people administration

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

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

Place of detention: B14 prison, Thanh Liet, Hanoi

Other information: He is a Catholic activist.

Ho DUC HOA

Date of birth: 1974

Date and place of arrest: On 30th July 2011

Last court decision: He was sentenced to thirteen years in prison and 5 years of probation

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 79 (Plotting to overthrow the government)

Place of detention: Nam Ha Prison in Ha Nam Province

Other information: He is a Catholic from Vinh Diocese who advocates for religious freedom.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Dang XUAN DIEU

Date of birth: 1977

Date and place of arrest: On 30th July 2011

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 79

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eleven years in prison.

Place of detention: Nghi Son Prison in Thanh Hoa Province

Other information: He suffers from low blood pressure and other ailments. The government has prevented his family from visiting him and supplying him with minimal necessities.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Protestants

Kpa BINH

Date and place of arrest: 2009

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Last court decision: He was sentenced to nine years in prison.

Other information: An evangelical pastor, he was arrested in 2009 for participating in a demonstration demanding religious freedom because the government had been preventing him from carrying out his pastoral duties.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Siu BLER

Date of birth: 1962

Place of residence: Amoi Hamlet, Tapet Commune, Dak Doa District, Gia Lai Province.

Date and place of arrest: 27th August 2004

Last court decision: He was sentenced to 17 years in prison, followed by a 3-year probationary period.

Place of detention: Nam Ha Prison in Ha Nam Province.

Other information: An influential pastor among the Ba Na ethnic community associated with the Amoi Evangelical Church, he had been defending his Church's right to freedom of religion. After years of government harassment, his community staged a protest in 2001. He was tortured brutally in prison until half of his body became paralyzed. He is currently in Nam Ha Prison in Ha Nam Province.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Dieu BRE

Date of birth: 1969

Date and place of arrest: On 14th August 2013

Last court decision: He was sentenced to four years and six months in prison.

Place of detention: Xuan Phuoc Prison, Dong Xuan District, Phu Yen Province

Other information: He is an evangelist of an evangelical church not recognized by the government

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

BUYK

Date of birth: 1952

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd February 2013

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eight years in prison

Place of detention: Xuan Phuoc Prison, Phu Yen Province.

Other information: As an evangelist of the Kret Krot Evangelical Church, he had been defending his Church's right to freedom of religion. He was requested to go to the local police station for interrogation. There, his interrogators beat him and issued an order forbidding him to engage in religious activities.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Pastor A BYO

Date of birth: 1967

Date and place of arrest: On 10th December 2012

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

Last court decision: On 13th August 2014, he was sentenced to four years in prison.

Place of detention: Gia Trung prison camp

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

A CHI

Date of birth: 1964

Date and place of arrest: On 18th October 2009

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eight years in prison

Place of detention: An Phuoc Prison in Binh Duong Province

Other information: The local government prevented him from performing his duties, citing the reason that preaching is forbidden at his village. He protested and refused to comply.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Pastor Nguyen Cong CHINH

Date of birth: 1966

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

Charges: Sabotaging the unity policy; 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: Penal Code Article 87 (Undermining national security)

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eleven years in prison.

Place of detention: Xuan Loc Prison Dong Nai Province, Vietnam

Date of release: 31st July 2017

Other information: He is originally from Quang Nam, but 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. On 25th May, officials from the U.S. Consulate visited Pastor Nguyen Cong Chinh, who provided details about abuses perpetrated against him at Xuan Loc Prison. He told the U.S. consulate staff that prison officials have put shards of glass into his food, subjected him to corporal punishment such as beatings and being put in stocks, have humiliated him and put him in solitary confinement. Immediately after the U.S. delegation left the prison, Chinh was confined in the cramped space and isolated from other inmates.

Source: <http://bit.ly/2ovzS1Y> , <http://bit.ly/2qNV5Ir> <http://bit.ly/2sso9Ww>

A DAO

Date of birth: 1981

Charges: Helping individuals to escape abroad illegally

Last court decision: On 28th April 2017 he was sentenced to five years in prison.

Place of detention: Gia Trung Detention Center, Gia Lai Province

Other information: A pastor of the Montagnard Evangelical Church of Christ, he advocated for religious freedom for his fellow church members in the Central Highlands and elsewhere.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Dieu DONG

Date of birth: 1966

Date and place of arrest: On 12th October 2013

Last court decision: He was sentenced to four years in prison and 3 years of probation

Place of detention: Xuan Phuoc Prison, Dong Xuan District, Phu Yen Province

Other information: He is a pastor who belongs to an evangelical Church that is not recognized by the local government. Pastor Dieu Dong and his evangelists had been harassed by the local government and police forces that aimed to prevent them from worshipping.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Rmah H. RUTH (Montagnard)

Date of birth: 1960

Date and place of arrest: On 9th September 2004

Other information: In 2002 Rmah Hueh participated in protests, demanding religious freedom. Facing imminent arrest, he escaped to Cambodia seeking for asylum from UNHCR. On September 9, 2004 he was arrested by Vietnamese agents in Cambodia and brought back to Vietnam. He continues to be detained in prison after 13 years; it is unclear whether he was tried and sentenced.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Sie HLOM (Jrai)

Date of birth: 1967

Charges: Undermining the national unity policy

Last court decision: he was sentenced on 04/05/2011 to 12 years in prison and 3 years of house arrest

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Place of detention: Gia Lai.

Other information: He refused to abandon his Christian faith

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Rmah HUEH

Date and place of arrest: In March 2014

Last court decision: She was sentenced to five years in prison

Place of detention: T20 - Gia Trung Prison, Gia Lai Province

Other information: Rmah H Ruth is a religious activist in Gia lai who conducted religious activities for her fellow Montagnard Christians.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Y Yem HWING

Date of birth: 1972

Place of residence: San A Hamlet, Ea Tul Commune, Cu Mgar District, Daklak Province

Date and place of arrest: 29th October 2012

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eight years in prison

Other information: A chief deacon of a church in San A Hamlet, he has been very influential in his church and his ethnic community

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Am IINH (Montagnard)

Date of birth: 1943

Charges: Undermining the unity policy

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

Last 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.

Source: <http://bit.ly/2pVDIGg>

Y Hriam KPA

Date of birth: 1976

Place of residence: Druh Hamlet, Ea Nam Commune, Ea Hleo District, Gia Lai Province

Date and place of arrest: On 30th July, 2015

Last court decision: He was sentenced to seven years in prison

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Place of detention: Phu Son 4 Prison, National Security Section, Division 3, Co Lung Village, Phu Luong District, Thai Nguyen Province

Other information: The evangelical leader of a Christian House Church in Druh Hamlet that the local government has been suppressing, he was pressured into dissolving the Church. He refused and protested against this policy.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Y Ngun KNUL

Date of birth: 1968

Place of residence: K'Rang Hamlet, Bang Commune, Krong Ana District, Daklak Province.

Date and place of arrest: On 29th April, 2004

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eighteen years in prison

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Place of detention: Prison #6, Nghe An Province

Other information: An evangelical pastor who preached to people in his community

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Dihn KU

Date of birth: 1972

Date and place of arrest: On 4th April 2016

Last court decision: He was sentenced to 7 years in prison

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Place of detention: Prison #5, Yen Dinh District, Thanh Hoa Province.

Other information: A devout Catholic, he stood up and protested against the Gia Lai authorities' policy of suppressing religious freedom.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Y Lao MLO

Date of birth: 1987

Place of residence: Drao Hamlet, Daklak Province

Date and place of arrest: On 15th July, 2015

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eight years in prison

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Place of detention: Dak Trung Prison, M'Drak District, Daklak Province

Other information: A member of a Christian Church in Drao Hamlet that the local government has been suppressing, he protested against this policy

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Siu NHEO

Date of birth: 1955

Place of residence: Plei Do Hamlet, Chu A Commune, Pleiku District, Gia Lai Province

Date and place of arrest: In 2009

Last court decision: he was sentenced to 10 years in prison

Other information: An evangelical pastor within the Ba Na ethnic minority group, he and others participated in a demonstration demanding religious freedom in 2004. He had been advocating for religious freedom in the face of government suppression. He spoke out against the government's suppression in defense of the evangelists and their Church. Ever since his imprisonment, his wife and children have been victims of injustice and lack even basic necessities.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

NHI (Bã Tiêm)

Date of birth: 1958

Date and place of arrest: On 22th December 2008

Last court decision: He was sentenced to 7 years in prison

Place of detention: Prison #5, Town of Thong Nhat, Yen Dinh District, Thanh Hoa Province

Other information: He joined other Christians in protesting against the local government's suppression of religious freedom. He also joined a Montagnard association based in the U.S.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Y Ben NIE

Date of birth: 1971

Place of residence: Tang 3 U Hamlet, Ea Kao District, Buon Me Thuot Province

Date and place of arrest: In 2004

Charges: Undermining national solidarity

Last court decision: On September 27th 2013, he was sentenced to thirteen years in prison pursuant to Article 87

Place of detention: Phu Son 4 Prison, National Security Section, Division 3, Co Lung Village, Phu Luong District, Thai Nguyen Province.

Other information: An evangelical pastor, he was imprisoned for participating in a demonstration demanding religious freedom.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Y Drim NIE

Date of birth: 1972

Place of residence: Buon Tah Village, Ea Drong Commune, Cu Mgar District, Dak lak province

Date and place of arrest: In December 2012

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eight years in prison

Place of detention: Binh Duong Province

Other information: Y Drin Nie is a protestant missionary because he preached the gospel in his village.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Y Muk NIE

Date of birth: 1968

Place of residence: Sup A Hamlet. Town of Ea Suop, Daklak Province

Date and place of arrest: On 3rd August 2011

Charges: Undermining national solidarity

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eight years in prison

Place of detention: Xuan Phuoc Prison in Phu Yen Province

Other information: An evangelical pastor, he resisted the provincial government's persistent harassment and arrests of his fellow church members to deny them their religious freedom. In 2001 he participated in protests that took place in the Central Highlands where members of several churches have been consistently demanding respect for religious freedom and property rights in the face of the government's policy of religious suppression and seizure of private property.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Dihn NGO

Date of birth: 1987

Date and place of arrest: On 26th April 2013

Last court decision: He was sentenced to seven years and six months in prison

Place of detention: Section #2 of An Phuoc Prison, Binh Duong Province

Other information An evangelical pastor since 2011, he joined other members of his ethnic group in a demonstration in Dak Po District to protest against the local government's suppression of religious freedom.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

A QUYN

Date of birth: 1973

Date and place of arrest: On 18th November 2013

Last court decision: He was sentenced to nine years and six months in prison

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Place of detention: Nam Ha Prison in Ha Nam Province

Other information: He practiced his evangelical faith without government approval. He has been arrested and brought to the local police station for interrogation. The local authorities disrupted group worship sessions involving church members, prohibited future group worships, harassed his family, and brutally tortured him.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

RUNH

Date of birth: 1979

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd April 2012

Last court decision: He was sentenced to ten years in prison, followed by three years of probation

Place of detention: Prison #5, Town of Thong Nhat, Yen Dinh District, Thanh Hoa Province

Other information: An influential pastor among the Ba Na ethnic community associated with the Kret Krot Evangelical Church, he had been defending his Church's right to freedom

of religion. He was requested to go to the local police station for interrogation. There, his interrogators beat him and issued an order forbidding him to engage in religious activities.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Kpã SINH (Montagnard)

Date of birth: 1959

Charges: Undermining the unity policy

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

Last court decision: On 5th April 2011 he was sentenced to eight years in prison and three years of house arrest.

Place of detention: Gia Lai

A TACH

Date of birth: 1959

Date and place of arrest: On 11th October 2012

Last court decision: He was sentenced to 11 years in prison, followed by three years of probation

Place of detention: Team 23, Sub Division 1 of Prison #5, Thanh Hoa Province

Other information: A Catholic preacher, he and many Christians in his village (where he was preaching) protested against the local government for its intervention in the Church's affairs. Fearing this would get out of control, the local government arrested Mr. A Tach.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

THIN (Montagnard)

Date of birth: 1979

Place of residence: Kret Krot Hamlet, H'ra Commune, Mang Yang District, Gia Lai Province

Charges: Undermining national unity

Last court decision: On 26th April 2016, he was sentenced to 6 years in prison, followed by 3 years of house arrest

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Other information: He was sentenced along with 4 other Montagnard Christians

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

A TIK (Montagnard)

Date of birth: 1952

Date and place of arrest: On 26th April 2016

Last court decision: He was sentenced to 8 years in prison, followed by three years of house arrest

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

Cho A TRANG (Hmong)

Charges: Activities aimed at overthrowing the People's Government

Last court decision: On 12th December 2012, he was sentenced to seven years.

Other information: He was 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.

Y YICH

Date of birth: 1960

Place of residence: A Lut Hamlet, K Yang Commune, Đắk Đoa District, Gia Lai Province

Charges: Plotting against the government

Last court decision: He was sentenced to twelve years in prison

Place of detention: Section #2 of An Phuoc Prison, Binh Duong Province

Other information: He is an evangelical Pastor. As a result of being beaten and tortured in prison, his health has been deteriorating. Not only they deny him medical treatment for high blood pressure, rheumatism, and stomach inflammation, they have not allowed his family to supply him with medication.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

A YUM (Ba Na)

Date of birth: 1940

Date and place of arrest: On 6th January 2012

Last court decision: He was sentenced to eight years in prison

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 87

Other information: He had been advocating for religious freedom in the face of government suppression.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)

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Pham BA Thong

Date of birth: 1962

Date and place of arrest: On 18th July, 2010

Article of the criminal/civil/administrative code: Penal Code Article 79 (Plotting to overthrow the government)

Last court decision: He was sentenced to seven years in prison and 5 years of probation

Place of detention: Prison Z30A, Section No. 2, in Xuan Loc District, Dong Nai Province.

Source: BPSOS List (<http://www.bpsos.org> - Thang.Nguyen@bpsos.org)