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# PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN VIET NAM<sup>1</sup>

1 **A Hyum also known as Bã Kôl** (m), born 1940, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian and religious activist from Kon Tum province arrested in April 2012. He was tried in May 2013 by Gia Lai Provincial People's Court under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was sentenced to **eight years' imprisonment**. He is reportedly detained at Măng Yang prison camp in Gia Lai province. Release due April 2020.

2 **A Tách also known as Bã Hiôl** (m), born 1959, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian and activist from Kon Tum province. He was arrested in April 2012 for exercising his right to freedom of expression and religion. He was tried in May 2013 under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code by Gia Lai Provincial People's Court and sentenced to **11 years' imprisonment**. He is last reported detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due April 2023.*

3 **Amlinh also known as Bá Blưng** (m), born 1943, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian. He was arrested in February 2009 and tried in September 2009. He was convicted under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code and sentenced to **eight years' imprisonment**. He is reportedly detained at Gia Lai prison camp. *Release due February 2017.*

4 **Bùi Thị Minh Hằng** (f), born 1964, land rights activist. She was arrested in February 2014 while travelling with 20 activists to visit a human rights lawyer in Đồng Tháp province. She and two others were charged under Article 245 ("causing public disorder" by creating "serious obstruction to traffic) of the 1999 Penal Code. They were tried on 26 August 2014 by Đồng Tháp Provincial People's Court. Bùi Thị Minh Hằng was sentenced to **three years' imprisonment**. She is currently detained at Gia Trung prison in Gia Lai province of the Central Highlands, around 1,000 kms from where her family lives. She has been denied medical treatment for various health problems and been harassed by other prisoners. She has undertaken two hunger strikes in protest at abusive treatment. *Release due February 2017.*

5 **Bùi Văn Trung** (m), born 1964, is a member of the "traditional" branch of the Hoa Hao Buddhist church which is not recognized by the state. They often face harassment and interference by local security officials when holding religious ceremonies. He was arrested in October 2012 and charged under Article 257 (Resisting persons in the performance of their official duties) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was tried by An Phú District People's Court in An Giang province on 23 January 2013 and sentenced to **four years' imprisonment**. Currently detained at Prison Z30A, Xuân Lộc in Đồng Nai province. *Release due October 2016.*

6 **Byrk** (m), born 1945, is an ethnic Christian Montagnard and religious activist. He was arrested in May 2012 and tried by Gia Lai Provincial People's Court in May 2013. He was sentenced to **eight years' imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is reported detained in Măng Yang prison camp in Gia Lai province. *Release due May 2020.*

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<sup>1</sup> This list provides information on a selection of prisoners of conscience identified by Amnesty International. The true number of prisoners of conscience is believed to be higher.

7 **Cần Thị Thêu** (f), born 1962, is a well-known land rights activist from Hòa Bình province. She was arrested on 10 June 2016 on charges of “disturbing public order” under Article 245 of the 1999 Penal code and “inciting” boycott of the May elections. She was accused of posting photos on her Facebook page inciting protests against reclamation of land in Dương Nội, Hà Đông district of Hà Nội. Cần Thị Thêu was previously arrested in April 2014 and imprisoned for 15 months for “activities against public officials” under Article 257 of the 1999 Penal Code, for allegedly leading protests in Dương Nội. She undertook a hunger strike in protest at her arrest, and is reported detained at Hoa Lo prison in Hà Nội. *Pre-trial detention.*

8 **Chi** (m), born 1984, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian and religious activist. He was arrested in September 2012 and brought to trial in November 2013. He was sentenced to **eight years’ imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is last reported detained at Gia Lai provincial prison. *Release due in September 2020.*

9 **Đặng Xuân Diệu** (m), born 1988, is a Catholic social activist, blogger and engineer arrested in July 2011. He is one of 14 activists from around Vinh City in Nghệ An province who were arrested and charged for their alleged connection with or membership of Viet Tan, an overseas based group peacefully campaigning for democracy in Viet Nam. All were charged under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code for aiming to “overthrow” the state. They were tried on 8 to 9 January 2013 by Nghệ An People’s Court; Đặng Xuân Diệu received a **13 year prison sentence with five years’ house arrest on release.** Only two of his other co-defendants remain in prison. While detained at Prison No 5 in Yên Định, Thanh Hóa province he was subjected to extremely harsh treatment including prolonged solitary confinement, beatings, and forced to live in unsanitary conditions. He has undertaken several hunger strikes in protest. He is currently detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, in Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu province. *Release due July 2024.*

10 **Đình Nguyên Kha** (m), born 1988, activist, student and computer repairer. He was arrested in October 2012 and accused of distributing leaflets critical of the government response to China’s actions in the disputed South China Sea/East Sea. He was charged under Article 88 (“conducting propaganda” against the state) of the 1999 Penal Code and sentenced to eight years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release by a court in Long An province; this was reduced on appeal to **four years’ imprisonment** by Hồ Chí Minh City Supreme People’s Court in August 2013. He is currently detained at Xuyên Mộc prison in Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu province. *Release due October 2016.*

11 **Đỗ Thị Hồng** (f), born 1957, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Sơn” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. She is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. She was sentenced to **13 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release.** Reported detained at Prison Z30A, Section K5, Xuân Lộc, Đồng Nai Province, and to be in poor health. *Release due February 2025.*

12 **Đoàn Đình Nam** (m), born 1951, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Sơn” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **16 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release.** Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu Province and suffers from poor health. *Release due February 2028.*

13 **Đoàn Huy Chương** (m), born 1985, labour rights activist and founding member of the independent United Workers-Farmers Organization (*Hiệp hội Đoàn kết Công-Nông Việt Nam*). He was arrested in February 2010 with two colleagues after handing out leaflets at a shoe factory in Trà Vinh province where workers were striking for better pay and conditions. In October 2010, he was sentenced to **seven years’ imprisonment** by a court in Trà Vinh province under Article 89 (Disrupting security) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was beaten during pre-trial detention. He is currently detained at K4 camp, Z30A Xuân Lộc prison in Đồng Nai province. *Release due February 2017.*

14 **Đoàn Văn Cư** (m), born 1962, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Sơn” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **14 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release.** Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu Province. *Release due February 2026.*

15 **Hồ Đức Hòa** (m), born 1974, Catholic social activist, journalist and community organizer arrested in August 2011. He is one of 14 activists from around Vinh City in Nghệ An province who were arrested and charged for their alleged connection with or membership of Viet Tan, an overseas based group peacefully campaigning for democracy in Viet Nam. All were charged under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code for aiming to “overthrow” the state. They were tried on 8 to 9 January 2013 by Nghệ An People’s Court; Hồ Đức Hòa received a **13 year prison sentence with five years’ house arrest on release**. Only two of his other co-defendants remain in prison. Reported detained in Nam Hà prison in Hà Nam province. *Release due February 2024*.

16 **Jơnh also known as Chinh** (m), born 1952, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in May 2012. He was sentenced to **nine years’ imprisonment** in May 2013 by Gia Lai Provincial People’s Court. He was convicted under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is reportedly detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due May 2021*.

17 **Kpă Sinh** (m), born 1959, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in August 2010. He was tried in April 2011 and sentenced to **eight years’ imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code, plus **three years’ house arrest on release**. He is reported detained at Gia Lai prison camp. *Release due August 2018*.

18 **Kpuil Lễ** (m), is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in November 2011. He was tried in June 2012 and sentenced to **eight years’ imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was last reported detained at Gia Lai prison camp. *Release due November 2019*.

19 **Kpuil Mel** (m), is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in November 2011. He was tried in June 2012 and sentenced to **nine years’ imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was last reported detained at Gia Lai prison camp. *Release due November 2020*.

20 **Lê Đức Động** (m), born 1983, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **12 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at An Đầm prison, Đại Lãnh, Đại Lộc, Quảng Nam province. *Release due February 2024*.

21 **Lê Duy Lộc** (m), born 1956, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **17 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Section 6, Thanh Chương prison, Nghệ An Province. *Release due February 2029*.

22 **Lê Thanh Tùng** (m), born 1968, is a former prisoner of conscience, journalist and member of the internet based pro-democracy group Bloc 8406. He was arrested around 14 or 15 December 2015 in Gia Lai province of the Central Highlands. His house in Hà Nội was searched by police on 24 December 2015, who removed personal items. Lê Thanh Tùng was released in June 2015, six months before completing a four year prison term imposed in August 2012 for “conducting propaganda” under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code. Since his release he is reported to have continued to advocate for democracy and to be part of the same group formed by another former prisoner of conscience, Trần Anh Kim who has also been arrested (see below). He is reported to have been moved to Thái Bình province, but his family have not been officially informed of his whereabouts. *Pre-trial detention*.

23 **Lê Thu Hà** (f), born 1982, is a human rights activist arrested on 16 December 2015. She is the secretary of the independent organization founded by human rights lawyer Nguyễn Văn Đài, the Brotherhood of Democracy Association (*Hội Anh Em Dân Chủ*); he was arrested the same day. Lê Thu Hà was previously arrested on 23 September 2015 with four other staff members of the independent Lương Tâm (Conscience) TV, set up in August 2015 to broadcast short video clips on YouTube about human rights issues in Viet Nam. She was an English translator for the broadcasts. Hà Nội security police held the five for questioning until late in the evening. In April, the authorities confiscated Lê Thu Hà’s passport as she was about to fly from Hà Nội to Hồ Chí Minh City where she was planning to board an onward flight abroad. She has been charged under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code for “conducting propaganda” against the state and is held in B14 prison in Hà Nội. She has had no access to family or lawyers. *Pre-trial detention*.

24 **Lê Trọng Cư** (m), born 1966, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **12 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported held at An Đầm prison, Đại Lãnh, Đại Lộc, Quảng Nam province. *Release due February 2024*.

25 **Lê Xuân Phúc** (m), born 1951, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **15 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu Province. *Release due February 2027*.

26 **Lương Nhật Quang** (m), born 1987, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **12 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu Province. *Release due February 2024*.

27 **Ngô Hào** (m), born 1943, pro-democracy activist and former army officer was arrested in February 2013. He was accused of writing critical articles on the internet and of supporting Bloc 8406, an internet based informal pro-democracy group. He was tried by Phú Yên Provincial People’s Court in September 2013 and sentenced to **15 years’ imprisonment** under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code with five years’ house arrest on release. Reported detained at Tuy Hoà prison, Phú Yên province. *Release due February 2028*.

28 **Ngô Thị Minh Ước** (f), born 1959, a land rights activist from Tiền Giang province was arrested with two others on 7 July 2014 while protesting outside the US diplomatic mission in Hồ Chí Minh City. On 30 March 2016, they were found guilty by Hồ Chí Minh City People’s Court of “conducting propaganda” against the state under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code. They were accused of waving the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam and chanting anti-government slogans in protest at land confiscations. They were reported to have frequently taken part in protests. Ngô Thị Minh Ước was sentenced to **four years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release**; she was also given a **three month sentence** by a separate court in Bình Phước province. The place of detention is not known. *Release due October 2018*.

29 **Nguyễn Công Chính** (m) also known as **Nguyễn Thành Long**, born 1964, is a Mennonite pastor arrested in April 2011 in Pleiku, Gia Lai province. He was sentenced to **11 years’ imprisonment** by a court in Pleiku for “undermining the national unity policy” under Article 87 of the 1999 Penal Code. Pastor Chính’s wife was not allowed to visit him for 18 months after his arrest. He was accused of giving interviews to foreign media and joining with other dissidents in criticizing the authorities. Reported detained at An Phước Prison in Phú Giáo District, Bình Dương Province, and to have been beaten because he refused to “confess”. *Release due April 2022*.

30 **Nguyễn Đặng Minh Mẫn** (f), born 1985, a Catholic social activist was arrested in August 2011. She is one of 14 activists from around Vinh City in Nghệ An province who were arrested for their alleged connection with or membership of Viet Tan, an overseas based group peacefully campaigning for democracy in Viet Nam. All were charged under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code for aiming to “overthrow” the state. They were tried on 8 to 9 January 2013 by Nghệ An People’s Court; **Nguyễn Đặng Minh Mẫn** received an **eight year prison sentence with five years’ house arrest on release**. Only two of her other co-defendants remain in prison. Reported detained in Prison No 5, Yên Định, Thanh Hóa province. She has undertaken a hunger strike in protest at the use of solitary confinement and abusive treatment in prison. *Release due August 2019*.

31 **Nguyễn Đình** (m), born 1968, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **14 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at K2 prison, Xuân Lộc, Đồng Nai Province. *Release due February 2026*.

32 **Nguyễn Đình Ngọc** also known as **Nguyễn Ngọc Già** (m), born 1966, is a blogger advocating freedom of expression and human rights. He wrote articles about corruption and injustice which were published on independent websites. He was arrested at his home on 27 December 2014 and held in pre-trial detention at an unknown location until his trial on 30 March 2016. He was charged with “conducting propaganda” against the state under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code, and was sentenced to four years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release after a two hour trial. His current place of detention is not known. *Release due December 2018.*

33 **Nguyễn Hoàng Quốc Hùng** (m), born 1981, a labour organizer and member of “Victims of Injustice” (*Dân Oan*). He was arrested in February 2010 with two colleagues after handing out leaflets at a shoe factory in Trà Vinh province where workers were striking for better pay and conditions. In October 2010, he was sentenced to **nine years’ imprisonment** by a court in Trà Vinh province under Article 89 (Disrupting security) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was beaten during pre-trial detention but he refused to plead guilty to the charges against him. Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu Province. *Release due February 2019.*

34 **Nguyễn Hữu Vinh** also known as **Anh Ba Sàm** (m), born 1956, co-founded the popular Ba Sàm blog in 2007 which carried articles critical of the government and on China’s policies in the disputed South China Sea/East Sea. He was arrested in May 2014 with his assistant Nguyễn Thị Minh Thúy (see below) on charges of “abusing democratic freedoms” under Article 258 of the 1999 Penal Code. They were held in pre-trial detention for almost two years before being tried on 23 March 2016 by Hà Nội People’s Court; Nguyễn Hữu Vinh was sentenced to **five years’ imprisonment**. Current place of detention not known. *Release due May 2019.*

35 **Nguyễn Kim Nhân** (m), born 1949, land activist in Bắc Giang province. He was arrested in July 2011 with two others who were protesting and making complaints for farmers about official corruption involving land. They were tried by Bắc Giang Provincial People’s Court in July 2012; Nguyễn Kim Nhân was sentenced to **five and a half years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release** under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code for “conducting propaganda”. Reported detained at Prison No 6 in Thanh Chương District, Nghệ An Province. *Release due January 2017.*

36 **Nguyễn Kỳ Lạc** (m), born 1951, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Sơn” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **16 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at K2 prison, Xuân Lộc, Đồng Nai Province. *Release due February 2028.*

37 **Nguyễn Ngọc Cường** (m), born 1956, land rights activist in Đồng Nai province arrested in April 2011 with his son and daughter-in-law (both released). They were accused of distributing anti-government leaflets and creating an internet forum. They were tried in October 2011 for “conducting propaganda” against the state under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code; Nguyễn Ngọc Cường was sentenced to **seven years’ imprisonment**. Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Đồng Nai Province. *Release due April 2018.*

38 **Nguyễn Thái Bình** (m), born 1986, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Sơn” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **12 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at An Đầm prison, Đại Lãnh, Đại Lộc, Quảng Nam province. *Release due February 2024.*

39 **Nguyễn Thị Bé Hai** (f), born 1958, a land rights activist from Tây Ninh province was arrested with two others on 7 July 2014 while protesting outside the US diplomatic mission in Hồ Chí Minh City. On 30 March 2016, they were found guilty by Hồ Chí Minh City People’s Court of “conducting propaganda” against the state under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code. They were accused of waving the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam and chanting anti-government slogans in protest at land confiscations. They were reported to have frequently taken part in protests. Nguyễn Thị Bé Hai was sentenced to **three years’ imprisonment with two years’ house arrest on release**. It is not known where she is detained. *Release due July 2017.*

40 **Nguyễn Thị Minh Thúy** (f), born 1980, was arrested at the same time as blogger Nguyễn Hữu Vinh (see above) in May 2014. She is his assistant. They were charged with “abusing democratic freedoms” under Article 258 of the 1999 Penal Code and were held in pre-trial detention for almost two years before being tried on 23 March 2016 by Hà Nội People’s Court; Nguyễn Thị Minh Thúy was sentenced to **three years’ imprisonment**. It is not known where she is detained. *Release due May 2017.*

41 **Nguyễn Thị Trí** (f), born 1958, a land rights activist from Bình Dương province was arrested with two others on 7 July 2014 while protesting outside the US diplomatic mission in Hồ Chí Minh City. On 30 March 2016, they were found guilty by Hồ Chí Minh City People's Court of "conducting propaganda" against the state under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code. They were accused of waving the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam and chanting anti-government slogans in protest at land confiscations. They were reported to have frequently taken part in protests. Nguyễn Thị Trí was sentenced to **three years' imprisonment with two years' house arrest on release**. It is not known where she is detained. *Release due July 2017*.

42 **Nguyễn Văn Đài** (m), born 1969, is a human rights lawyer and former prisoner of conscience. He founded the dissident Committee for Human Rights in Viet Nam in 2006 – now called the Vietnam Human Rights Centre – and was one of the original signatories to Bloc 8406, an online pro-democracy petition. He is the co-founder of the Brotherhood for Democracy Association (*Hội Anh Em Dân Chủ*). He was arrested on 16 December 2015 on his way to meet with European Union (EU) officials who were in Hà Nội for the EU-Viet Nam human rights dialogue that took place on 15 December. Ten days earlier he and colleagues were assaulted by 20 men in plain clothes after delivering a small human rights workshop. He is currently held in pre-trial detention under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code for "conducting propaganda" against the state. He is detained at B14 prison in Hà Nội, where he has been denied access to his family and lawyer. *Pre-trial detention*.

43 **Nguyễn Văn Minh** (m), born 1980, is a member of the independent branch of the Hoa Hao Buddhist church. He was arrested in February 2014 while travelling with 20 activists to visit a human rights lawyer in Đồng Tháp province. He and two others were charged under Article 245 ("causing public disorder" by creating "serious obstruction to traffic) of the 1999 Penal Code. They were tried on 26 August 2014 by Đồng Tháp Provincial People's Court. Nguyễn Văn Minh was sentenced to **two and a half years' imprisonment**. Reported detained in An Bình prison, Đồng Tháp province. *Release due August 2016*.

44 **Nhi also known as Bả Tiêm** (m), born 1958, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in December 2008 for exercising his right to freedom of expression and religion. He was tried in September 2009 and sentenced to **10 years' imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was last reported detained in Gia Lai provincial prison. *Release due December 2018*.

45 **Nơh** (m), born 1959, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in August 2008. He was tried in September 2009 and sentenced to **12 years' imprisonment** under Article 87 of the 1999 Penal Code for "Undermining the unity policy". He was last reported detained in Gia Lai provincial prison. *Release due August 2020*.

46 **Phạm Thị Phương** (f), born 1945, is a former member of the banned Vietnam Populist Party (*Đảng Vì Dân Việt Nam*), and an army officer under the former regime of South Viet Nam. She was arrested in April 2010 and sentenced to **11 years' imprisonment** under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code for activities "aimed at overthrowing" the state. She is reported detained at Z30A prison camp, Xuân Lộc, Đồng Nai province. *Release due April 2021*.

47 **Phạm Văn Thông** (m), born 1962, is a farmer and land rights activist arrested in July 2010 in Bến Tre province. He and six other activists were accused of links with Viet Tan, an overseas-based group peacefully campaigning for democracy in Viet Nam. They were charged under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code (activities aimed at "overthrowing" the state) and tried by Bến Tre Provincial People's Court on 30 May 2011. Phạm Văn Thông was sentenced to **seven years' imprisonment with five years' house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Prison Z30A, Section No. 2, in Xuân Lộc District, Đồng Nai. *Release due July 2017*.

48 **Phan Ngọc Tuấn** (m), born 1953, advocate for religious, land and workers' rights was arrested in August 2011 and tried by Ninh Thuận Provincial People's Court in June 2012. He was accused of being in contact with overseas groups and charged under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code for "conducting propaganda" against the state. He was sentenced to **five years' imprisonment with three years' house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu Province. *Release due August 2016*.

49 **Phan Thanh Tường** (m), born 1987, member of the "Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Sơn" (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People's Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **10 years' imprisonment with five years' house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Section 2, Xuân Lộc District, Đồng Nai Province. *Release due February 2022*.

50 **Phan Thanh Ý** (m), born 1948, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **14 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu Province. *Release due February 2026*.

51 **Phan Văn Thu** (m), born 1948, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **life imprisonment**. Reported detained at An Phước Prison in Phú Giáo District, Bình Dương Province. *No release date*.

52 **Phùng Lâm** (m), born 1966, is a pro-democracy activist and member of the banned Democratic Party of Vietnam (*Đảng Dân chủ Việt Nam*). He was arrested in June 2010 and tried in January 2011. He was sentenced to **seven years’ imprisonment** under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code for “conducting propaganda” against the state. He is last reported detained in Bình Phước provincial prison. *Release due June 2017*.

53 **Pinh** (m), born 1967, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in August 2008. In September 2009 he was sentenced to **nine years’ imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is last reported detained at Gia Lai provincial prison. *Release due August 2017*.

54 **Rah Lan Blom** (m), born 1976, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian from Ploi Kua village in Gia Lai province. He was arrested in August 2010 and sentenced in April 2011 to **nine years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release**. He is last reported detained at An Phước prison camp, Bình Dương province. *Release due August 2019*.

55 **Rah Lan Mliih** (m) born 1966, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian from the village of Ploi Phun in Gia Lai province. He was arrested in August 2010 and sentenced in April 2011 to **nine years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release**. He was convicted under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is last reported detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due August 2019*.

56 **Rmah Hlach also known as Ama Blut** (m), born 1968, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian. He was arrested in July 2009 and sentenced to **12 years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was last reported detained at Ba Sao prison camp, Hà Nam in Nam Hà province. *Release due July 2021*.

57 **Rơ Lan Jú also known as Ama Suit**, born 1968, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian. He was arrested in March 2009 and tried in July 2009. He was sentenced to **nine years’ imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is last reported detained at Gia Lai prison camp. *Release due March 2018*.

58 **Ro Mah Kliit** (m), born 1946, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian. He was arrested in August 2010 and tried in April 2011 under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was sentenced to **eight years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release**. He is reported detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due August 2018*.

59 **Rơ Mah Pró** (m), born 1964, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian from the village of Ploi Khop in Gia Lai province. He was arrested in August 2010 and sentenced in April 2011 to **nine years’ imprisonment and three years’ house arrest on release**. He was convicted under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is last reported detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due August 2019*.

60 **Rơ Mah Then** (m), born 1985, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian. In March 2009 he was sentenced to **eight years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is reported detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due March 2017*.

61 **Rôh** (m), born 1962, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian. He was arrested in August 2008 and tried in September 2009. He was sentenced to **10 years’ imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is last reported detained in Gia Lai provincial prison. *Release due August 2018*.

62 **Rurn** (m), born 1971, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian. He was arrested in August 2012 and tried in November 2013. He was sentenced to **nine years' imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is last reported detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due August 2021.*

63 **Siu Ben also known as Ama Yon** (m), born 1975. He is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in March 2009. He was sentenced to **12 years' imprisonment** in July 2009 under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was last reported detained at Gia Lai prison camp. *Release due March 2021.*

64 **Siu Brom** (m), born 1967, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian from Ploi Ngol Grong village in Gia Lai province. He was arrested in August 2010 and tried in April 2011. He was convicted under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code and sentenced to **10 years' imprisonment with three years' house arrest on release.** He was last reported detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due August 2020.*

65 **Siu Hlom** (m), born 1967, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian from Plou Kua village in Gia Lai province. He was arrested in August 2010 and sentenced to **12 years' imprisonment in April 2011** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code, with **three years' house arrest on release.** He was last reported detained at Gia Lai prison camp. *Release due August 2022.*

66 **Siu Koch** (m), born 1985, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in July 2009. He was sentenced in January 2010 to **nine years' imprisonment with three years' house arrest on release** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is last reported detained at Gia Lai prison camp. *Release due July 2018.*

67 **Siu Nheo** (m), born 1955, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in August 2010. He was tried in April 2011 and sentenced to **10 years' imprisonment with three years' house arrest on release.** He was convicted under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was last reported detained at Gia Lai prison camp. *Release due August 2020.*

68 **Siu Thái also known as Ama Thương** (m), born 1978, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian arrested in April 2011. He was tried in December 2011 and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He was last reported detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due April 2021.*

69 **Siu Wiu** (m), born 1978, is an ethnic minority (Montagnard) Christian activist from the Central Highlands and one of the leaders of a protest in Gia Lai province in April 2008 calling for religious freedom and release of Montagnard prisoners of conscience. According to his indictment, under the direction of Montagnard exiles abroad, Siu Wiu incited people to prepare banners with "reactionary anti-government content". In January 2009, he was sentenced to **10 years in prison** under Article 89 of the 1999 Penal Code for disrupting security. While imprisoned at Nam Hà Prison he spent six months in solitary confinement before being transferred to Phú Sơn 4 prison in Thái Nguyên province, even farther away from his family in Gia Lai. During pre-trial detention, police tortured him for more than two months during interrogation sessions. Among the torture tactics they employed was to hang him upside down and beat him with wooden batons. *Release due April 2018.*

70 **Tạ Khu** (m), born 1947, member of the "Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son" (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People's Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **16 years' imprisonment with five years' house arrest on release.** Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc Prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu province. *Release due February 2028.*

71 **Venerable Thạch Thuởi** (m), born 1985, is a Khmer Krom Buddhist monk and deputy abbot of Serei Ta Sek Temple in Sóc Trăng province. He was arrested in May 2013 and charged under Article 91 of the 1999 Penal Code (Fleeing abroad to oppose the people's administration). In March 2013 local authorities and Buddhist officials ordered Thạch Thuởi and two other Khmer Krom monks to defrock or face imprisonment, alleging that the three were spreading "fabricated information" abroad about rights violations in Viet Nam, through interviews with foreign media and contact with the Khmer Krom Federation, a US-based advocacy group. He attempted to flee Viet Nam to seek political asylum. In pre-trial detention, Thạch Thuởi was beaten by police but refused to confess to any crimes. He was tried in September 2013 and sentenced to **six years imprisonment.** He is currently detained at Xuân Lộc Prison in Đồng Nai Province. *Release due May 2019.*



72 **Thích Quảng Độ** (m), born 1928, is the Patriarch of the banned Unified Buddhist Church of Viet Nam (UBCV). He is a leading advocate of religious freedom, human rights and democracy. He has been confined to the Thanh Minh Zen monastery in Hồ Chí Minh City since October 2003, when security officials told him that he had been placed in administrative detention for an indefinite period. He has protested peacefully against repressive government policies in Viet Nam since the 1950s and has spent almost three decades either in prison, detained without trial or under house arrest in “internal exile”.

73 **Trần Anh Kim** (m), born 1949, is a former prisoner of conscience, army officer and writer. He was arrested in September 2015 for investigation under Article 79 of the Penal Code (activities aimed at “overthrowing” the state). It is believed to be in connection with a group that he was about to launch named “Raising the flag of democracy” (*Lực Lượng Quốc Dân Dựng Cờ Dân Chủ*). Trần Anh Kim, a supporter of Bloc 8406 – an internet based pro-democracy group - was previously sentenced to five and a half years’ imprisonment with three years’ house arrest on release in December 2009 for his peaceful activities protesting about injustice and government corruption; he was released in January 2015 and re-arrested eight months later. Following his arrest in September 2015, he was initially believed held in Thái Bình province, but there are unconfirmed reports that he has been moved to B14 prison in Hà Nội. *Pre-trial detention*.

74 **Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức** (m), born 1966, is an entrepreneur, blogger and human rights defender, and co-author of “The Path of Viet Nam” (*Phong Trào Con Đường Việt Nam*), which makes recommendations on governance reform. He was arrested in May 2009 and tried by Hồ Chí Minh City People’s Court on 20 January 2010 with three co-defendants on charges of attempting to “overthrow” the state under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code. He was sentenced to **16 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. He alleged that he was tortured during pre-trial detention in an attempt to make him “confess” to the charges against him; he refused. He was moved from Xuyên Mộc prison camp in Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu province to Prison No 6 in Nghệ An province on 5 May 2016. The transfer was possibly connected with his refusal to agree to be relocated to the United States as a condition for early release. He began a two week hunger-strike beginning 24 May 2016 to demand rule of law and a referendum on Viet Nam’s political system. *Release due May 2025*.

75 **Trần Phi Dung** (m), born 1966, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Sơn” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **13 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Prison Z30A, Section 2, in Xuân Lộc District, Đồng Nai Province. *Release due February 2025*.

76 **Trần Quân** (m), born 1984, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Sơn” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **12 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Prison Z30A, Section 2, in Xuân Lộc District, Đồng Nai Province. *Release due February 2024*.

77 **Trần Thị Thúy** (f), born 1971, member of the independent Hoa Hao Buddhist church land rights activist. She was arrested in August 2010 and tried by Ben Tre Provincial People’s Court with six other defendants on 30 May 2011. They were charged under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code for “activities aimed at overthrowing the state” on accusations of links to Viet Tan, an overseas based group peacefully advocating for democracy in Viet Nam. Trần Thị Thúy was sentenced to **eight years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. She is in poor health and has been denied medical treatment unless she “confesses” to the charges for which she was convicted. She is detained at An Phước Detention Centre, Bình Dương province. *Release due August 2018*.

78 **Trần Vũ Anh Bình** (m), also known as Hoàng Nhật Thông, born 1975, is a well known songwriter arrested in September 2011. He was tried with another songwriter (now released) by Hồ Chí Minh City People’s Court in October 2012 on charges of “conducting propaganda” against the state under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code. Both had criticized China’s claims in the disputed South China Sea/East Sea and Viet Nam’s response. He was sentenced to **six years’ imprisonment with two years’ house arrest on release**. He is detained at An Phước Detention Centre, Bình Dương province or No 4 Phan Đăng Lưu Street prison, Hồ Chí Minh City. *Release due September 2017*.

79 **Từ Thiện Lương** (m), born 1950, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Sơn” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **16 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at An Đầm prison, Đại Lãnh, Đại Lộc, Quảng Nam province. *Release due February 2028*.

80 **Võ Ngọc Cư** (m), born 1951, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **16 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu province. *Release due February 2028*.

81 **Võ Thành Lê** (m), born 1955, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **16 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu province. *Release due February 2028*.

82 **Võ Tiết** (m), born 1952, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **16 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Prison Z30A, Section 2, in Xuân Lộc District, Đồng Nai Province. *Release due February 2028*.

83 **Vương Tấn Sơn** (m), born 1953, member of the “Council for the Laws and Public Affairs of Bia Son” (*Hội đồng Công luật Công án Bia Sơn*), a peaceful religious group dedicated to protecting the environment in Phú Yên Province. He is one of 22 Council members arrested in February 2012 and tried under Article 79 of the 1999 Penal Code by Phú Yên People’s Court in January 2013. He was sentenced to **17 years’ imprisonment with five years’ house arrest on release**. Reported detained at Xuyên Mộc prison, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu Province. *Release due February 2029*.

84 **Yuh also known as Bả Nar** (m), born 1962, is an ethnic Montagnard Christian. He was arrested in February 2009 and brought to trial in September 2009. He was sentenced to **eight years’ imprisonment** under Article 87 (Undermining the unity policy) of the 1999 Penal Code. He is reported detained in Gia Lai province. *Release due February 2017*.