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Further information on UA 143/94 (ASA 23/03/94, 12 April 1994) - Arbitrary killings / Fear for safety

CAMBODIA: Ethnic Vietnamese villagers in Kandal Province

Amnesty International has learned that seven men were arrested for the killing of these 13 ethnic Vietnamese villagers in Kandal Province in April. However, after a court hearing on 2 June at Kandal Court the seven men were released, reportedly because of lack of evidence against them. Amnesty International is calling for a renewed investigation into the killings to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.

The new Cambodian Constitution affords human rights guarantees only to people of Khmer (Cambodian) origin, thus excluding the ethnic Vietnamese minority. Amnesty International continues to fear for the safety of ethnic Vietnamese communities in Cambodia.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams, faxes and airmail letters in French, English or your own language:

- calling on the Royal Government of Cambodia to renew investigations into the killing of 13 Vietnamese villagers in Kandal province in April, and to bring those responsible to justice;
- urging the Royal Government of Cambodia to provide immediate and adequate protection to the ethnic Vietnamese minority in Cambodia;
- urging that ethnic Vietnamese are provided with guarantees of their full rights and freedoms under the law, in line with the rest of the population.

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There is almost no diplomatic representation of Cambodia.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 July 1994.