

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom



Vietnam

Pastor A Dao (sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment for 'illegally taking people to Thailand' on [April 28, 2017](#))

Fr. Anthony Ba SJ (wrote a paper in [Ho Chi Minh City](#) on or before [May 23, 2012](#) citing problems for the Church and recommending future policies the government should adopt for the benefit of all citizens)

Anthony Chu Manh Son (sentenced on [May 23, 2012](#) in [Nghe An](#) to 3 years for "propaganda against the State" for distributing literature for religious freedom, blood donation, aid to orphans and victims of natural disasters, and against abortion;

still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

appeal is supported by the diocese of Vinh on [September 6, 2012](#);

[Nghe An](#) appellate court reduced sentence to 6 months on [September 26, 2012](#);

released from prison in [Vinh](#) on [February 2, 2014](#);

stopped by police on [November 8, 2015](#) near [Da Don village](#), [Lam Ha district](#), [Lam Dong province](#), beaten, and interrogated)

Fr Anthony Dang Huu Nam (reported on [October 17, 2016](#) to be under threat of arrest for supporting parishioners in [Nghe An province](#) who lack food, medicine, and money for their children's education following a local environmental disaster;

as of [May 11, 2017](#) has been under attack by government media for supporting fishermen impoverished by an environmental disaster;

verbally attacked by government-sponsored motorcycle-riding Red Flag militants in [Son Hai, Quynh Luu district, Nghe An province](#) on [October 29, 2017](#))

Anthony Dau Van Voun (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration)

Anthony Duong Van Dau (sentenced on [May 23, 2012](#) in [Nghe An](#) to 3 years 6 months for "propaganda against the State" for distributing literature for religious freedom, blood donation, aid to orphans and victims of natural disasters, and against abortion;

sentencing upheld in [Nghe An](#) appellate court on [September 26, 2012](#);

as of [October 3, 2014](#) has been released early from prison with an additional 18 months' probation, said that guards "allowed other inmates to beat me, two did from 10 pm to 4 am. I thank God that I'm still standing here today. I might have died at that time. My body hurt terribly, but I kept praying and recovered")

Anthony Le Thanh Tung (reported on [May 22, 2014](#) to have been beaten by more than 20

policemen and in front of 300 international airline passengers in [Tan Son Nhat airport, Ho Chi Minh City](#), had been returning from a World Press Freedom Day conference in Washington DC)

Fr Anthony Nguyen Van Dinh (complained to the government along with 10 other priests on [June 13, 2017](#) of attacks by youth gangs on Christians in [Song Ngoc parish, Quynh Luu district, Nghe An province](#) "We see that the attacks have been carried out in an orchestrated manner and the police know well what is occurring but are ignoring what is going on")

Fr Anthony Nguyen Van Duc OSB (said on [February 22, 2016](#) that his monastery in [Thien An](#) had papers to prove ownership of 107 hectares including 101 previously seized by the government, stated that the police action appears to be a prelude to the seizure of the remaining land;

protested the [June 20, 2016](#) demolition of a cross at his monastery in [Thien An](#) by government officials;

wrote after the [June 28, 2017](#) police assault on a monastery in [Thien An, Thua Thien Hue province](#) "Officials from the Thuy Bang commune of Huong Thuy Town witnessed the mob uproot the iron cross that the monks had recently erected on June 26 [2017]"

Anthony Nguyen Van Hai (held since June 2013 in [Nghe An](#) without charge;

50,000 Catholics attended a Mass on [October 6, 2013](#) in [Vinh](#) where they prayed for his release and for an end to persecution)

Fr Anthony Vo Van Giao OSB (beaten on the head by police with a wooden stick on [June 28, 2017](#) when he tried to prevent demolition of a cross at a monastery in [Thien An, Thua Thien Hue province](#))

Fr Anton Le Ngoc Thanh CSSR (named on [May 3, 2014](#) by Reporters Without Borders as one of its "100 information heroes", has several times been in trouble with the government;

criticized the draft religious law on [August 21, 2015](#), called it "a step backward compared to the Ordinance on Belief and Religion of 2004. The new law imposes cumbersome procedures, stringent mechanisms, and a number of constraints that make religious activity impossible";

said of the [February 22, 2016](#) stoning of Paul Tran Minh Nhat by police agents "The serious attack shows that local authorities flagrantly violate the laws, disregard human life and invade basic human rights";

issued a report on [January 23, 2017](#) on religious persecution of all faiths "We recorded 59 violations of religious freedom by the government in 2016, an increase of nine from 2015...The instances of religious persecution got increasingly worse";

member of an interfaith organization of Christian, Buddhist, and Cao Dai religious leaders in [Dong Thanh, Vinh Long province](#) that opposed persecution, detained, questioned, and released on [February 13, 2017](#);

prevented by police from travelling to a [December 10, 2016](#) Mass in [Ho Chi Minh City](#);

defended the demonstrators who were sentenced in [Ben Hoa](#) on [July 30, 2018](#) for opposing a new cybersecurity law, said "The judges and police violated the constitution when they convicted the defendants of causing public disorder")

Bishop Cosma Hoang Van Djat (visited Fr Joseph Nguyen Van The in the hospital after his [May 7, 2016](#) beating by police)

Pastor Dang Ba Nham (aged 56, husband, **killed** when he had been had been deliberately run over

by a military truck on [May 5, 2016](#) in [Vinh](#), wife seriously injured, hospitalized;
 funeral held on [May 8, 2016](#), church crowded to overflowing, when the eulogist asked
 "Who will take his place approximately 30 young people stood)

Dang Ngoc Minh (mother of Nguyen Dang Minh Man, released from prison on [June 17, 2014](#))

Dang Thi Ngoc Minh (to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed
 at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for
 posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;
 convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment)

Rev Dieu Dua (described a [June 9, 2014](#) police attack on a church prayer meeting in [Thai Hoa, Ben Cat District, Binh Duong province](#) with 76 persons present, all were beaten including
 children, loaded into three trucks and taken to an undisclosed location, released the next
 day without papers or personal items)

Dinh Dang Dinh (chemistry teacher, political prisoner for two years, **died of stomach cancer** on or
 near [April 4-6, 2014](#), was released from prison only after the cancer became untreatable,
 was baptized a few days before he died)

Pastor Dinh Diem (aged 53, arrested in [January 2018](#) for having links to a U.S. based pro-
 democracy group;
 sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment in [Quang Ngai province](#) on [July 12, 2018](#) for 'attempts
 to overthrow the people's government')

Fr Dinh Huu Thoai (is supporting the family of Ta Phong Tan;
 reported on the [December 27, 2012](#) arrest of Le Quoc Quan)

Pastor Dinh Nhat Minh Khao (under investigation as of [November 14, 2014](#))

Sr Doan Thi Chuyen (described the [August 6, 2017](#) fire which destroyed her church in [Trung Dong, Nam Dinh province](#) and the lack of firefighter response)

Fr Dominic Pham Xuan Ke (reported on [December 18, 2017](#) to have led parish opposition in [Dien My commune, Nghe An province](#) to a government attempt to remove the parish's Nativity display)

Fr Dominic Tran Van Vu (ordered by the government on [January 7, 2015](#) to leave his parish in [Dak Jak, Kontum](#), temporary church building to be torn down, demolition delayed after
 more than 6,000 parishioners mounted anti-government demonstrations;
 confirmed that authorities on [December 25, 2015](#) prevented Christmas Mass from being
 celebrated in two parishes for 8,000 parishioners in [Dak Lak, Dak Mon municipality, Dak Glei district, and Xe-Dang, Kon Pia village, Tumoron district](#))

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 various units to harass and arrest us during the day and the night, when we worship, when
 we pray, when we have Bible study, when we have children's classes, when we eat
 together, when we have school ceremonies. They use bricks and stones to damage our
 building, and they pelt us with rotten eggs...They employ police of the 113 unit, rapid
 response police, security police in plain clothes, gangs and thugs, all taking turns to harass
 and threaten us. Thirty-four people have been injured, some to the point they had to be
 taken to hospital emergency. Pastor Quang was attacked in the church sanctuary in June by
 a gang with police and officials looking on, not lifting a finger to intervene")

Pastor Dung Kim Kha (reported on [August 11, 2015](#) to have been released from prison in [Binh](#)

[Thanh district, Ho Chi Minh City](#) after 5 years, will continue on probation for 5 years, has no home to go to)

Francis Xavier Dang Xuan Dieu (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 13 years imprisonment;

still in prison in [K3 barrack, Camp N. 5, Yên Dinh, Thanh Hoa province](#), denied a family visit on [June 11, 2014](#), as of [June 30, 2014](#) has started a hunger strike;

has been beaten for months prior to [October 9, 2014](#) and forced to be a slave to prisoners)

Ha (elder brother of Francis Xavier Dang Xuan Dieu, sought help from Fr Vincent Pham Trung Than)

Hoang Duc Binh (aged 35, convicted of 'resisting officials on duty' and 'abusing democratic freedoms to infringe the interests of the state, the legitimate interest and rights of organizations and citizens' for helping fishermen sue a Taiwanese steel plant for pollution, sentenced in [Dien Chau district, Nghe An province](#) on [February 6, 2018](#) to 14 years' imprisonment, 10 relatives were detained by police at the trial and beaten)

Hoang Ngoc Hung (church elder, had been deliberately run over by a military truck on [May 5, 2016](#) in [Vinh](#), hospitalized, given a 20% chance of survival)

Hoang Phong (sentenced on [May 23, 2012](#) in [Nghe An](#) to 18 months suspended for "propaganda against the State" for distributing literature for religious freedom, blood donation, aid to orphans and victims of natural disasters, and against abortion;

appeal is supported by the diocese of Vinh on [September 6, 2011](#);

sentencing upheld in [Nghe An](#) appellate court on [September 26, 2012](#) despite his decision to not appeal)

Hoang Van Ngai (aged 38, **died while in police custody** in [Dak Nong](#) on [March 17, 2013](#), body severely bruised, official cause of suicide by electric shock is disputed by his family)

Hoang Van Pa (brother of Hoang Van Ngai, reported screams from his brother's cell prior to the removal of his brother's severely bruised body by police on [March 17, 2013](#) in [Dak Nong](#))

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Fr James Le Jang Niem (parish vicar, church threatened as of [December 13, 2016](#) by local authorities in [District 2, Ho Chi Minh City](#) who have been trying to close it in favor of commercial development)

Fr John Baptist Nguyen Dinh Thuc ([July 1, 2012](#) Mass in [Yen Khe village, Con Cuong district, Nghe An province](#) attacked by a mob likely sent by provincial authorities, physically hit, 20 parishioners and 2 nuns beaten;

as of [May 11, 2017](#) has been under attack by government media for supporting fishermen impoverished by an environmental disaster;

verbally attacked by government-sponsored motorcycle-riding Red Flag militants in [Son Hai, Quynh Luu district, Nghe An province](#) on [October 29, 2017](#), said "We reiterate that this is a plot to carry out violent provocations and suppress parishioners in the Catholic community of Van Thai. As a result, we protest all the dangerous plans that are intended to divide Catholics from non-Catholics...[We call] on the government to respect and enforce Vietnam's laws, as well as protect the lives and properties of its citizens...Every protest by the faithful against the [Red Flag] group's provocations, even if it is in self-defense, is very dangerous. Therefore, the government must be held fully accountable for all the situations that cause damage and disturbance in the area";

was not allowed to testify at the [February 6, 2018](#) trial of Hoang Duc Binh and Nguyen Nam Phong in [Dien Chau district, Nghe An province](#), said that they had been right to not open their automobile to police during a [February 2017](#) demonstration because they saved 2 nuns from police beatings)

Fr John Luu Ngoc Quynh CSSR (aged 53, prevented from leaving the county at [Hanoi](#) on [December 5, 2017](#) to visit France for an ordination 'for the protection of national security, social order and safety')

Fr John Nguyen Ngoc Nam Phong CSSR (prevented from leaving the county in [April 2017](#) to visit Australia to study)

John Nguyen Van Duyet (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment;

sentence reduced by a minor amount on appeal on [May 24, 2013](#))

John Nguyen Van Oai (husband, still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment;

released on [August 3, 2015](#):

arrested in [Nghe An](#) on [January 19, 2017](#) on fabricated charges of violating probation;

sentenced on [September 18, 2017](#) in [Hoang Mai, Nghe An province](#) to 5 years' imprisonment and 4 years' house arrest)

John Thai Van Dung (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment;

released from prison on [August 19, 2015](#))

Mgr Joseph Dinh Duc Dao ([Xuan Loc](#) seminary rector, stated on or about [May 19, 2012](#)

"...believers and priests are confronted by materialism. Because of Vietnam's current economic boom, many lay people and clergymen can earn easy money, which is undermining their love for God. Some priests are neglecting their pastoral ministry vis-à-vis the faithful, parishes and the Church. Their faith is starting to shatter.")

Bishop Joseph Chau Ngoc Tri (criticized by the government for celebrating a Mass in [Da Nang](#) on [June 14, 2013](#) in honor of Fr Vincent Capodanno MM, who was posthumously awarded the U.S. Medal of Honor for his 1967 battlefield ministry and who in 2002 had his cause for sainthood opened)

Fr Joseph Ho Dac Tam (as of [June 14, 2012](#) is encouraging all parishioners to promote evangelization and to proclaim the Good News)

Fr Joseph Nguyen Duy Tan (church in [Xuan Tho commune, Xuan Loc district, Dong Nai province](#) attacked by government thugs who arrived on a bus on [September 4, 2017](#), locked the church gate and rang the bell to summon parishioners who detained the attackers, said "I recognized Nguyen Trong Nghia of the Red Flags group. Commune security kept inviting them back to their office, and district security officers behaved the same way, refusing to do any work at the scene. They wouldn't note down the registration numbers of the guns or count how many bullets they had", declined to press charges because "they are all on the same side, the side of the Communist Party. There would have been no point in pushing for prosecution";

prevented from leaving the country in [Tan Son Nhat International Airport, Ho Chi Minh City](#) on [June 11, 2018](#) for a conference after he spoke with an EU representative on May 16, 2018 concerning religious persecution;

defended the demonstrators who were sentenced in [Ben Hoa](#) on [July 30, 2018](#) for opposing a new cybersecurity law, said "The sentences are inhumane and take away the right to demonstration of citizens...Demonstration is good for the government to know the people's opinion")

Bishop Joseph Nguyen Nang (spoke at a national catechism congress in [Dong Nai province](#) on [August 28, 2017](#))

Fr Joseph Nguyen Van Phong (said of the [May 7, 2016](#) beating of Fr Joseph Nguyen Van The "This is a deliberate attack, under the direction of the local government and police. It was not a random aggression")

Fr Joseph Nguyen Van Than (Mass in a private home in [Muong Khuong, Lao Cai province](#)

interrupted by 30 police and other officials on [June 12, 2016](#), three people who attempted to record the interruption were beaten and their phones seized;

said "I called provincial officials to tell them to intervene in the [[April 16, 2017](#)] incident. Finally, the authorities left the house [in [Muong Khuong, Lao Cai province](#)] and Father Thai celebrated Easter Mass")

Fr Joseph Nguyen Van The ("kind old priest", beaten by police in [Son Duong district, Tuyen Quang province](#) on [May 7, 2016](#) while travelling to celebrate Mass, hospitalized with serious hand and feet injuries, attack was likely motivated by his statements against corruption)

Fr Joseph Nguyen Van Toanh (said the [August 6, 2017](#) church fire in [Trung Dong, Nam Dinh province](#) may have been caused by an electrical short)

Fr Joseph Truong Hoang Vu CSSR (said that police agents in the weeks prior to the [February 22, 2016](#) stoning of Paul Tran Minh Nhat had destroyed his crops and livestock by spreading pesticide and attempted to set his house in [Lam Na district, Lam Dong province](#) on fire; prevented by police from travelling to a [December 10, 2016](#) Mass in [Ho Chi Minh City](#), beaten)

Bishop Joseph Vu Van Thien (as of [March 27, 2014](#) had called for the acquittal of Peter Doan Van Vuon)

Khanh (wife of Nguyen Van Dai, told the police who raided her [Hanoi](#) home on [December 16, 2015](#): "We believe in Jesus. I told them that was our religion...but they ignored my words" and seized all of their Christian possessions)

Khanh (aged 28, convert, husband, father, pressured by his village leaders to abandon his faith, beaten by his brother along with his daughter on [March 28, 2017](#), he and family have relocated to a pastor's house)

Kpuih Bop Plei Chep (beaten and tortured by the Communist Party leadership on [December 17, 2013](#) for delivering Christmas presents in [Ayun municipality, Kontum province](#), hospitalized with multiple internal injuries)

Le Cong Dinh (aged 44, attorney, released from a [Ho Chi Minh City](#) prison on [February 7, 2013](#) after serving more than three years of a five year sentence for "activities aimed at overthrowing" the government due to good behavior and his mother's failing health;

said of the [June 29, 2017](#) sentencing of Mary Magdelene Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh "I am really surprised by the 10-year sentence that shows the government's inhumanity to a single young mother. I did not realize what a state of panic the ruling party is in...It is certain that in her lifetime she will witness the death knell of the regime that sentenced her")

Fr Le Nam Cao (described an [April 6, 2016](#) attack by troops against his [Houng Phuong village, Quang Binh province](#) church in which three parishioners were injured and decorations torn down, said "It was noon time and most of the men were at work, so only old women and children were at home. Parishioners told me of the crackdown. I told them that I would not go out and they should go home and just let them do whatever they wanted because we had no weapons, so it was not good for us. Some people did not agree, so they fought back against the troops including policemen and soldiers who were well equipped with tear gas, bullets and batons...One parishioner was looking at the scene, and he was detained and beaten by the police while some people got tear gas in their eyes, but they were not in danger. I heard the ones that were seriously injured were treated in the hospital, and the rest just went home. The parishioners took care of bruises and bleeding")

Le Quoc Quan (aged 41 [2012], husband of Nguyen Thi Hien, attorney, blogger, and human rights activist, arrested in [Hanoi](#) on [December 27, 2012](#) for tax evasion, as of [January 1, 2013](#) is on a hunger strike;

has fasted and prayed before his [July 9, 2013](#) court appearance in [Hanoi](#), will be representing himself, has not been allowed to review all prosecutorial evidence;

as of [September 26, 2013](#) the trial has been postponed to October 2, 2013;

thousands attended candlelight vigils for his release on [September 29, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#), [Ho Chi Minh City](#), and [Vinh](#);

convicted on tax evasion charges in a two-hour long trial in [Hanoi](#) on [October 2, 2013](#), sentenced to 30 months in prison and a US\$56,000 fine, courthouse blocked by a wall of police and hired thugs, thousands of supporters waved palms;

allowed his first family visit since his arrest on [October 10, 2013](#), announced his intention to appeal his conviction;

appeal decision upcoming on [February 8, 2014](#), denied a Bible in prison;

conviction upheld on appeal on [February 18, 2014](#) in [Hanoi](#);

as of [March 20, 2014](#) prison administration has denied him a Bible and access to clergy;

released on [June 27, 2015](#))

Le Thi Kieu Oanh (wife of Peter Pham Minh Hoang, said on or before [June 24, 2017](#) "Hoang is an excellent husband. I love him because he dedicates himself to the country. He accepts imprisonment and poverty to work for the nation, I trust completely in God. God chooses us to carry His cross on our shoulders, He will open other doors for us")

Fr Louis Gonzaga Dang Hung Tan OSB (reported on [May 29, 2018](#) to have said that there have been four arson attacks on his monastery's forested land in [Thien An, Thua Thien Hue province](#) in 2018 so far" "After examining the scene, we confirm that these fires were caused by people. All fires aimed to cause disorder to the monks' life and religious activities")

Fr Ly Ngoc Thanh (editor in chief of Redemptorist News in [Ho Chi Minh City](#), on [September 29, 2014](#) described government efforts to silence his news agency)

Mai (said on or before [April 22, 2017](#) "Chinese tourists come into the [[Nha Trang](#)] church, speak in a loud voice, go here and there. Some turn their back to the altar, put their chin on the table, and sit down", the local Communist party has opposed efforts to stop the actions by the tourists)

Mai Thị Thanh T (mother of four, said on [December 13, 2016](#) that local authorities in [District 2, Ho Chi Minh City](#) have been trying to close a church in favor of commercial development "we live far away from the church, my children and I continue to come here to attend Mass and study the catechism. I am very angry with the authorities...who want to eliminate the parish")

Maria Nguyen (wrote to her bishop on or before [April 22, 2017](#) to complain of the rude actions of foreign tourists at the [Nha Trang](#) cathedral including threats against worshippers, these actions have resulted from the local Communist party opposition to the efforts to stop the actions by the tourists)

Sr Maria Nguyen Thi Ngoan LHC (as of [November 17, 2015](#) has been fighting the government seizure of three schools in [Ho Chi Minh City](#))

Marie Ngo Thi Thanh (hospitalized with a skull fracture after the attack on the [July 1, 2012](#) Mass

in [Yen Khe village, Con Cuong district, Nghe An province](#);

remains in critical condition as of [July 4, 2012](#))

Marie Ta Phong Tan (aged 43, former policewoman, detained since September 2011 after blogging against government corruption, mother committed suicide by self-immolation in protest on [July 30, 2012](#) in [Bac Lieu](#);

still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

sentenced on [September 24, 2012](#) in [Hanoi](#) to 10 years with 5 additional years of house arrest for spreading anti-government propaganda on the internet;

as of [March 20, 2014](#) has been beaten in prison by compliant prisoners, denied a Bible and access to clergy;

has been on a hunger strike for at least three weeks as of [June 9, 2015](#) to protest mistreatment of prisoners in [Thanh Hoa](#);

released from [Thanh Hoa prison](#) under a 'temporary suspension' on [September 19, 2015](#), arrived in the United States on [September 20, 2015](#))

Sr Mary Le Thi Thao LHC (as of [January 19, 2016](#) has been fighting the government seizure of three schools in [Ho Chi Minh City](#), asked for prayers)

Mary Magdelene Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh (aged 38, mother of two, sentenced in [Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa province](#) on [June 29, 2017](#) to 10 years' imprisonment for anti-government internet postings, which included criticism of hospitals refusing to serve the poor;

still imprisoned as of [October 10, 2017](#);

appeal denied in [Tuy Hoa](#) on [December 1, 2017](#);

has been denied a Bible in [Prison Camp No. 5, Thanh Hoa province](#), began a hunger strike on [July 6, 2018](#) to protest deliberate food poisoning, harassment by fellow inmates, and use of a toilet with no privacy, in poor health;

ended her hunger strike after a [July 23, 2018](#) visit with U.S. diplomats)

Fr Matthew Vu Khoi Phung CSSP (Redemptorist superior, on or before [September 23, 2013](#) protested the government's issuance of an expropriation order to seize parish land near lake Ba Giang in [Thai Ha](#))

Bishop Michael Hoang Duc Oanh (prior to June 20 2012 protested plans to tear down the diocesan Compassion Center in [Kontum](#) which was 'borrowed' by the government in 1978;

on [August 13, 2012](#) visited with and encouraged villagers in [Dak Pnan village, Mang Yang district, Gia Lai province](#) who were forced to remove a crucifix and a religious painting from their chapel and replace them with portraits of Ho Chi Minh;

on [October 9, 2013](#) sent a reply from [Kontum](#) to the deputy chief of Nghe An province in which he countered that he would continue to stand with Bishop Paul Nguyen Thai Hop, and called for an end to the persecution of the church;

spoke on or before [March 16, 2015](#) on the government's refusal to allow a permanent church building to be built in [Dak Jak, Kontum](#);

on [October 16, 2015](#) protested government's plans to demolish small churches and chapels around [Kontum](#), including 22 in one district alone)

N. P .T. (aged 30, once convinced that mission "was done only in other countries or in remote

areas [but I now - as of [June 14, 2012](#) - perform it] in town and in my office [in [Ho Chi Minh City](#)]")

N. T. H. (a disabled woman aged 68 stated on [June 14, 2012](#) in [Ho Chi Minh City](#): "I used to think that missionary work was the preserve of religious and priests. I came to realize that each believer is called to proclaim the Good News.")

Fr Ngo Gia The (described how Catholics, Protestants, Buddhists, and Cao Dia believers united to prevent the [October 25, 2015](#) government demolition of a Catholic school in [Ho Chi Minh City](#))

Ngo Van Khoi (aged 53, arrested for "disturbing the public order" on [May 22, 2013](#), demonstration for his release on [September 4, 2013](#) in [Nghi Phuong](#) ended with 15 arrested and over 40 injured by police;

sentenced to seven months imprisonment on [October 25, 2013](#);

released from prison on [December 22, 2013](#))

Pastor Nguyen Cong Chinh (husband of Tran Thi Hong, on [July 31, 2012](#) an appellate court in [Gia Lai](#) upheld his sentence of 11 years for "undermining unity";

as of [September 26, 2013](#) police are preventing his wife and children from leaving their home to visit him;

showed signs of having been beaten by inmates during the an [October 15, 2013](#) visit in prison with his wife, said repeatedly that his life was in danger;

has suffered from high blood pressure and sinusitis, on [August 17, 2016](#) was allowed a visit in prison with his wife who later said "He was too weak to walk and officers had to help him into the meeting room...I give him medicine but officers dispense it irregularly";

reported on [October 12, 2016](#) to have been fed food and water contaminated with ground glass, lead, insecticide, and dead flies along with three other Christians in [Phuoc Co jail, Vung Tau](#);

transferred to [Xuan Loc Prison, Dong Nai province](#) on [December 12, 2016](#), family not notified;

confined to a cramped punishment cell after telling U.S. diplomats on [May 25, 2017](#) about the mistreatment he has suffered;

freed from prison on [July 28, 2017](#), exiled to the United States with his wife and five children)

Nguyen Dang Minh Man (daughter of Dang Ngoc Minh, to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment)

Nguyen Dang Vinh Phuc (to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment)

Fr Nguyen Dinh Thuc (ordered on [January 23, 2018](#) to not serve Mass by the local government in [Quynh Ngoc, Nghe An province](#))

Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang (attacked along with his Bible students in the [week prior to June 22,](#)

2014 by a mob led by police and government officials in [My Phuoc, Binh Duong province](#), suffered injuries to his head and chest including several broken teeth, a total of 20 pastors and students were beaten in the 2 hour attack;

arrested on [November 12, 2014](#) along with his son, another pastor, and six other parishioners by police accompanied by provocatively dressed prostitutes, church ransacked, after their release signed a report on continuing persecution by the [Ben Cat, Binh Duong province](#) police “They send gangs and thugs, strangers, masked people, and police of various units to harass and arrest us during the day and the night, when we worship, when we pray, when we have Bible study, when we have children’s classes, when we eat together, when we have school ceremonies. They use bricks and stones to damage our building, and they pelt us with rotten eggs...They employ police of the 113 unit, rapid response police, security police in plain clothes, gangs and thugs, all taking turns to harass and threaten us. Thirty-four people have been injured, some to the point they had to be taken to hospital emergency. Pastor Quang was attacked in the church sanctuary in June by a gang with police and officials looking on, not lifting a finger to intervene”)

Fr Nguyen Huu Giai (detained in [Hue](#) on [February 2, 2017](#))

Nguyen Huu Vinh (aged 60, former police officer, arrested in [May 2014](#) on 'abuses of freedom and democracy' and 'violating State interests' charges;

sentenced in [Hanoi](#) to 5 years' imprisonment on [March 24, 2016](#);

conviction upheld on appeal by the Supreme Court in [Hanoi](#) on [September 23, 2016](#))

Pastor Nguyen Manh Hung (described the [June 9, 2014](#) attack on Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang and his Bible students in [My Phuoc, Binh Duong province](#), 20 of whom were seriously injured;

member of an interfaith organization of Christian, Buddhist, and Cao Dai religious leaders in [Dong Thanh, Vinh Long province](#) that opposed persecution, detained, questioned, and released on [February 13, 2017](#))

Nguyen Nam Phong (aged 38, husband, convicted of 'resisting officials on duty' and 'abusing democratic freedoms to infringe the interests of the state, the legitimate interest and rights of organizations and citizens' for helping fishermen sue a Taiwanese steel plant for pollution, sentenced in [Dien Chau district, Nghe An province](#) on [February 6, 2018](#) to 2 years' imprisonment)

Nguyen Ngoc Lua (beaten by police and dragged into a bus after attending a [June 17, 2018](#) Mass in [Ho Chi Minh City](#) on suspicion she was about to join a demonstration against a new cybersecurity law and new economic zones, taken to a detention center, questioned, released)

Fr Nguyen Ngoc Nam Phong (said on [October 24, 2014](#) that the church needs the return of land in [Dong Da district](#) the government seized due to an increasing number of people joining it)

Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh – see Mary Magdalene Nguyen Ngoc Nhu Quynh

Nguyen T (church leader, complained on or before [April 22, 2017](#) of foreign tourists at the [Nha Trang](#) cathedral "They come to the shrine to show off their cameras and take pictures. They talk and laugh loudly. Such behavior negatively affects the church's sacredness and its parishioners", the local Communist party has opposed efforts to stop the actions by the tourists)

Nguyen Thi Thuong (wife of Peter Doan Van Vuon)

Bishop Nguyen Thai Hop ()

Nguyen Thi Lanh (wife of the Rev Nguyen Trung Ton, wrote to the UN concerning her husband's imprisonment, detained on [November 3, 2017](#) after withdrawing money to pay family medical bills, money seized, accused of being funded by terrorists, said "My husband is an honest man and loves the people and motherland more than his life")

Rev Nguyen Trung Ton (husband of Nguyen Thi Lanh, reported on [December 14, 2015](#) to have been detained by police in [Thanh Hoa province](#);

abducted at the airport near [Ba Đon, Quang Binh province](#) by undercover security men in [late February 2017](#), stripped, beaten, robbed;

arrested on [July 30, 2017](#), charged with 'carrying out activities with the purpose of overthrowing the Peoples' administration';

still imprisoned as of [November 3, 2017](#);

sentenced on [April 5, 2018](#) to 12 years' imprisonment for supporting democratic reforms;

appeal denied in [Hanoi](#) on [June 4, 2018](#))

Nguyen Van Dai (attorney, beaten by police in [Quan Hanh, Nghi Loc district](#) on [December 6, 2015](#) for having attended a human rights forum that covered freedom of religion, three others also beaten;

arrested on [December 16, 2015](#) at his [Hanoi](#) home on charges of 'propaganda against the state', computers, Christian and human rights materials seized;

formally charged on [July 30, 2017](#) with 'carrying out activities with the purpose of overthrowing the Peoples' administration';

sentenced on [April 5, 2018](#) to 12 years' imprisonment for supporting democratic reforms;

appeal denied in [Hanoi](#) on [June 4, 2018](#))

Nguyen Van Hai (sentenced on [September 24, 2012](#) in [Hanoi](#) to 12 years with 5 additional years of house arrest for spreading anti-government propaganda on the internet;

freed from prison and deported on [October 21, 2014](#), will settle in the United States)

Nguyen Van Hai (aged 43, arrested for "disturbing the public order" on [May 22, 2013](#), demonstration for his release on [September 4, 2013](#) in [Nghi Phuong](#) ended with 15 arrested and over 40 injured by police;

sentenced to seven months imprisonment on [October 25, 2013](#);

released from prison on [December 22, 2013](#))

Fr Nguyen Van Hien (spoke at the [July 15-20, 2013](#) annual meeting of Vietnamese catechists in [Ho Chi Minh City](#) which was attended by 580 catechists and religious)

Fr Nguyen Van Ly (arrested in [1977](#);

arrested in [2001](#);

arrested in [2007](#);

still imprisoned as of [December 10, 2014](#) for advocating religious freedom, democracy, and human rights and for opposing a U.S.-Vietnam trade treaty;

detained in [Hue](#) on [February 2, 2017](#))

Nguyen Van Vi (new home in [Chau Binh commune, Quy Chau district, Nghe An province](#) raided by the authorities on [June 11, 2012](#) while it was being blessed by local clergy)

Rev Nguyen Viet Tu (abducted at the airport near [Ba Đon, Quang Binh province](#) by undercover

security men in [late February 2017](#), stripped, beaten, robbed)

Nong Hung Anh (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment;

released from prison on [June 17, 2014](#))

Bishop Paul (on [August 24, 2012](#) decried the illegal seizure of land and buildings owned by the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Paul and other church institutions, including St Paul Hospital in [Hanoi](#) and other locations)

Paul Ho Van Oanh (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment;

sentence reduced by a minor amount on appeal on [May 24, 2013](#))

Archbishop Paul Bui Van Doc (spoke at a national catechism congress in [Dong Nai province](#) on [August 28, 2017](#))

Fr Paul Le Xuan Loc CSSR (prevented by police from travelling to a [December 10, 2016](#) Mass in [Ho Chi Minh City](#), beaten, said on social media "After we just left our monastery, traffic police stopped our bus and took the driver's license. Then plain-clothes security officers, who wore face masks, used helmets to brutally hit me and Fr Vu while we videoed them from outside the bus")

Bishop Paul Nguyen Thai Hop (wrote on [September 9, 2013](#) in [Vinh](#) that the government-owned media is publishing "false articles and stories, which distort the truth, and offend the reputation and honour of the bishop and the entire community", called for prayers for the release of Peter Ngo Van Khoi and Anthony Nguyen Van Hai from jail, and called for an end to government violence against the hundreds of Catholics who demonstrated in [Nghe An](#) on [September 4, 2013](#) in favor of their release;

accused during a [September 15, 2013](#) ten minute program on state television of having "in an interview with foreign journalists...manipulated the truth, made false accusations against the government of Vietnam in order to transform what is a normal procedure into a case of persecution against the Church", the program also stated "no one is above the law" and there will be "more arrests" if the rebellion continues;

as of [March 27, 2014](#) had called for the acquittal of Peter Doan Van Vuon;

reported on [October 17, 2016](#) to have refused a [Nghe An province](#) People's Committee demand that Fr Anthony Dang Huu Nam be removed "We have our pastoral plans for this year. Fr Nam will serve again in Phu Yen parish";

verbally attacked by government-sponsored motorcycle-riding Red Flag militants in [Son Hai, Quynh Luu district, Nghe An province](#) on [October 29, 2017](#))

Bishop Paul Nguyen Van Hoa (aged 86, **died of natural causes** in [Nha Trang](#) on [February 14, 2017](#), had been questioned by police and prohibited from pastoral duties for over a decade

following the 1975 reunification of the country)

Paul Tran Minh Nhat (Redemptorist News employee, still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment;

has begun a hunger strike on [June 21, 2013](#) to protest prison conditions, including abuse and denial of religious books;

as of [March 20, 2014](#) prison administration has denied him a Bible and access to clergy; released from prison on or about [August 27, 2015](#);

stopped by police on [November 8, 2015](#) near [Da Don village, Lam Ha district, Lam Dong province](#), beaten, and interrogated;

stoned by police agents on [February 22, 2016](#) while saying evening prayers with his family in [Lam Na district, Lam Dong province](#), suffered a serious head wound, the attackers prevented his hospitalization, in the weeks prior to stoning police agents had destroyed his crops and livestock by spreading pesticide and attempted to set his house on fire)

Paulus Le Van Son (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 13 years imprisonment;

sentence reduced to 4 years imprisonment on appeal on [May 24, 2013](#);

released on [August 3, 2015](#))

Fr Peter Cao Duc Loi (described a [June 28, 2017](#) attack by 100 undercover police and hired thugs on his monastery in [Thien An, Hue](#) in which a large cross was pulled down "They have thrown stones against the monks and hit three or four of them. They prevented us from raising it again and pulled the monks clinging to it by their hair and clothes. Two of them were injured and another was knocked senseless. It was horrible")

Peter Doan Van Vuon (husband of Nguyen Thi Thuong, home in [Tien Lang district, Haiphong](#) attacked in January 2012 by an 'eviction team', 2 buildings destroyed, arrested on a charge of attempted murder along with his brother for resisting the eviction, authorities have detained the leaders of the eviction team on [October 23, 2012](#);

sentenced on [April 5, 2013](#) to five years' imprisonment on attempted murder charges for his resistance of a government eviction of his home and business, sentence was unusually light for the charges;

sentence upheld on appeal on [March 27, 2014](#) in [Hanoi](#))

Peter Ho Duc Hoa (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 13 years imprisonment)

Fr Peter Le Quoc Hung (traveled with six others on [August 10, 2016](#) to investigate persecution in [Muong Khuong district, Lao Cai province](#), vehicles' tires spiked by masked men)

Peter Ngo Van Khoi (has been held since June 2013 in [Nghe An](#) without charge;

50,000 Catholics attended a Mass on [October 6, 2013](#) in [Vinh](#) where they prayed for his release and for an end to persecution)

Peter Nguyen Dinh Cuong (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment)

Fr Peter Nguyen Dinh Thai (subjected to an attempted arrest as he prepared to celebrate Mass in [Muong Khuong, Lao Cai province](#) on [April 16, 2017](#), people who surrounded him to protect him were pushed and shoved, the officials ended their attempt after Fr Joseph Nguyen Van Than call their provincial superiors to protest)

Fr Peter Nguyen Van Hien (spoke at a national catechism congress in [Dong Nai province](#) on [August 28, 2017](#))

Fr Peter Nguyen Van Huong (protested the government seizure of a church in [Nghe An](#) on [June 11, 2012](#) during which parishoners were beaten)

Bishop Peter Nguyen Van Kham (said in [Ho Chi Minh City](#) on [December 19, 2016](#) "Negative issues still remain in the relationship between the government and religions", added that the new law regulating religions "fails to properly care about the people's need for religious activities";

spoke at a national catechism congress in [Dong Nai province](#) on [August 28, 2017](#))

Archbishop Peter Nguyen Van Nhon (protested the [January 3, 2013](#) government demolition of a [Hanoi](#) Carmelite monastery)

Peter Nguyen Xuan Oanh (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

to go on trial on [January 6, 2013](#) in [Hanoi](#) for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration" - which can bring the death penalty - for posting accounts of official corruption on the internet;

convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 3-8 years imprisonment;

sentence reduced by a minor amount on appeal on [May 24, 2013](#))

Peter Pham Minh Hoang (aged 62, husband of Le Thi Kieu Oanh, father, professor of mathematics, activist and blogger, dual French citizen, told in [Ho Chi Minh City](#) on [June 1, 2017](#) that the government would revoke his citizenship - despite his birth in the country - and expel him;

expelled on [June 24, 2017](#))

Peter Tran Huu Duc (sentenced on [May 23, 2012](#) in [Nghe An](#) to 3 years 3 months for "propaganda against the State" for distributing literature for religious freedom, blood donation, aid to orphans and victims of natural disasters, and against abortion;

still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

appeal is supported by the diocese of Vinh on [September 6, 2012](#);

sentencing upheld in [Nghe An](#) appellate court on [September 26, 2012](#))

Peter Tran Vu Anh Binh (still incarcerated, friends and family marched on [Hanoi](#) during [August 24-28, 2012](#) to protest the continuing incarceration;

handcuffed and taken away by guards in [Xuyen Moc prison, Ba Ria Vung Tau province](#) on [March 19, 2015](#) after he protested their forcible removal of his rosary beads, whereabouts unknown, cellmates have begun a hunger strike until they are told of his location and condition)

Pham Ngoc Hanh (aged 45, mother of five, sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment in [Ben Hoa](#) on [July 30, 2018](#) for demonstrating against a new cybersecurity law)

Br Pham Ngoc Hoang OSB (accused of illegal deforestation after removing 15 pine trees from the orange grove at his [Thien An](#) monastery on [January 2, 2016](#), refused to answer a [February 22, 2016](#) police summons)

Phan Thanh Hai (sentenced on [September 24, 2012](#) in [Hanoi](#) to 4 years with 3 additional years of house arrest for spreading anti-government propaganda on the internet)

Phan Thi Thanh Huyen (convert, had been deliberately run over by a military truck on [May 5, 2016](#) in front of her home in [Vinh](#), [died the next day](#))

Br Phan Van Giao OSB (accused of illegal deforestation after removing 15 pine trees from the orange grove at his [Thien An](#) monastery on [January 2, 2016](#), refused to answer a [February 22, 2016](#) police summons)

Fr Phan Van Loi (detained in [Hue](#) on [February 2, 2017](#), said "I asked them why they were blocking me from attending church services. I asked if they were police. Of course, I knew they were police because I had previously seen them around my house. We demanded that they show us their IDs, but one man said they were not policemen. I told them that even if they wear plainclothes, they are still Thua Thien Hue province policemen")

Phan Vinh Su (church leader, described an [April 13, 2016](#) attack by 100 masked men on Christians who were trying to prevent an illegal seizure of church property in [Tay Son district, Binh Dinh province](#), added that construction on the parcel began "surrounded by police all day and night")

Br Stanislas Tran Minh Vong OSB (aged 80, said "some 200 officials, security officers, militia, forest wardens and others suddenly flocked to the monastery [in [Thien An](#)], videotaping, threatening and shouting at us with foul language" while they were clearing the trees on [January 2, 2016](#), added "Benedictines never do as gangsters" after state media accused the brothers of pulling knives on the officials;

said on or before [September 15, 2017](#) that the current drought has led his fellow monks to again ask the government to return a seized reservoir to their monastery in [Thua Thien Hue province](#) "We are very worried about our orange gardens that are in danger because water supplies have become scarce";

reported on [May 29, 2018](#) to have complained of arson attacks on his monastery's forested land in [Thien An, Thua Thien Hue province](#))

Su (alias, reported on [July 14, 2016](#) to have described the imprisonment of at least 108 tribal pastors since 2001, many have finished their sentences but have not been released)

T V Q (stated on [June 14, 2012](#) in [Ho Chi Minh City](#) that it is crucial to learn to live correctly the Word of God so as to be able to get involved in "missionary works for others")

Thach (signed a [November 12, 2014](#) report on continuing persecution by the [Ben Cat, Binh Duong province](#) police "They send gangs and thugs, strangers, masked people, and police of various units to harass and arrest us during the day and the night, when we worship, when we pray, when we have Bible study, when we have children's classes, when we eat together, when we have school ceremonies. They use bricks and stones to damage our building, and they pelt us with rotten eggs...They employ police of the 113 unit, rapid response police, security police in plain clothes, gangs and thugs, all taking turns to harass and threaten us. Thirty-four people have been injured, some to the point they had to be taken to hospital emergency. Pastor Quang was attacked in the church sanctuary in June by a gang with police and officials looking on, not lifting a finger to intervene")

Fr Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly (serving a 15 year sentence since 2007, as of [May 30, 2013](#) has survived three strokes and is now suffering from brain cancer;

released on [May 21, 2016](#), refused a pardon because he said he did nothing wrong, thanked the impending visit of U.S. President Obama as the cause of this 'good will' gesture)

Thai Ha's Phong (said on [October 24, 2014](#) of the government's refusal to return the seized land in [Dong Da district](#) "If they can't destroy a religion from the inside, they attack it from the outside and repress the development of the religion. This policy makes land disputes difficult to resolve. Their policy on religion never changes and when the policy will not be changed, nothing can be solved")

Theresa Hoa (confirmed that authorities on [December 25, 2015](#) prevented Christmas Mass from being celebrated in two parishes for 8,000 parishioners in [Dak Lak, Dak Mon municipality, Dak Glei district, and Xe-Dang, Kon Pia village, Tumoron district](#), said "the authorities prevented the priests from saying Mass, have thus violated the Constitution and the laws of Vietnam")

Fr Thoai (colleague of Anthony Le Thanh Tung)

Tra Van Luong (beaten during the [June 11, 2012](#) raid on the home of Nguyen Van Vi in [Chau Binh commune, Quy Chau district, Nghe An province](#))

Tran Nguyen Duy Quang (aged 35, sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment in [Ben Hoa](#) on [July 30, 2018](#) for demonstrating against a new cybersecurity law)

Fr Tran Si Tin CSSR (reported on [December 17, 2013](#) Communist Party attacks on Christians delivering Christmas presents in [Ayun municipality, Kontum province](#))

Tran Thi Hong (wife of Pastor Nguyen Cong Chinh [who has been serving 11 years in prison for 'undermining national unity'], taken from her home by police on [April 14, 2016](#) after she refused to answer questions concerning her [March 30, 2016](#) conversation with U.S. diplomats, beaten at the police station in [Pleiku, Gia Lai province](#), returned and dumped unconscious in the road in front of her home;

forced by police to attend a meeting at the People's Committee Office on [May 11, 2016](#);

held to the ground on [May 12, 2016](#) by four policewomen who repeatedly pinched her;

taken by police at 6 AM on [May 13, 2016](#) along with her 18 year old son [leaving her other children unattended], abused for 3 hours which including having chopsticks forced into her mouth, released, her son was released later that day;

reported on [October 12, 2016](#) on the contaminants in her husband's prison food and water;

arrived at Phuoc Co jail, Vung Tau on [December 12, 2016](#), after waiting 3 hours in the rain was told her husband had been moved to another prison, said "I arrived at Xuan Loc Prison [in [Dong Nai province](#)] the following day [[December 13, 2016](#)], and prison officials told me 'Chinh was not allowed to call his family or inform them that he had been relocated because he refused to accept his crimes. I told them that my husband did not do anything wrong and that they treated him in an inhumane way", later spoke with him by phone "He is kept in a cell that is away from others, and given food through a small window two times a day. Prison officers have taken away all his belongings including a copy of the Bible. They also didn't allow him to get food, medicine and clothes from me";

visited her husband in prison for 45 minutes with their four children on [May 11, 2017](#), said "I was shocked when my husband said on May 11 that public security officials from Hanoi came to the camp and told him that I had been unfaithful. The officials asked him 'don't you know anything about your wife?' and said 'she is committing adultery with a man. The communist government maliciously lied to separate our family and force my husband to accept his crimes as a condition for his freedom. He did not commit any crime. He is a victim of religious persecution. As a pastor, he only fought for the free religious practice of Christians from ethnic minority groups in the central highlands...I told him that we are God's children and we must trust each other. If you believe their vicious slander, you will fall into their trap. Be brave. People are working hard for you to be freed soon...I gave him food and medicine but the guards took his medicine and will only give it to him at irregular intervals";

said on [June 7, 2017](#) "Chinh said on the previous day, prison officials informed him about the meeting [with U.S. diplomats] and asked him not to tell the visitors anything that would make them look bad. Chinh could not obey their order. He told the delegation his experiences of torture, threats and mistreatment that he has endured over six years";

exiled to the United States with her husband and five children on [July 28, 2017](#))

Tran Thi Tram (a police attack on a prayer meeting at her home in [Muong Khuong district, Lao Cai province](#) was investigated on [August 10, 2016](#) by Fr Peter Le Quoc Hung)

Br Truong Thang OSB (accused of illegal deforestation after removing 15 pine trees from the orange grove at his [Thien An](#) monastery on [January 2, 2016](#), refused to answer a [February 22, 2016](#) police summons)

Fr Truong Van Thuc (on [July 17, 2017](#) had led about 1,000 Catholics in [Quang Binh province](#) in protest over the government's year long delay in disbursing compensation for an environmental disaster which had already been paid by the polluting corporation)

Vang Atu (aged 28, convert, father of two, said "...me and other believers in my village were having a prayer gathering at my house. Later that day [[April 17, 2016](#)], the local authorities knew about it and prohibited us from worshipping together. The first time they went to my house they didn't say anything. But an hour later, they came and told us to stop the worship or else they will destroy my house...My brother took a club, it was about one and a half meters long, and used it to hit me on my arms. I raised my arm to block it. Blood dripped all over me. Now, my arm is fractured. My arm's bone cracked and then the other people started destroying my house...If I continue to live there, something will happen to me. With what they said, I decided I must move to Central Vietnam")

Fr Vincent Pham Trung Than CSSR (described his order's support for the family of Francis Xavier Dang Xuan Dieu;

as of [November 17, 2015](#) has been fighting the government seizure of three schools in [Ho Chi Minh City](#))

Vu Hoang Lam Tuan (catechist, attended the [July 15-20, 2013](#) annual meeting of Vietnamese catechists in [Ho Chi Minh City](#))

William Nguyen (U.S. citizen, convicted in [Ho Chi Minh City](#) on [July 20, 2018](#) for demonstrating against a new cybersecurity law, deported)

Y-Man Eban (aged 30, Montagnard tribal, fled to Cambodia on [July 7, 2015](#);

forced to return in [October 2015](#);

as of [October 4, 2017](#) has been under constant harassment and interrogation, said "Since I came back to Vietnam, the authorities have viewed me as a criminal. They despise us, they hate us so much. I can see it in their eyes whenever they come to my house")