

Duong Kim Khai Duong

Adoption Status: Adopted by Representative Ted Poe (R-TX)

Country: Vietnam

Occupation: Mennonite pastor and long-time advocate for aggrieved farmers, democracy activist, and member of Viet Tan -- an organization which advocates for democracy

Detained Since: August 10, 2010

Charges: Attempting to overthrow the government

Sentence: 6 years in prison (later reduced to five years) followed by five years on house arrest

Additional: Since the early 1990's, he has been detained or arrested thirteen times, often while trying to organize prayer sessions. He was jailed in 2004 for starting an "illegal" religious group. Upon his release in 2006, he founded the Mennonite Cattle Shed Congregation in order to advocate for religious freedom and social justice, particularly to provide assistance to farmers so they could petition the government for redress in land disputes or corruption cases in Ben Tre and Dong Thap provinces. He also joined Viet Tan during this period.



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