



FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS

VIETNAM

Introduction

These victim profiles are illustrative of those in the Frank R. Wolf Freedom of Religion or Belief Victims List database. Mandated by the amended International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, the Victims List documents individuals who are detained, imprisoned, tortured, disappeared, forced to renounce their faith, or subjected to house arrest due to their religious activity or religious freedom advocacy.

Religions of Individuals in Vietnam on the ForB Victims List

- Buddhist – Hoa Hao
- Buddhist – Thien Am
- Buddhist – Theravada
- Buddhist – Unspecified/Other
- Christian – Catholic
- Christian – Protestant
- Christian – Unspecified/Other
- Duong Van Minh



Le Thanh Nhat Nguyen

Religion: Buddhist - Thien Am
Arrested: January 4, 2022
Sentence: 8 Years’ Imprisonment
Reason for Persecution: Unregistered religious activity

THIEN AM BUDDHISTS

In 2022, Vietnamese authorities arrested and sentenced six members of the Thien Am Buddhist monastery for “abusing democratic freedoms,” a charge that the government commonly uses to target unregistered religious groups.



Nguyen Hoang Nam

Religion: Buddhist - Hoa Hao
Arrested: July 24, 2023
Reason for Persecution: Online religious activity and religious identity

HOA HAO BUDDHISTS

While the government approves of a state-sponsored version of Hoa Hao, independent Hoa Hao religious groups face harassment and pressure to renounce their faith. Authorities have restricted the movement of Hoa Hao followers and seized their properties.



Thach Chanh Da Ra

Religion: Buddhist - Khmer Krom
Arrested: March 25, 2025
Sentence: 6 Years’ Imprisonment
Reason for Persecution: Ethnoreligious identity and religious practice

KHMER KROM BUDDHISTS

The government has prohibited Khmer Krom Buddhists from appointing their own religious leaders, pressured them to adopt Vietnamese instead of Khmer as their liturgical language, and detained activists who try to promote and protect their rights as ethnic and religious minorities.



Y Quynh Bdap

Religion: Protestant Christian
Arrested: November 26, 2025
Sentence: 10 Years' Imprisonment
Reason for Persecution: Religious identity and religious freedom advocacy

INDEPENDENT PROTESTANT CHRISTIANS

Protestant Christians, many of whom are ethnic minorities such as Hmong and Montagnard, face pressure to join officially recognized Protestant churches. Those who do not can face harassment and even imprisonment.

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NOT RELEASED

A Jen
A Tach
Danh Minh Quang
Dinh Nong
Dinh Yum
Doan Van Cu
Duong Khai
Duong Van Lanh
Duong Van Tu
Ju
Kim Khiem
Kim Som Rinh
Kpuih Khuong
Ksor Kam
Ksor Phit
Ksor Pup
Ksor Ruk
Kunh
Le Duy Loc
Le Thanh Nhat Nguyen
Le Thanh Nhi Nguyen
Le Thanh Trung Duong
Le Trong Cu
Le Tung Van
Luong Nhat Quang
Lup
Ly Van Dung
Ly Xuan Anh
Nay Y Blang
Nguyen Dinh
Nguyen Hoang Nam
Nguyen Ky Lac
Nguyen Manh Hung

Nguyen Thai Binh
Puih Bop
Rah Lan Hip
Rah Lan Rah
Ro Cham Grong
Ro Lan Kly
Ro Ma Daih
Ro Mah Them
Siu Chon
Siu Dik
Siu Doang
Thach Chanh Da Ra
Thach Cuong
Thach Nga
Thach Xuan Dong
To Hoang Chuong
Tran Quan
Tu Thien Luong
Vo Thanh Le
Vo Tiet
Vuong Tan Son
Y Krec Bya
Y Min Ksor
Y Nuen Ayun
Y Po Mlo
Y Pum Bya
Y Quynh Bdap
Y Thinh Nie
Y Tup Knul
Y Wo Nie

Dinh Kuh
Rmah Bloanh
Rmah Khil
Ro Mah Pla
Run
Runh
Siu Hlom
Sung A Khua
Y Hriam Kpa

DECEASED

Doan Dinh Nam
Phan Van Thu
Phan Thanh Y
Vuong Van Tha

RELEASED

A Dao
Bui Van Tham
Bui Van Trung
Cao Thi Cuc
Do Thi Hong
Ho Duc Hoa
Le Duc Dong
Le Phuc
Le Thanh Hoan Nguyen
Le Thi Hong Hanh
Nguyen Bac Truyen
Phan Thanh Tuong
Ta Khu
Tran Phi Dung
Vo Ngoc Cu
Y Yich

UNKOWN

A Kuin
A Tik