

# Vietnam



## Duong Van Minh

Authorities often prevent followers of the now deceased religious leader Duong Van Minh from assembling and practicing their religious traditions. While detained, many followers face pressure to renounce their faith.



### Duong Van Lanh

RELIGION OR BELIEF:

Duong Van Minh

ARRESTED:

December 2021

SENTENCE:

3 Years, 9 Months' Imprisonment

REASON FOR PERSECUTION:

Attending a religious leader's funeral

## Hoa Hao

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.



### Nguyen Hoang Nam

RELIGION OR BELIEF:

Hoa Hao

ARRESTED:

July 24, 2023

SENTENCE: 8 Years' Imprisonment

REASON FOR PERSECUTION:

Accused of undermining religious and national unity through online posts



### Dahn Minh Quang

RELIGION OR BELIEF:

Buddhist

ARRESTED:

July 31, 2023

SENTENCE:

3 Years, 6 Months' Imprisonment

REASON FOR PERSECUTION:

Indigenous rights advocacy for a religious community

## Independent Evangelical Christians

Evangelical Christians, many of whom are ethnic minorities such as Hmong, Montagnard, or Dega people, face pressure to join the officially recognized Evangelical Church of Vietnam South. Those who do not can face harassment and even imprisonment.



### Y Pum Bya

RELIGION OR BELIEF:

Protestant

ARRESTED:

April 10, 2018

REPORTS OF TORTURE:

Yes

SENTENCE:

14 Years' Imprisonment

REASON FOR PERSECUTION:

Unregistered religious activity and religious freedom advocacy

## FoRB Victims List Stats

### 81 out of 2,282

Religion or Belief	# of Victims
Unspecified/Other Buddhist	31
Protestant	28
Catholic	11
Hoa Hao	6
Duong Van Minh	4
Unspecified/Other Christian	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>

Type of Abuse	# of Victims
Imprisoned	73
Detained	7
House Arrest	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>

## Average Prison Sentence

### 9 Years, 6 Months

Reports of	# of Victims
Torture	6
Medical Neglect	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

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## Frank R. Wolf FoRB Victims List Background

The International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (IRFA), as amended by the Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016, requires USCIRF to:

*make publicly available, to the extent practicable...lists of persons it determines are imprisoned or detained, have disappeared, been placed under house arrest, been tortured, or subjected to forced renunciation of faith for their religious activity or religious freedom advocacy by the government of a foreign country that the Commission recommends for designation as a country of particular concern [CPC]...or by a nonstate actor that the Commission recommends for designation as an entity of particular concern [EPC].*

USCIRF developed the Frank R. Wolf Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) Victims List—an online public database—to implement this provision for countries USCIRF recommends for Country of Particular Concern (CPC) or Special Watch List (SWL) status. The list also includes such victims located in the de facto territories of nonstate actors that USCIRF recommends for Entity of Particular Concern (EPC) status, according to the same criteria.

Due to limited resources, USCIRF is unable to identify and document all victims that meet the statutory requirement to be included on the FoRB Victims List and generally relies on receiving submissions from outside individuals and organizations. As such, the information contained in the database does not reflect country, regional, or global trends. Furthermore, percentages highlighted in this section should not be used for extrapolation purposes nor interpreted as a particular group experiencing greater violations than another or a particular country committing violations at a greater rate than others. To support this project, USCIRF invites those with credible information on victims to submit information using the Victims List Intake Form at [www.uscirtf.gov/form/uscirtf-victims-list-intake-form](http://www.uscirtf.gov/form/uscirtf-victims-list-intake-form).

## FoRB Victims List Stats Overall

Perpetrator	Victims Documented
Algeria	5
Azerbaijan	11
Burma	5
China	798
Cuba	11
Egypt	18
Eritrea	61
Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS)	2
Houthis	3
India	55
Indonesia	9
Iran	351
Iraq	2
Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP)	1
Kazakhstan	16
Malaysia	4
Nicaragua	68
Nigeria	9
North Korea	11
Pakistan	87
Russia	488
Saudi Arabia	50
Sri Lanka	1
Tajikistan	16
Turkmenistan	31
Uzbekistan	88
Vietnam	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,282</b>

Religion or Belief	Victims Documented
Adivasi	1
Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light	3
Baha'i	169
Bon	1
Buddhist – Hoa Hao	6
Buddhist – Theravada	3
Buddhist – Tibetan	93
Buddhist – Unspecified/Other	32
Christian – Catholic	79
Christian – Church of Almighty God	240
Christian – Jehovah's Witness	283
Christian – Orthodox	21
Christian – Protestant	150
Christian – Unspecified/Other	65
Duong Van Minh	4
ECKist (Eckankar)	1
Erfan-e Halgheh Practitioner	3
Falun Gong	217
Hindu	10
Humanist	1
Jewish	1
Muslim – Ahmadiyya	20
Muslim – Qur'anist	1
Muslim – Shi'a	40
Muslim – Sufi	64
Muslim – Sunni	412
Muslim – Unspecified/Other	233
Santeria	5
Scientologist	1
Shaman	1
Sikh	1
Yarsani	38
Unknown/Unspecified	83
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## Not Released

Nguyen Hoang Nam  
 To Hoang Chuong  
 Thach Cuong  
 Dahn Minh Quang  
 Ju  
 Kunh  
 Lup  
 Y Tup Knul  
 Le Tung Van  
 Le Thanh Nhi Nguyen  
 Cao Thi Cuc  
 Le Thanh Nhat Nguyen  
 Le Thanh Trung Duong  
 Le Thanh Hoan Nguyen  
 Vuong Tan Son  
 Vo Tiet  
 Vo Thanh Le  
 Vo Ngoc Cu  
 Tu Thien Luong  
 Tran Quan  
 Tran Phi Dung  
 Ta Khu  
 Nguyen Thai Binh  
 Nguyen Ky Lac  
 Nguyen Dinh  
 Luong Nhat Quang  
 Le Trong Cu  
 Le Phuc  
 Le Duy Loc  
 Doan Van Cu  
 A Jen  
 A Tach  
 Y Wo Nie  
 Ro Mah Them  
 Siu Chon  
 Rah Lan Rah  
 Dinh Yum  
 Dinh Nong  
 Ro Lan Kly  
 Ksor Kam  
 Puih Bop  
 Ro Ma Daih  
 Kpuih Khuong  
 Rah Lan Hip  
 Y Min Ksor  
 Y Pum Bya  
 Y Yich  
 Ksor Pup  
 Ksor Phit  
 Siu Dik  
 Siu Doang  
 Ksor Ruk  
 Nay Y Blang  
 Ly Van Dung  
 Ly Xuan Anh  
 Duong Van Lanh  
 Duong Van Tu

## Released

Nguyen Bac Truyen  
 Le Thi Hong Hanh  
 Bui Van Tham  
 Bui Van Trung  
 Phan Thanh Y  
 Phan Thanh Tuong  
 Le Duc Dong  
 Do Thi Hong  
 Ho Duc Hoa  
 A Dao

## Unknown

Bui Thi Bich Tuyen  
 Dinh Kuh  
 Run  
 A Tik  
 A Kuin  
 Runh  
 Y Hriam Kpa  
 Rmah Khil  
 Rmah Bloanh  
 Siu Hlom  
 Sung A Khua  
 Ro Mah Pla

## Deceased

Doan Dinh Nam  
 Phan Van Thu