

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

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.



Dahn Minh Quang

RELIGION OR BELIEF:
Buddhist
ARRESTED:
July 31, 2023
REASON FOR PERSECUTION:
Indigenous rights advocacy for a religious community

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
REASON FOR PERSECUTION:
Accused of undermining religious and national unity through online posts

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 77 out of 2,125

Religion or Belief	# of Victims	Type of Abuse	# of Victims
Unspecified/Other Buddhist	28	Imprisoned	72
Protestant	28	Detained	4
Catholic	11	House Arrest	1
Hoa Hao	6	Total	77
Duong Van Minh	4		
Total	77		

Average Prison Sentence 9 Years, 6 Months

Reports of	# of Victims
Torture	5
Medical Neglect	6
Total	11

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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.

FoRB Victims List Stats Overall

Perpetrator	Victims Documented
Algeria	5
Azerbaijan	11
Burma	5
China	770
Cuba	11
Egypt	18
Eritrea	50
Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS)	2
Houthis	3
India	55
Indonesia	8
Iran	339
Iraq	2
Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP)	1
Kazakhstan	15
Malaysia	4
Nicaragua	15
Nigeria	9
North Korea	9
Pakistan	90
Russia	449
Saudi Arabia	46
Sri Lanka	1
Tajikistan	13
Turkmenistan	30
Uzbekistan	87
Vietnam	77
Total	2,125

Religion or Belief	Victims Documented
Adivasi	1
Baha'i	163
Bon	1
Buddhist – Hoa Hao	6
Buddhist – Theravada	3
Buddhist – Tibetan	76
Buddhist – Unspecified/Other	28
Christian – Catholic	46
Christian – Church of Almighty God	236
Christian – Jehovah's Witness	258
Christian – Orthodox	17
Christian – Protestant	130
Christian – Unspecified/Other	66
Duong Van Minh	4
ECKist (Eckankar)	1
Erfan-e Halgheh Practitioner	2
Falun Gong	213
Hindu	10
Humanist	1
Jewish	1
Muslim – Ahmadiyya	23
Muslim – Qur'anist	1
Muslim – Shi'a	39
Muslim – Sufi	63
Muslim – Sunni	385
Muslim – Unspecified/Other	237
Santeria	5
Scientologist	1
Shaman	1
Sikh	1
Yarsani	37
Unknown/Unspecified	69
Total	2,125

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Not Released

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

Released

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

Unknown

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

Deceased

Doan Dinh Nam
 Phan Van Thu