

Christian Montagnards

Wrongly in inhuman detention



In the years 2001 and 2004 several thousands went on the streets in Central Vietnam to demonstrate against ethnic discrimination and violation of the freedom of religion. The demonstrations were peaceful until the brutal abatement of police, army and civilians at their order. Hundreds of Montagnards (members of the mountain peoples) – mostly Christians – were arrested and later on sentenced to up to 17 years of prison in unfair trials under the exclusion of public. During imprisonment they were tortured and abused. The conditions of detainment do not at all comply with international standards. Some died in prison. Most prisoners are in North Vietnamese camps, which are over 1,000 km away from their families. Therefore the

mostly impecunious family members have no chance to visit them or to supply them with food. The ISHR has a list of 180 Montagnard prisoners. Other sources speak of 300 to 350 prisoners.

With my signature I appeal to publish all names of imprisoned Montagnards in Vietnam. In each of the cases, the reasons for detention should be investigated and carefully reviewed by an independent Commission. Persons that are unlawfully imprisoned because of political or religious reasons should be immediately released and compensated.

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