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UNCHR Preparing To Deport 19 Dega Montagnard Christian Asylum Seekers Back To Repressive Vietnam (Four Families - Including Young Children)

Background: The Dega (Montagnard) people have suffered decades of persecution by the Vietnam government, including Christian religious persecution, ethnic cleansing, forced relocations, imprisonment, torture, extrajudicial killings and confiscation of ancestral lands. See also: Human Rights Watch Report: Vietnam: End "Evil Way" Persecution of Montagnard Christians: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2015/06/26/vietnam-end-evil-way-persecution-montagnard-christians>. The Central Highlands of Vietnam is an ancient land. We called ourselves the Dega and lived in peace before 1954. Since God gave birth to the world we, the Dega people have always lived in the same location in the Central Highlands, a separate region from Vietnam. Dega are different from the Vietnamese people who have invaded our homelands since the 1950s. We are dedicated to have the right of self-determination. We came to United States to reach our ultimate goal - .Dega movement for independence, freedom and self-defence. We, the Dega, are hungry for freedom. We will keep knocking on the American door until the door opens. We, the Dega people, love the American People as our own family. We accepted the US Government sponsorship and support. We have a dream the US Government will save and rescue us.

HUMAN RIGHTS ALERT: The Montagnard Support Group has received information that four families of Dega People have had their applications for asylum rejected by the UNHCR and Cambodian authorities and are soon to be deported back to Vietnam. Reportedly these families told the UNHCR they are under serious threat from being persecuted in Vietnam and some of these asylum seekers are wanted for arrest by Vietnam security police for religious and non-violent political activities that no modern democracy would even consider a crime. The Vietnam Government for decades has implemented repressive policies towards these indigenous peoples and it is noted that many Dega served with the US military during the Vietnam War. Below is a list of the names of Dega Christian families who are currently scheduled for deportation back to Vietnam.

<p>Family: Ama Thoa from Province Đắk Lắk.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Y Dương mlô. Dob. 05/09/19802. H mớ m mlô. Dob. 04/12/19833. Y thoa mlô. Dob. 27/11/20024. H Ziệp. mlô. Dob. 05/06/2010	<p>Family: Ama ung from Province Gia Lai.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Kpă Bleh10. Siu Riun11. siu ung12. siu thai13. siu suin14. siu pin
<p>Family: Ama H mli from Province of Gia Lai.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Siu suit. Dob. 05/09/19886. kpă ploai. Dob. 15/02/19917. Kpă lui. Dob. 26/01/20098. Kpă Vươn Dob. 29/09/2014	<p>Family: ama Ruit from Province of Gia Lai</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">15. Alan Rmah16. kpuih Ranh17. kpuih Hruit18. kpuih rui19. kpuih rưk.

The Montagnard Support Group is a US based advocacy organization whose members are indigenous Montagnard Dega Peoples. We hereby call on the UNHCR, the United States Government, the Cambodian Government and members of the international community to please ensure these 19 Asylum seekers are not deported to Vietnam.