

I am writing to express my grave concern on a decision by the Public Prosecutor on whether to prosecute three human rights defenders on criminal defamation and computer crimes in connection with their online documentation of torture in Thailand is expected imminently.

I respectfully urge the authorities not to prosecute Somchai Homla-or, Pornpen Khongkachonkiet and Anchana Heemmina.

I further urge the authorities to withdraw its complaints of criminal defamation and computer crimes against Somchai Homla-or, Pornpen Khongkachonkiet and Anchana Heemmina.

I strongly urge the authorities to amend the Penal Code to remove criminal penalties for defamation.

Sincerely yours,