

I am writing to express my grave concern for Trần Thị Thúy, a land activist serving an eight-year prison sentence after being convicted of activities aimed at overthrowing the state, under the 1999 Penal Code, together with other six activists.

She is detained in an appalling prison condition, and even though she has been diagnosed with a uterus tumour and suffering from painful boils of unknown cause, the authorities refuse to provide proper and appropriate medical care. According to her family who have visited her recently, she is not able to walk without assistance and fears that she might not survive the prison term.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Trần Thị Thúy as she is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for peaceful activities in defending human rights. I also urge you to immediately provide Trần Thị Thúy with appropriate medical care, in accordance with her wishes, including treatment in hospital, and failing which allow the family to arrange for her health care.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,