

I am writing this to express my grave concern for **Lưu Văn Vịnh** and **Nguyễn Văn Đức Do**, who were arrested in Hồ Chí Minh City on November 6. They have been held at a detention center for investigation into their alleged links to the “Coalition of Self-Determination [for] Vietnamese People”. They are held incommunicado, a practice which encourages torture and other ill-treatment, in violation of the prohibition on torture in international human rights treaties including the Convention against Torture to which Viet Nam is a state party.

I call on you to immediately release Lưu Văn Vịnh and Nguyễn Văn Đức if they are not to be tried for a recognizable criminal offence.

I also call on you to ensure that Lưu Văn Vịnh and Nguyễn Văn Đức Do are treated in accordance with the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the treatment of prisoners, and are not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment while in detention.

At the same time, I urge you to ensure that they have access to a lawyer, family and adequate medical care.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,