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Your Excellency

Please forgive me for bringing the fate of the imprisoned Christian, Mr. Y Hriam Kpa, to your attention.

The local authorities wanted to force him to dissolve his Christian community and after failing to cooperate with them, he was arrested on July 30, 2015. As became clear later on, he was convicted for “endangering national unity “and sentenced to seven years in prison. This prison sentence was to be followed by an additional suspended sentence.

The 48-year-old Y Hriam Kpa had simply exercised his human right to freedom of religion, guaranteed by Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Socialist Republic of Vietnam has ratified this pact.

Mr. Y Hriam Kpa was imprisoned in the Dak Trung Prison in the location of M’Drak. It is not known that he was released from there after the end of his prison sentence.

Dear Mr. President, I therefore humbly beseech you to do everything in your power to have Mr. Y Hriam Kpa released and to please inform the public about his health and whereabouts!

Most respectfully,