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CẦN THỊ THÊU, TRỊNH BÁ PHƯƠNG AND TRỊNH BÁ TƯ

Your Excellency,

I am much concerned about Cần Thị Thêu and her two sons Trịnh Bá Phương and Trịnh Bá Tư, who have been in prison for six years merely for exercising their right to freedom of expression.

Between the years 2017 and 2020, the three activists had become aware of the plight of the inhabitants of Đồng Tâm village resulting from a land dispute, in which the police had raided the village. After having taken the villagers' side via social media platforms, criticising human rights violations, Cần Thị Thêu, Trịnh Bá Phương and Trịnh Bá Tư were charged with *"making, storing, or spreading information, materials or items for the purpose of opposing the State of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam"* and sentenced to between eight and ten years imprisonment and three or five years probation respectively.

I urge you to support the immediate and unconditional release of Cần Thị Thêu, Trịnh Bá Phương und Trịnh Bá Tư. Pending their release, please ensure that they are protected from torture and other ill-treatment and that they have access to adequate medical care. This is very urgent, especially as Cần Thị Thêu's health has severely deteriorated while in prison.

Yours sincerely,