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Letter of petition!

Dear United Nations Human Rights Commission, Dear Embassies. . .

My name is Do Le Na, wife of independent journalist and candidate for the National Assembly for freedom Le Trong Hung, residing at 325/59/9A Kim Nguu Street, Hai Ba Trung District, Hanoi, Vietnam.

My husband – Mr. Le Trong Hung is a teacher. Growing up in a family whose mother was a victim of the communist regime, he has long understood the inadequacies of the regime and aspired to do something good for the people of the country.

In 2015, he was motivated to quit his job and become a freelancer after fighting against some negatives at a disabled school where he was working, .He researched and interacted with many progressive thinkers and/or democratic activists in the country and then my husband found a suitable direction for himself. This is:

Firstly, he set up a television station on facebook to criticize the inadequacies of society; at the same time, helping petitioners to publicize the wrongful cases, and also helping Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong (general secretary of the Communist Party and the president at that time) fight corruption, clean up the apparatus as he said.

Second, realizing that most of Vietnamese people do not understand their basic human right, and citizen right, my husband decided to use his own money as well as call on his friends home and abroad to support him in buying the constitution. The constitution is given to the people in the hope: When the people understand their basic rights and responsibilities as set out in the constitution - the supreme law of the whole nation - then they will not be afraid to voice out whenever state agencies / parts of the government are not doing their duties properly. This work was strongly supported by people from all over the country.

Third, realizing that the Vietnamese National Assembly has never fulfilled its function of representing the people, my husband recently ran to become a member of the National Assembly, with the desire to reform and make it better. He wanted to become a representative of the people's interests. This candidacy is completely in accordance with the Constitution and laws of Vietnam. And his candidacy was approved by the election commission of the Hanoi Department of Home Affairs.

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However, on March 27, 2021, the investigation agency of Hanoi came to inspect the house and illegally arrested my husband, Mr. Le Trong Hung. It is illegal because when arresting him, they did not read the arrest warrant, they did not send notice of arrest and detention to the family, or let him go home to witness the search (because I myself, his wife Le Trong Hung, am blind). They arbitrarily took the key from my husband, came into the house and told someone amongst them to control me while they searched. After My Husband( Mr. Hung) was arrested, they continued to track my mother and daughter everywhere they went. At the same time, I told people( Agents) to hang around my house area, causing confusion in the neighborhood and scaring friends that would like to visit . Thereby isolating me and my Family. They even instigated my oldest son's friends, to spread false news about my husband.

However, the most serious thing was that on May 6, 2021, I went to Hanoi prison No. 1 to give my husband things (because i know that, for cases the police think is related to national security, lawyers and family members are not allowed to visit if such cases are still under investigation, ). But then, the prison side issued a statement with the content that states "from now on my husband will no longer receive gifts or accept money and any other things sent by his family. This is very unusual because I had sent gifts and money before and he received them, and used the money to buy necessary things. Normally, he can ask his wife to send little money or just send gifts without money, or vice versa. But on that day it was so extreme that it was impossible to send anything to him; because he himself knows it's very important during this time to send things. It not only helps the person being arrested but also helps the family based on it to at least know that their loved one is still alive wherever they are being detained.

Therefore, I firmly believe that my husband is on a hunger strike or is being forced to give his life, which can be life-threatening. This is my assumption based on his extreme behavior during my visit to the prison on May 6th. Also, before his arrest, my husband repeatedly reminded me, his wife, he said : "If one day he is arrested illegally, he will go on a hunger strike to protest"; and he asked me to pay attention to the 7 days, or 49 days with holidays and national anniversaries. I asked the prison officer directly, "Is my husband on a hunger strike?" He denied it, but observing that there was a change in he and his colleagues' faces and he hurried away to prevent further enquiry from me, I suspected my husband is on hunger strike or he is being forced to give his life, which is very dangerous. This hunger strike must have started on April 30 (the day the government still celebrates every year because they believe it is the day to liberate the South and reunify the country). As a person who has a conscience and intends to go on a hunger strike to denounce the wrongdoing

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of the authorities, my husband will definitely choose this occasion to go on a hunger strike if the above timelines have not yet had the opportunity for me.

Worried about my husband's health and life, I made an application to the city investigation agency Hanoi and to the Prison No. 1, to allow an emergency contact with my husband to know his health status. But both places are not responsive. I also called the investigating agency, and spoke with Mr. Tran Van Dung (who directly signed the arrest warrant for my husband). I asked for the name and phone number of the investigator in charge of my husband's case, in case something bad happens during the investigation or enquiries. But they did not give it to me. Their response was that I, a blind woman, should come to the investigating agency. The morning, as scheduled, I went up there, but they used the excuse of the high temperature to refuse to attend to me. Even though I didn't have a fever when leaving the house that morning.

The handling of the investigation agency is not satisfactory. This shows that they are bewildered and find ways to hide my husband's current condition. It helps me confirm that: My husband's life is in danger. I, a blind woman, with two small children aged 10 and 3, am facing the danger of my husband's life. I no longer know where to turn because the authorities in Vietnam do not comply with the law. Therefore, I am writing this letter to implore the United Nations human rights commission and embassies to help my husband's situation, to help him get out of this bad place, a potentially life-threatening condition! Once again, I would like to affirm that: My husband Le Trong Hung is innocent, this arrest is illegal to silence dissidents of the Vietnamese government. Looking forward to hearing from you soon! Thank you very much and wish you all the best!

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