

APPENDIX 1. English translation by BPSOS of H Xuan Siu's last call for help, on July 16, 2021.
Original audio file in J'Rai language: <https://youtu.be/MajX6zcTmOQ>

I alerted them about my lady boss beating me frequently and how they no longer like me; they beat me regularly and thus perhaps I must quit.

I also alerted Mrs. Nhung and Mr. Khánh, but they kept telling me to try and continue to work. I have tried my best and have no more strength left because I am exhausted.

I begged them to let me stay at their office, but they did not allow it because I might be infected with COVID.

I have not contracted COVID; I only feel pain and am exhausted.

Friend, I told you about my leaving them out of exhaustion. My employers hit me in the head.

My head already hurt before they started hitting it. They show no love.

When I could not prepare breakfast for mother and son/daughter, I told them that I was exhausted from lack of sleep. My eyes hurt and I could not sleep.

They angrily scolded me. I sought help from Mrs. Nhung, but she scolded me. My life is so miserable.

I wanted to go to a police station, but my lady boss said that she would take me just to the closest one.

They refused to take me to a police station in Riyadh. I suffer so much. They mistreated me.

I need them to take me to a police station in Riyadh; I need them to bring me there. I don't want to stay here. I am too exhausted.

I alerted Mrs. Nhung but she said she would not help me and did not agree for me to return.

She wanted me to go to a police station near my employer's house.

I may die if I remain here. Please ask your lady boss to let me work there for a month, to be near you.

I cannot continue to work for my current lady boss.

Please ask your lady boss to help me if she needs another worker so that I can work for a month or two there, near you.

I don't want to work for my lady boss anymore; they just beat me with a cord until I fainted.

It is urgent. Please help me. The company, please help me. I can no longer stay with my current employer. My head hurts; I will not survive.

My head hurts so much; I fainted three times. I would be satisfied if I got an intravenous infusion.

I implored Mrs. Nhung and Mr. Khánh to pick me up, but they did not... I am so exhausted; I can no longer work. My eyes hurt unbearably.

At the hospital they said that I was not sick, but I felt so much pain when we returned to the house. I only need an intravenous infusion; this should be enough.

Appendix 2 -- Vietnamese-run Trafficking Rings in Saudi Arabia Compiled by BPSOS, September 24, 2021; updated March 15, 2022

Among the Vietnamese women working as domestic servants in Saudi Arabia, many, including some minors, have been identified as victims of labor trafficking. While these victims were primarily targeted by brokers and labor export companies operating in Vietnam, we have found cases that were trafficked and/or re-trafficked by a trafficking ring operating in Saudi Arabia. According to information we have received so far, Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, Second Secretary in charge of migrant workers at the Vietnamese embassy in Riyadh, is the nexus of this trafficking ring. It employs two main schemes:

- (1) Luring workers to leave their current employers to work illegally with the promise of higher pay – some reportedly joined home-based brothels run by former Vietnamese domestic servants who stay illegally in Saudi Arabia.
- (2) Taking women in shelter and “sell” them to new employers.

In both situations, the victims work illegally, which makes them more vulnerable to human trafficking.

Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh:



He reportedly assumed the post of Second Secretary in early 2020. His phone number: +966 570416684, email: khanhnguyenquoc.neu@gmail.com.

Mr. Khánh works through many accomplices, the most visible of them being a former migrant worker by the name Thái Thị Hà (aka Thái Hà) and the couple Trương Thị Hiền and Aziz.

Thái Thị Hà:



She came to Saudi Arabia under Vietnam's labor export program and stayed illegally after the end of her contract. Later, she married a Vietnamese migrant worker by the name Ninh Phan. Although Saudi law would not permit the marriage of an illegal migrant, the Vietnamese embassy somehow made that possible.



Ms. Thái Hà and her husband after registration of their marriage at the Vietnamese embassy

Ms. Thái Hà frequently organizes parties at her home or at rented places to attract Vietnamese workers. She then enticed them to leave their employers to work illegally at other places. Reportedly, some of them were paired with clients for sex at Ms. Thái Hà's home. Video of a party held by Ms. Thái Hà on August 30, 2021:

<https://www.facebook.com/100008731216174/videos/2009395232549778/>

Ms. Thái Hà was often seen visiting SAKAN Center with Mr. Khánh. Her phone number: 0581080919. Her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008731216174>

She continues to have access to Vietnamese domestic workers, including many of her former victims. She was seen at the Riyadh airport greeting workers as they left for Vietnam as recent as October 28, 2021.

On November 20, she entered SAKAN on pretext of bringing clothing to Vietnamese residents at this center, including those allegedly working as her operatives inside SAKAN Center: Huỳnh Thị Ngọc Tài and Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân. She also contacted Pinăng Thị Loanh and Mai Thị Nâu, two victims trafficked by her to Najran, but they refused to see her.

As of September 17, 2021, five Vietnamese women were kept at Ms. Thái Hà's home, to be sold to prospective employers. The GPS information provided by one of the victims was: 24.677525, 46.826206. The address corresponding to that location is: 5068 Abi Obaida Aamir Bin Al Jarah Road, Riyadh, 14254. Ms. Thai Ha's home is reportedly on the first floor.

Trương Thị Hiền & Aziz:



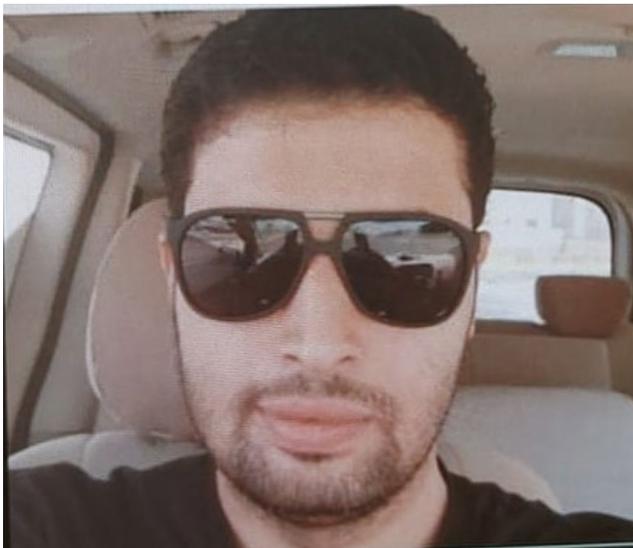
Trương Thị Hiền

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/h.h.hien.minh.ha.85>

Trương Thị Hiền worked for a local recruitment agency (Office Qnmah Alfalah) when she picked up Gám at the airport in September 2019. She operates in tandem with an Arab co-worker known as Aziz. Reportedly both were fired by the recruitment agency in mid-2020 after the owner found that they pocketed payments sent to the company for the workers. It is believed that Hiền has since been staying illegally in Saudi Arabia. Allegedly, Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, Second Secretary at the Vietnamese embassy, set her up to represent both COLECTO and Nam Viet companies. Unsuspecting Vietnamese workers who called her for help often ended up being trafficked.

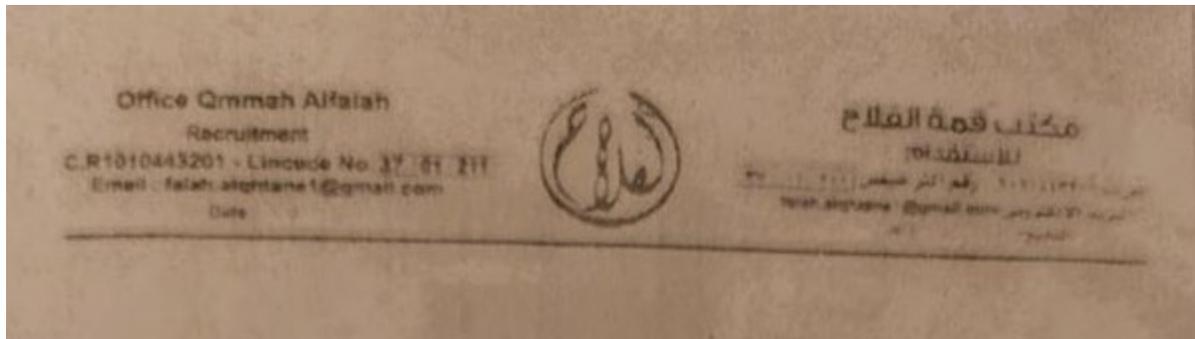
She enjoys free access to her former victims. She was seen at the Riyadh airport greeting Vietnamese domestic workers, including some of her former victims, as they left for Vietnam as recent as October 28, 2021. In November 2021, Ms. Giàng Thị Sông, a former victim of hers, had to pay her 35M VND in addition to the 30M VND that Sông's employer had paid Hiền for the November 26 repatriation flight. The total is equivalent to US \$2,866.



Aziz, co-worker of Trương Thị Hiền

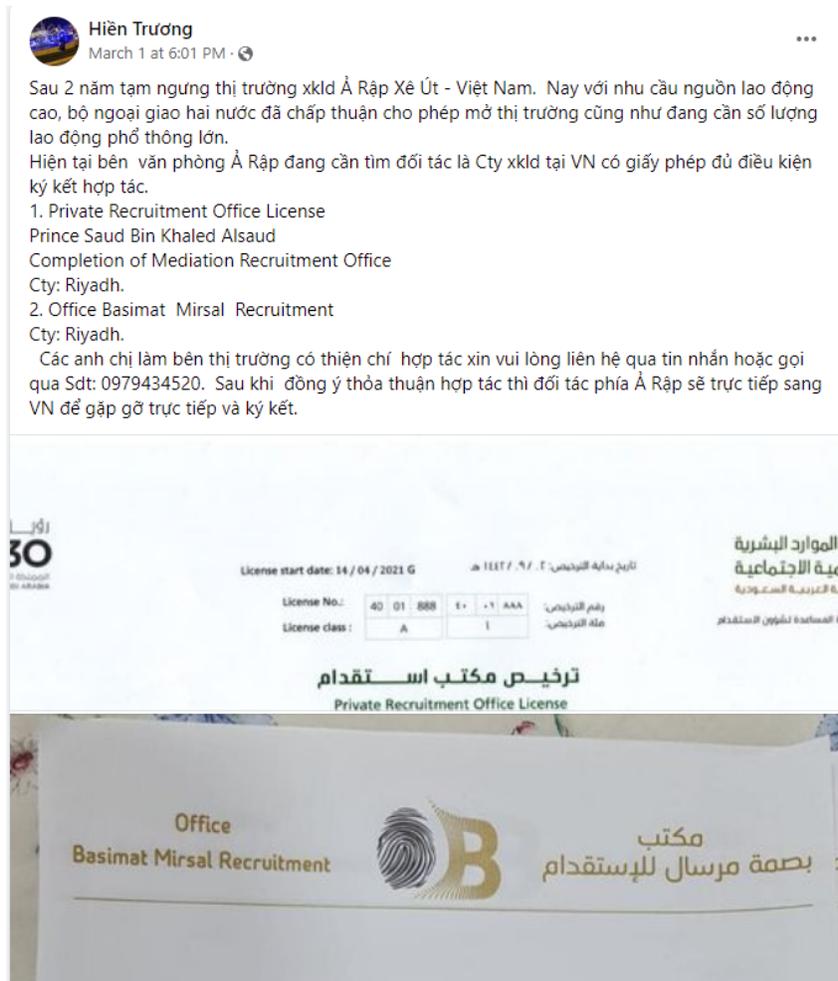
Aziz is co-worker and reportedly Ms. Trương Thị Hiền's boyfriend.

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Letterhead of Office Qrmah Alfalah

On March 1, 2022, Ms. Hiền Trương announced the resumption of labor export program from Vietnam to Saudi Arabia and ran an advertisement calling for partners with the Office of Basimat Mirsal Recruitment. See below.



A few days later she quietly returned to Vietnam. On March 16, 2022 she posted message to recruit 21 female workers to work in Taiwan:



Hiền Trương

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CẦN TUYỂN :21 HỘ LÝ NỮ.

Chủ sử dụng : TT – DL4 : VIỆN DƯỠNG LÃO THANH TÂM

Địa điểm: KHU TAM HIỆP - TÂN BẮC- ĐÀI BẮC.

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Lương cơ bản : 25.250 đài tệ/tháng + tăng ca

Thời gian làm việc cố định: 8H -20H ; 20H- 8H

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Khấu trừ ăn ở : 2500 đài tệ/tháng,

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Nguyễn Thi Hoa



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She runs a sex trafficking ring in Riyadh and actively recruits young women who have no place to go or who are in SAKAN Center. Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, the Vietnamese Labor Attaché, occasionally referred to her female workers who came to the Vietnamese embassy for help.

Following are known incidents of human trafficking or attempts at human trafficking that involved Mr. Khánh and his accomplices.

Ms. Y Manh, currently doing house chores at Mr. Khánh's home:



She was sent to Saudi Arabia by Thăng Long OSC labor export company. After 10 months without pay, she called the company's representative in Saudi Arabia, Ms. Phạm Thị Mây, for help. The latter took the case to the Saudi police. The employer did not collaborate with the police. After seven months of fruitless attempts, Ms. Mây arranged for Y Manh to leave the employer and stay at the SAKAN Center, a private entity partnering with the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to provide accommodation facilities for distressed migrant workers.

On November 9, 2020, Mr. Khánh used the authority of the Vietnamese embassy to take Ms. Y Manh out of the SAKAN Center despite her objection and without notifying Thăng Long OSC. He also took two other women who were not clients of the company.

Mr. Khánh placed Ms. Y Manh with Ms. Thái Hà. Fearing for her personal safety, Ms. Y Manh called Ms. Mây for help. The latter contacted the shelter's management and learned that there was a request from the Vietnamese embassy for Ms. Y Manh to leave the shelter and that Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh was the one picking her up.

Ms. Mây contacted Mr. Khánh and insisted that he, now Y Manh's custodian, must secure the 17 months of backpay for her. Unable to place Y Manh with another employer without the prior consent of both the migrant worker and Thăng Long company, on March 5, 2021 he brought her to his residence, where she continues to do house chores to this day.

Text message of Ms. Y Manh on August 1, 2021:

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Dạ em ra vào ngày 9 tháng 11 ở nhà chị thái hà

Ngày 5 tháng 3 thì em ở nhà anh Khánh



"I left the shelter on November 9 and stayed at Ms. Thái Hà's. On March 5, I stayed at Mr. Khánh's."

On September 8, in a text message to Ms. Mây, she confirmed that she was still working at Mr. Khánh's house and reiterated her desire to go home. Mr. Khánh did not include her in the repatriation list that he compiled for the September 3, 2021 flight home. Afterwards, she became incommunicado. Her relatives in Vietnam reported that they tried repeatedly but could not contact her. It is unclear what Mr. Khánh has done to get the employer to pay her for the 17 months of work.

Below is the SAKAN Center's record of the release of Ms. Y Manh per the Vietnamese embassy's request:

NAME LIST OF VIETNAMESE WORKERS WISHING FOR RECEIVING FULL SALARY FROM THEIR SPONSORS
(ATTACHED TO THE EMBASSY LETTER REF No: 20./LS-SA DATED 09/11/2020)

قائمة بأسماء العمالة الراغبين في إستلام كامل رواتبهم من كفلائهم
(المرفقة بخطاب السفارة رقم 20./LS-SA... بتاريخ: 09/11/2020)

No	Full Name	Date of Birth	Passport & issue date	Travel Document & issue date	Noted & File No
الرقم	الإسم بالكامل	تاريخ الميلاد	جواز السفر وتاريخ إصداره	وثيقة سفر وتاريخ إصدارها	تم القيد ، ملف رقم
1	Y MANH	15/05/1990	C2900584 (21/3/2017)	None	Ask for full salary from sponsor (24 months) before repatriation طلب كامل الراتب من الكفيل (24 شهرا) قبل العودة إلى الوطن

As the case of Y Manh became known to international agencies and diplomatic missions in Ha Noi, on September 30, Mr. Khánh took Y Manh to SAKAN Center, a shelter in Riyadh.

In mid-October, the police in Kontum Province summoned A Ngoai, a Montagnard Christian lay leader, to the police station for investigation regarding his contacting Y Manh's parents and offering them help to get her rescued and repatriated. The police confiscated A Ngoai's cell phone.

In November, MOLISA imposed a fine of 60 million VND against Thăng Long OSC for not resolving the case of Y Manh properly. In fact, Thăng Long OSC sounded the alarm about some of its workers being missing from SAKAN and Khadimat center, including Y Manh, and reported to the Vietnamese embassy Mr. Khánh's involvement in their extraction and trafficking.

On December 9, Ms. Mây was visited by public security agents from the provincial government. They inquired her about her involvement with reactionary groups overseas. Mây took that opportunity to denounce the human trafficking activities of Nguyễn Quốc Khánh. The public security agents left. The following day, Mây flew to Saudi Arabia as she had planned a month before.

In the meantime, Mr. Khánh conducted business as usual.

There is no information regarding the whereabouts of the other two workers that Mr. Khánh and Ms. Thái Hà took out of SAKAN Center at the same time as Y Manh.

Three Vietnamese women sold to an employer in Najran, near the border with Yemen:



From October 15, 2020 to March 22, 2021, Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh took some 20 workers from the SAKAN Center, under the aegis of the Vietnamese embassy, and delivered them to Ms. Thái Hà. They were told that they would be placed with employers who paid well. They had to pay 6,000 Rials each in placement fee. We only know the first names of six women extracted from the Khadimat Center by Mr. Khánh: Trang, Bình, Thắm, Hằng, Chuân, và Vy. Information

on each individual, including extraction date and the embassy staff picking each of them up, should be traceable from the record of SAKAN Center. Note: On March 23, 2021, the center was moved to its current location.

On January 21, 2021, Ms. Thái Hà and Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh came to the SAKAN Center to pick up 5 Vietnamese women, telling them that they should pack up to fly home. Once out of the center, they were taken to Ms. Thái Hà's home. After three days, Mr. Khánh sent three of them to a company located in Najran, near the border with Yemen: Ms. Nguyễn Trúc Ly (1966), Ms. Pinăng Thị Loanh (1982) and Ms. Mai Thị Nâu (1987). The other two are Phương and Thảo; there whereabouts is unknown.

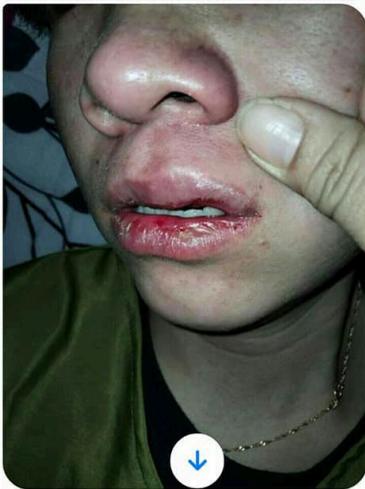
They are currently held at a dormitory for workers located at: 17.469215, 44.099312. Tel No. of Nguyễn Trúc Ly: 058 2485 014; Lăng Thị Loanh: +966 556246141; Mai Thị Nâu: +966 5824 90352. Location where Ly and Loanh are kept: 17.4693961, 44.0994290, which appears to correspond to the address: 2889, Al Hadn, Najran 66292 7626. They know Nâu's location. Employer's location: 17.469215, 44.099312.

According to Ly's account, Mr. Khánh told the three women that they must sign a contract to work for two years for a payment of 2,000 Rials per month. Wishing to go home, they would only agree to work on a month-by-month basis. The employer, a Saudi woman, had them beat up, and forced them to sign the two-years contracts; she had already paid 30,000 Rials for three workers. Below is the photo of the injuries suffered by one victim:

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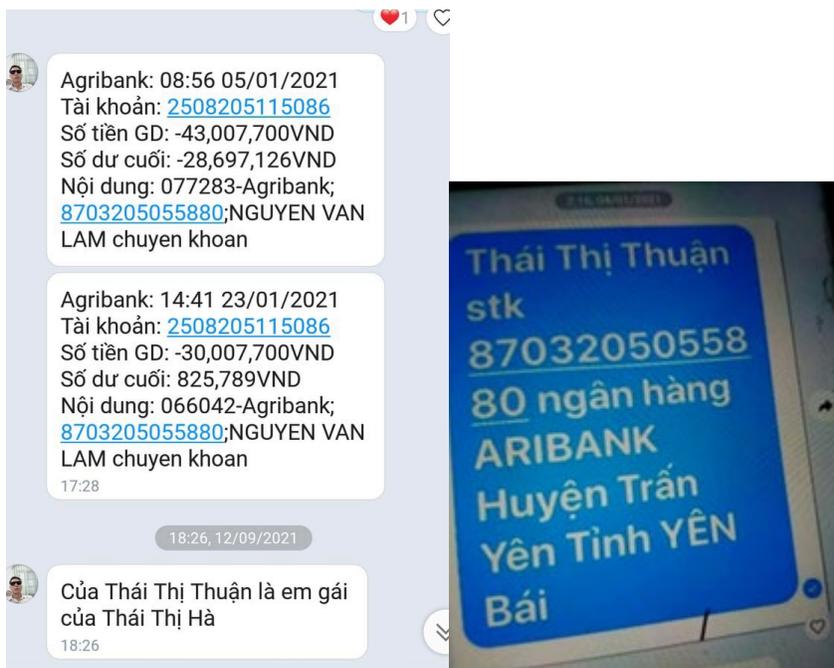


Each time the victims refused to work, they were beaten. Four times they went to the police to request that they be taken back to the SAKAN Center. However, after the employer paid a fine

of 500 Rials to the police, she was allowed to take them back to the company. As these women still refused to work, the employer finally agreed to release them and promised to send them back to Riyadh if she was refunded the 30,000 Rials she had paid. As no refund has been made, the three victims are still in Najran.

The employer paid Ms. Thái Hà 20,000 Rials for the delivery of the three workers, of which 7,000 Rials were hand delivered in Saudi Arabia while the balance had been wire-transferred to her younger sister, Ms. Thái Thị Thuận, in Vietnam as advance payment. The employer also paid 7,000 Rials for the transport of the three workers from Riyadh to Najran and 3,000 Rials in commission to a middle person who connected the employer with Ms. Thái Hà and facilitated the monetary transactions. The middle person is a Vietnamese by the name Lành, tel: 0593135189; her husband, Nguyễn Văn Lâm (tel: 0967 388 025), effected the money transfer to Vietnam.

The driver, a Pakistani (tel: 0505119776), transporting the three victims was provided with a pass issued by the Vietnamese embassy.



Proof of wire transfers to Ms. Thái Hà's younger sister, Thái Thị Thuận, in Vietnam

Video clips of victims' repeated calls for help (around August 20):

<https://www.facebook.com/100046533733318/videos/pcb.384743423086779/897149040930560>

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On September 19, using GPS information provided by the victims (via BPSOS), the Saudi police successfully rescued these three victims and, from their tips, a Filipina victim. They were taken to a local hotel and are under protection of the police. They would be transferred to a shelter in Riyadh after receiving backpay from the employer.

Nguyễn Trúc Ly returned to Vietnam on October 28, 2021.



Rescued victims taken by the Saudi police to a local hotel, one crying out of joy

Seven Vietnamese women almost taken from SAKAN Center:

More recently, on August 12, 2021, Mr. Khánh again came to SAKAN Center to pick up 7 women under the authority of the Vietnamese embassy. However, none of them agreed to leave as they had already been warned about what happened to other victims. We have the audiotaped account of one of these 7 women. SAKAN Center should be able to trace information on this incident from its record.

Huỳnh Thị Gấm, currently at SAKAN Center:



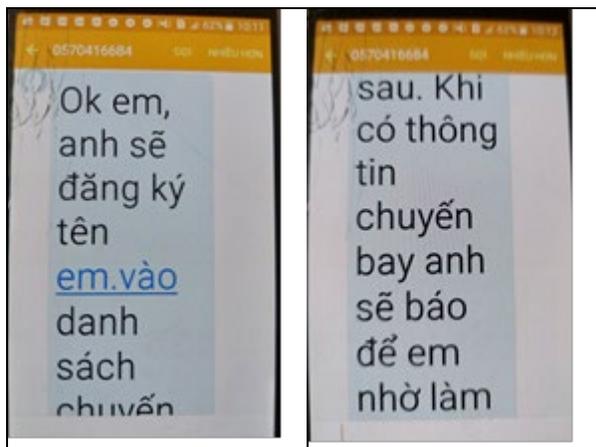
Recruited by HAVIMEC, a labor export company in Vietnam, Ms. Huỳnh Thị Gấm arrived in Saudi Arabi on September 21, 2019 and was fetched at the airport by Ms. Trương Thị Hiền and Mr. Aziz, both employees of the Qrnmah Alfalah Recruitment Office. Gấm was sent by bus to the employer in Abha. This employer forced her to work 17 hours a day, and frequently beat and sexually harassed her. After four months of mistreatment and abuses, Ms. Gấm left this employer and asked to go home to her 70-years old mother and 12-years old son. HAVIMEC promised to repatriate Gấm within 45 days and charged Gấm's mother in Vietnam over US \$3,500 in penalty and airfare. HAVIMEC failed to keep its promise and did not return the money.

Hiền and Aziz sent Gấm to a second employer. Blaming Gấm's poor eyesight, this employer returned her to Hiền and Aziz after one month and 20 days. He paid Gấm 2,500 Rials, which was kept by Hiền and Aziz. Gấm never got this money back. Hiền and Aziz placed Gấm with a third employer. This employer mistreated her, pinching her till her skin turned black and blue, and forced her to work from 9am till 3am the following day doing all sorts of house chores. After a week, Gấm decided to quit. The employer hired a taxi to take Gấm to Hiền's office, but Hiền did not admit Gấm.

The taxi driver took Gấm to the Vietnamese embassy, where Mr. Bùi Thế Trung, Second Secretary for Consular Affairs, allowed her to stay for two nights. Then, Mr. Khánh delivered her back to Hiền and Azia, promising that he would arrange for her to go home on the next flight available. Hiền and Aziz sent Gấm to the fourth employer in a faraway place, some 20 hours drive from Riyadh. Gấm had to work 22 hours each day. After two months, her employer called a local recruitment office to pick her up and promised to send Gấm's two-months pay along with her US \$130 in cash to her mother in Vietnam for medical treatment. Her mother never received this money.

During her 20-days stay at the recruitment office, Gấm was sexually harassed and raped by the man who ran the office. He then sent her to her fifth employer, in Riyadh, who three days later turned her over to his younger sister in Tabuk, who later moved to Ha'il. Gấm worked from 6am till midnight every day and sometimes without sleep. After two months, Gấm managed to get a sim card without the employer's knowledge and started calling Khánh and Hiền for help. They did not pick up and eventually blocked her calls.

Only once did Khánh respond to Gấm's pleading. On December 15, 2020, Gấm texted him to explain her situation and reminded him about repatriation. He responded: *"OK, I will register your name for the next flight. When I have the flight information, I will notify you so that you can ask for assistance."*



Text message from Khánh to Gấm, December 15, 2020

On May 22, the employer's daughter physically assaulted Gấm, punching and beating her up while dragging her hair. Gấm fled and sought help from the police. This employer still owes Gấm 4 months and 20 days of pay. The police sent Gấm to a local shelter.

Gấm learned of an upcoming repatriation flight and called Khánh, but he did not answer her calls. Gấm then called him from a borrowed phone. Khánh answered and reassured her that he would talk to HAVIMEC, that this company would request the support of the Saudi police, and that the Saudi police would get the employer to pay her. Nothing happened.

Gấm then called Hiền and Mr. Cù Cao Cường, Representative of HAVIMEC in Vietnam. They both blocked her calls.

On August 22, Gấm was moved to SAKAN Center. On October 28 she returned to Vietnam; HAVIMEC paid for her flight ticket.

Dương Thị Sải, trafficked after inquiring about repatriation at Vietnamese Embassy:



Dương Thị Sải is a Hmong ethnic in thôn Che Pang, Xã Cao Cân, Huyện Pắc Nặm, Tỉnh Bắc Cạn, Vietnam. On January 21, 2019, she went to Saudi Arabia to work as domestic servant on a two-years contract. She was recruited by COLECTO, JSC, of which the representative in Saudi Arabia is Ms. Trương Thị Hiền.

After completing the two-years contract, in May 2021, she went to the Vietnamese embassy to seek help with repatriation. There, she met Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh. He refused to help and instead sent her back to Hiền and Aziz. They sold her to another employer, who often physically abused and mistreated her. After three months she returned to the recruitment agency.

Hiền and Aziz sent her to yet another employer. When Sải objected, Aziz beat her up. She lasted only three days under the new employer's beating and mistreatment. Back at the Office of Qrnmah Alfalah, she requested to be repatriated. Instead, Hiền and Aziz plans to place Sải with a fourth employer. Aziz keeps all of Sải's personal documents.

Fearing that Aziz would physically assault her again, Sải wanted to be rescued and taken to SAKAN Center for protection. Her ultimate desire is to be reunited with her 4-years old son and 10-years old daughter in Vietnam. A BPSOS fellow called and talked Aziz directly, requesting him not to send Sải to the next employer.

On September 20, Aziz dropped Sải at SAKAN Center. At SAKAN Center and is being targeted by two operatives of the trafficking rings: Huỳnh Thị Ngọc Tài and Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân. Both went to Saudi Arabia as domestic workers but overstayed their employment contract. Both had close ties to officials at the Vietnamese embassy and threatened harm to any SAKAN Center residents who criticized those officials.

Sãi was on the list for the October 13 repatriation flight. After checking in her luggage, she was not allowed to enter the terminal for lack of a resident permit (Iquama). She returned to SAKAN Center without her luggage. She was excluded from the October 28 flight because her employer refused to pay for her ticket a second time.

Sãi repatriated on January 22, with the ticket fare and quarantine fee waived. At the quarantine center in Vietnam, she tested positive and was taken to a local hospital for quarantine. She had to pay 4.1 million VND in extra quarantine fee.

A timely call for help:

On September 1, 2021, Ms. Ngô Thị Hương, a worker sent to Saudi Arabia by Thăng Long OSC, came to the Vietnamese embassy to inquire about repatriation. As she was not on the repatriation list, the embassy's receptionist called her employer to come and pick her up. As the employer did not show up, the Pakistani driver working at the embassy called two Vietnamese women by the names Nguyễn Thị Hoa and My, telling them that he would drop Ms. Hương at their place. Overhearing the conversation, Hương feared for her safety because these two women, both staying illegally in Saudi Arabia, were known for their pimping activities. Hương took picture of the Pakistani driver for identification and called Ms. Mây for help. Ms. Mây contacted the driver directly and demanded that he take Hương to a Saudi employment agency, which Ms. Mây also represents. According to Ms. Mây, this Pakistani driver works under the direction of Mr. Khánh.



The Pakistani driver, photo taken by Ms. Nguyễn Thị Hương, September 1, 2021



The same driver shown at work at Vietnamese embassy

Victim threatened with punishment, including jail term, for speaking out:

On April 11, Ms. H'Thai Ayun led eight Vietnamese women at the SAKAN Center to go on Facebook and call for help from the Vietnamese government. See:

<https://www.facebook.com/Thailand.com.hg/videos/489039572281069>.

Immediately, Mr. Khánh, accompanied by Ms. Thái Hà, came to the center to threaten those involved. He specifically told H'Thai Ayun, who was viewed by other Vietnamese women at SAKAN Center as their de facto leader, that publicly appealing for help violated both Vietnamese and Saudi laws and she would go to jail for that. He also explained to all the petitioners that they must register with and pay their labor export companies if they wanted to be repatriated. These companies would charge each worker 36 million VND (1,600 USD) in repatriation expenses. No worker could afford such a high fee. Some tried to borrow money from relatives in Vietnam while others simply gave up pursuing repatriation through the labor export companies.

In mid-May, Boat People SOS (BPSOS), a US-based organization, contacted Ms. H'Thai Ayun and, through her, started interviewing identified victims of human trafficking. At the same time, BPSOS alerted the US Department of State's Trafficking-in-Person (TIP) office, the US embassy in Vietnam, and the US embassy in Saudi Arabia. The TIP office then connected BPSOS with IOM for discussion about repatriation options for some of the identified victims of human trafficking.

On May 30, BPSOS reposted the victims' April 11 Facebook video. On June 1, Mr. Khanh came to the SAKAN Center, again accompanied by Ms. Thái Hà, and accused those involved of contacting "reactionary" forces overseas to defame the government of Vietnam.



Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh at SAKAN Center, June 1, 2021

On August 22, Mr. Khánh met H’Thai at the SAKAN Center. He accused her of passing information to people overseas and questioned her: “Why did you post things on Facebook? Do you have anything to tell me? If there is a thing to tell, tell it straight to my face instead of posting it on Facebook.” Threateningly, he said to H’Thai: “You have many things to talk to me about, we have not finished talking.”

On August 23, 2021, at the urging of Ms. H’Thai, Ms. Mona, who was with the Saudi Human Rights Council, talked to Dr. Nguyen Dinh Thang of BPSOS, who explained to her H’Thai’s risk of reprisal if returned to Vietnam.

On August 25, Mr. Khánh came to the SAKAN Center to meet with those wishing to go home. He collected 6 million VND, supposedly the fee for issuance of temporary passports, from each of the eight workers who wanted to sign up for repatriation but were without passport. He did not issue receipts to them as required by the embassy’s protocols and forbade them from taking photos or videos with their mobile phones.

On August 27, Ms. Mona took H’Thai’s fingerprints. She then showed H’Thai the April 11 Facebook video and asked whether it was H’Thai who spoke. Suspecting that Mr. Khánh was about to get her forcibly repatriated so as to silence her, H’Thai explained to Ms. Mona that she would not leave because that would mean leaving Ms. Đinh Thị Ca behind on her own.

On August 29, Mr. Khánh, accompanied by a Vietnamese woman, came to the SAKAN Center to inform both Đinh Thị Ca and H’Thai Ayun that they will be on the September 3 flight free of charge.

On August 31, Ms. Mona told H'Thai that she must go home even though she did not wish to. H'Thai offered to yield her free seat to another victim who could not afford the airfare. Later in the day, Ms. Mona communicated to H'Thai that her offer was declined by the Vietnamese embassy. To buy time, H'Thai mobilized the women who were charged for airfare to demand equal treatment. In response, the Vietnamese embassy informed the SAKAN Center that H'Thai would go home on a future deportation flight.

Mr. Khánh continued to have access to Vietnamese women staying at the SAKAN Center, including some of his former victims. He was still listed by the Vietnamese embassy as the point of contact for repatriation registration. He was seen at the airport greeting workers on their way to return to Vietnam.



Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh at Riyadh Airport with workers going home, January 7, 2022

Đại sứ quán Việt Nam tại Ả-rập Xê-út (ĐSQ) nhận được thông báo của Cục Lãnh sự về chuyến bay đón công dân Việt Nam tại Kuwait, Qatar, Ai Cập, Angola và **Ả-rập Xê-út** về nước, đồng thời đề nghị ĐSQ tổng hợp danh sách công dân/lao động tại Ả-rập Xê-út có nguyện vọng và đủ điều kiện về nước. Thông tin cụ thể như sau:

- Thời gian: ngày 28/10/2021
- Hãng hàng không: Bamboo Airways
- Số lượng khách dự kiến tại Ả-rập Xê-út: 219 người;
- Địa điểm đón: Riyadh, Ả-rập Xê-út
- Địa điểm hạ cánh: Cam Ranh, Việt Nam

ĐSQ xin thông tin và đề nghị Quý Cục giúp chỉ đạo các doanh nghiệp phải cử rà soát, cập nhật lại danh sách mới nhất lao động tại Ả-rập Xê-út có hoàn cảnh đặc biệt khó khăn, đã hết hạn hợp đồng, có nguyện vọng về nước và đủ điều kiện xuất cảnh gửi ĐSQ **không muộn hơn thứ Năm, ngày 21/10/2021**. Đề nghị các Doanh nghiệp gửi ĐSQ bản mềm danh sách (*file word hoặc excel*) qua các địa chỉ email: thetruongmofa@gmail.com và khanhnguyenquoc.neu@gmail.com.

Announcement of Vietnamese embassy listing Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh as a person workers must register with for repatriation.



Nguyễn Quốc Khánh holding a farewell party at SAKAN Center on September 2, 2021 for Vietnamese residents going home the following day

On October 16, 2021, Mr. Doãn Mậu Hiệp, Deputy Minister of MOLISA, affirmed that there were close to 20,000 Vietnamese domestic workers in Saudi Arabia, and that MOLISA had worked with labor export companies to address the few problematic cases, and commended the Labor Attaché in Riyadh for his good work – that’s Nguyễn Quốc Khánh even though Mr. Hiep incorrectly referred to him as “Đoàn Kiên Trung”.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sxqd4Cfx-RU>

Appendix 3 -- Vietnamese victims of human trafficking continue to face risk at the SAKAN Center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

December 17, 2021

Last updated on February 1, 2022

(1) General Information

Summary

Vietnamese trafficked victims and workers residing at SAKAN Center continue to be spied on, verbally abused, threatened, and physically assaulted by a group of Vietnamese residents led by two individuals with close ties to Vietnamese traffickers based in Riyadh and certain officials at the Vietnamese embassy.

Following the UN's appeal to Saudi Arabia and Vietnam to prevent trafficking of Vietnamese women and young girls into modern slavery in Saudi Arabia, members of Vietnamese-run trafficking rings have increasingly targeted victims at the SAKAN Center who spoke out and the Vietnamese authorities have investigated those in Vietnam suspected of having aided the victims and/or their family members. It appears that the management of SAKAN Center has knowingly or unknowingly colluded with the perpetrators, thus putting victims at high risk of abuses, mistreatment, and violence. Currently, three victims at SAKAN Center need immediate protection:

- H'Thái Ayun, the de facto leader of the group of victims at SAKAN Center who went on Facebook on April 11, 2021 to call for help. Two days later she was directly threatened by Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, Labor Attaché at Vietnamese embassy, of jail term for speaking ill of the Vietnamese government. H'Thái has been the primary target of the said two individuals.
- Dương Thị Sải, a victim of Nguyễn Quốc Khánh and Trương Thị Hiền, the leader of one Vietnamese-run trafficking ring in Saudi Arabia. An associate of Ms. Hiền dropped her at SAKAN Center on September 20, 2021 after intervention by BPSOS.
- Pinăng Thị Loanh, one of the three victims of Nguyễn Quốc Khánh and Thái Thị Hà, the leader of another Vietnamese-run trafficking ring in Saudi Arabia. They were rescued by the Saudi police in Najran on September 19, 2021. Loanh currently stays in the same room as the said two individuals and has been therefore kept under tight surveillance by them.

The perpetrators are two residents of SAKAN Center who reportedly act as operatives of two Vietnamese-run trafficking rings and of officials at the Vietnamese embassy in Riyadh. They are:

- Huỳnh Ngọc Tài
- Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân

Tài and Ngân work closely with both Thái Thị Hà and Trương Thị Hiền and communicate frequently with officials at the Vietnamese embassy including Mr. Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, Mr. Hồ An, Ms. Thuý Quyên, and Ms. Huyền. Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân publicly declared that she was

appointed, probably by the management of SAKAN Center, as leader of all Vietnamese residents at the center and as such has access to their private information.

Tài and Ngân apparently have the backing of the management of SAKAN Center. Ngân allegedly paid a staff at SAKAN Center 2,000 SAR to turn a blind eye on her sending Vietnamese center residents to work in prostitution outside of the center. Tài and Ngân have turned their living quarters into their unofficial command center.

In the latest incident, on December 11, at around 9am Tài and Ngân entered the room of H'Thái and Sải with the intention to beat H'Thái up. They had to call out for help. Ngân said that she would call Mr. Hồ An from the Vietnamese embassy to come and deal with the two reactionary elements. She then went back to her room and livestreamed on Facebook her denunciation of H'Thái and other victims who cooperated with CAMSA as reactionaries.

Number of Victims: some 20 Vietnamese residents still at SAKAN Center and about ten who have repatriated to Vietnam

Location of Incident: Sakan Shelter, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Nationality of victims: Vietnamese citizenship.

Ethnicity: Kinh, Hmong, Ede, Raglai

(2) Identity of the Persons Concerned

Of all the victims, the following three are the most at risk:

1. H'Thái Ayun, Female, DoB: 24/11/1983, Ede ethnicity
2. Dương Thị Sải, Female, DoB: 02/01/1994, Hmong ethnicity
3. Pinăng Thị Loanh, Female, DoB: 01/01/1982, Raglai ethnicity

All three are Vietnamese citizens. Other victims prefer not to reveal their identities at this time, fearing official retaliation.

(3) Intimidation and threats

The case of Y Manh appears to have prompted Tài and Ngân into action. This case was exposed by Phạm Thị Mây, the Saudi Arabia-based representative of Thăng Long OSC, the Vietnamese recruitment agency that sent Y Manh to Saudi Arabia. After finding out that Y Manh disappeared from the Khadimat Center in late November, Ms. Mây launched a search for her and found out that on November 9, Nguyễn Quốc Khánh and Thái Thị Hà took her and four other workers out of the center. Y Manh initially stayed at Ms. Hà's home. Then on March 5, 2021, Khánh took her to his home, where she did house chores and took care of his newborn for a monthly payment of 1,500 SAR. Ms. Mây publicly challenged Khánh and Hà for illegally extracting workers from the Khadimat Center and denounced Khánh for employing Y Manh illegally (due process would require the involvement of Thăng Long OSC and the signing of a new employment contract). On September 30, 2021 Nguyễn Quốc Khánh dropped Y Manh, a victim of him and Ms. Thái Thị Hà, at SAKAN Center, most probably because of increasing international scrutiny.

Immediately, Tài and Ngân started to attack Mây on Facebook. On October 2, Y Manh posted a video disclaiming all her prior statements, thanking Mr. Khánh and Ms. Hà, and

accusing Mây of posting untrue information about her case. At places in the video, it was obvious that Y Manh was repeating what Tài and Ngân told her to say. See: <https://www.facebook.com/ymanh.ymanh.31/videos/3038756109775818>

They also closely monitor H'Thái Ayun and all victims who joined H'Thái to denounce the traffickers, particularly Dương Thị Sải, Pinăng Thị Loanh, Lê Cẩm Hồng, and Huỳnh Thị Gấm. Other victims targeted by Tài and Ngân included Y Ble, Nguyễn Thị Thanh Hương, Nguyễn Thị Quyết, and Mã Thị Tùng. Tài and Ngân were seen contacting the Vietnamese embassy very frequently.

Soon after the arrival of Y Manh at SAKAN Center, Tài started to post comments on the Facebook page of CAMSA International to attack victims who returned to Vietnam, defaming them, accusing them of being anti-government reactionaries, and threatening them of punishment by the authorities. These victims were among cases that BPSOS/CAMSA reported to the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Trafficking, the US Department of State, and IOM; many of them were rescued by the Saudi police. Following are some key incidents.

November 18: Tài and Ngân started to target H'Thái Ayun, the de facto leader of the many trafficked victims staying at SAKAN. They told Vietnamese residents at SAKAN to stay away from H'Thái if they wanted to return to Vietnam. Tài and Ngân also verbally abused Hồng, Sải, Gấm and Loanh verbally in public.

November 25: Tài and Ngân entered the living quarters of H'Thai, Hồng and Sải to insult and threaten them.

Ngân: *"What the fuck are you, you are beasts, inhuman. Fuck you those liars, snakes. There were 19 people working with police but how dare you upload it online [note of translator: Probably referring to H'Thai's April 11 appearance on Facebook along with other victims]... You posted all the fucking made-up things on the internet. Fuck, maybe they did not abuse you enough, damn. I will beat to death any fucking one behind this... I am not like others who just talk without taking action. I am telling you so you know... Talking about rescue -- recuse your mother fucking cunt... Yeah, I say it to your face. Fuck, anyone dare to challenge me. Can you buy any ticket for anyone to go home? Bastard. Fuck, I do not want to talk but look what you make me do. Dare you to post a new video. Fuck, try to go back home, and let's see. Fuck, I am trying to cook but you choke on my ball. Bloody hell. Try to collaborate with others, fuck off. Damn, 19 victims asking for rescue, fucking your mother cunt 19 victims."*
Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qaHD4SPcLp6bxYq9lY07R9qc3xKWvJ4H/view?usp=sharing>

Tài: *"Everyday there are people going back to Vietnam. It's simply a question of whether you have money or not. Everyone, dead or alive, has her own fate. You have met your fate, hence wherever you are you will die. Fuck. Your fate is certainly to die..."* Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SvWTbnekBwMNBfExHy9wHMxON9G26-DO/view?usp=sharing>

Tài (referring to Đinh Thị Ca, a victim who lost eyesight and hearing due to brutal beatings by her employer): *"Fuck. That gal Ca.... finally, last night you, fuck... you slept with boys..."* [in a prior Facebook posting, Tài had falsely accused Ca of sleeping with her male employer and got beaten by him.] Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PnR3KaMTAdWsEa8RfSfRpMKIBI3VRSKQ/view?usp=sharing>

November 26: At 9am, Tài and Ngân again entered H'Thái's room to threaten her and Nguyễn Thị Thanh Hương after the latter refused to sign up for repatriation through them. Hương, instead, wanted to ask H'Thái to connect her with the international community for help. They cursed H'Thái and Hương loudly so that everyone nearby could hear them.

Ngân: *"Fuck you want rescue. I'll rescue you, crazy bitch, bitch eats shit. Damn, you think I do not know what your plan is? Fuck. If anyone wants to spread the video, I will beat your father till death. Fuck. I swear that if I won't hit you, I am not a human. I've declared from Sunday until now and fuck I hate those videos. If you want to challenge me, come here."*

Audio source link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ywLELSy5p3o8kNN1wk9-K53K0ipRBUH3/view?usp=sharing>

Tài: *"I heard that no one dares to beat you. I declare that I will beat you in your room; I will knock you down. Fuck you, who allows you to come back Vietnam?... Who is that guy? What is he? Thắng... Thắng, what the hell is he? Fuck, they dont know any fucking things, just listening to you reactionaries say, and you want to mess this case up? [She referred to Dr. Nguyễn Đình Thắng, CEO & President of BPSOS and co-founder of CAMSA.]"* Audio source link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_BtI6ECPBHuCG-g313UZceCWwc9dadF9/view?usp=sharing

November 29: At a group meeting, Tài and Ngân cursed all the Vietnamese residents who refused to register with them for the December 10 repatriation flight.

Ngân: *"Which cunt is the United States? Can you just show me, where's the US pussy? Did the United States cunt pick you up? I am fucking tired, my goodness!!! I did not sell you nor persuaded you. Here you sign the contract, you receive money in 2 installments. Who sold you that way? Fuck it, who give you an air ticket, give you money, bring you here and pay your salary. Is that human trafficking? You bastards! Are you deaf? You guys are dogs, not people; dogs even know their owners. Fuck, the dog knows loyalty to its owner. It still knows how to repay its owner, it knows how to protect its owner. As for you, you are less than a dog. You are not human."*

Tài: *"Tài: You grew up in Vietnam but it seems like you resent Vietnam too much. Vietnam, no matter how bad it is, it's not your turn to speak up. What happened in Vietnam will stay in Vietnam, it will not be the United States's business... Fuck, just act like you are a decent person. Taking people's information and posting them to make money for yourself."* Audio source link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lznJxqtx-Hnj_n6_tfgrDia_fm7_tDcK/view?usp=sharing

For the full transcript with partial English translation, see:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mSHElyXFKbjxQ9fhOAA1kt79UNfhE3MVS8WDa4M9u2M/edit?usp=sharing>

(4) Collaboration with Vietnamese embassy personnel

December 1: At around 11:00 AM. SAKAN Center employees asked 32 or 33 female victims to meet Mr. Hồ An, Vietnamese Embassy official responsible for meetings and interactions with exported Vietnamese workers. Mr. Hồ An asked the assembled victims for their names and dates of arrival at the center, and asked each of them what they needed (most wanted to be repatriated). He told them about an upcoming flight on 10 December, 2021 and the priority given to those whose Saudi employers pay for their airfare, with the added priority within this group given to those who have been stranded the longest.

He had managed to talk to only a few victims when Tàì interrupted him and asked if the flight would be sent by the Vietnamese government. Mr. An said: yes. Tàì and Ngậ̀n then took turns to decry that the government was so good, yet reactionary individuals falsely insinuated that the flight was going to be financed by human rights organizations.

Ms. H'Thái Ayun, one of the stranded victims, was being watched by Tàì and Ngậ̀n. As she took a picture of the meeting, Tàì and Ngậ̀n warned Mr. Hồ An who ordered H'Thai to hand him her cell phone. She handed it to him. Tàì and Ngậ̀n grabbed the phone and deleted any new photographs, showed Mr. An the Facebook page of the advocacy group Coalition against Modern Slavery in Asia (CAMSA International), saying that this entity is reactionary because it aims to report negative things about the Vietnamese government.

H'Thái protested being violated of her privacy. Mr. Hồ An did not respond. Ngậ̀n said loudly that she was about to smash H'Thái's phone to pieces. Tàì and Ngậ̀n then intimidated the victims by loudly asking Mr. Hồ An to tell the Vietnamese Embassy to punish H'Thái or else the two subjects would punish her themselves.

Center security personnel intervened to stop the commotion. Tàì and Ngậ̀n ordered all the other victims to go back to their rooms and pressured those victims to leave the scene. Only H'Thái remained with Mr. Hồ An, Tàì, Ngậ̀n and a few of Vietnamese residents of SAKAN Center who sided with Tàì and Ngậ̀n. Tàì and Ngậ̀n continued to verbally abuse H'Thái in the presence of Mr. Hồ An.

December 7: Two officials from the Vietnamese Embassy, Ms. Thuý Quyền and Ms. Huyền, visited SAKAN Center. Tàì and Ngậ̀n ordered all workers to lay their cell phones upside down, then proceeded to denounce H'Thái to the two embassy officials, calling her a reactionary who did not dare to return to Vietnam for fear of imprisonment because she had sold her country to foreigners. Tàì and Ngậ̀n then told other workers not to go to H'Thái's room; those who do would be reported to the Vietnamese embassy and would not be vetted by the embassy for repatriation. Below is the report by Pinắ̀ng Thị Loanh, who wishes to remain anonymous because she is staying in the same room as Tàì and Ngậ̀n. Loanh secretly called Huỳnh Thị Gắ̀m, a trafficked victim who repatriated on October 28. Report by Gắ̀m:

"Today, 7 December 2021, employees of the Vietnamese Embassy - Huyền and Thuý Quyền came to SAKAN Center. Ngậ̀n and Tàì walked behind these women to a meeting with the stranded workers. Before the meeting started, Tàì and Ngậ̀n asked the workers to put their phones on the table to make sure no one could record the meeting.

"Ngậ̀n and Tàì denounced H'Thái as a reactionary and traitor to her country who dared not return to Vietnam, fearing imprisonment. They warned that anyone caught being with

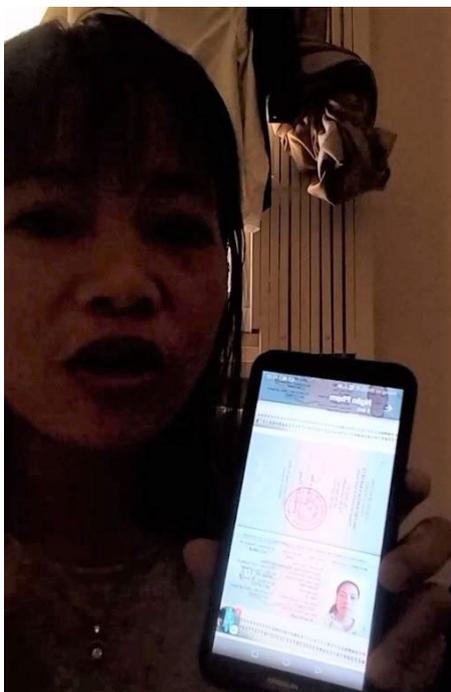
H'Thai in her room would be reported to the Vietnamese Embassy and the embassy would not put them on the list of those who can return home.

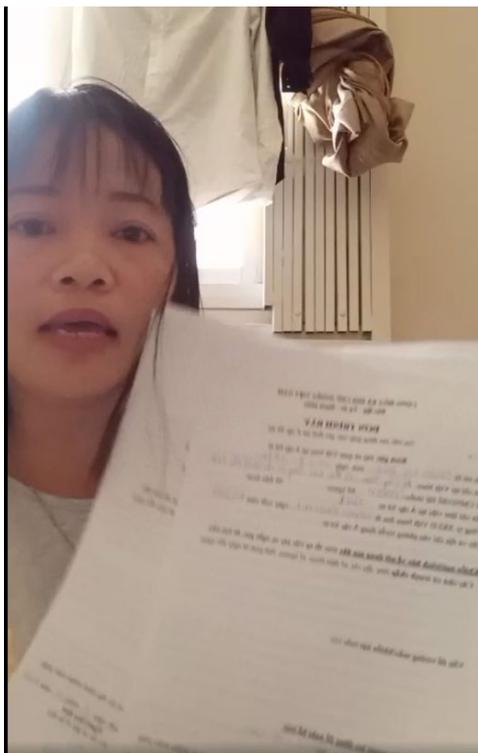
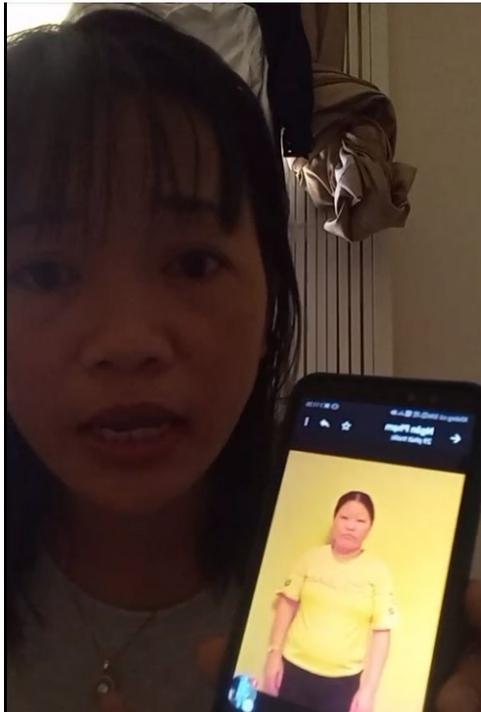
"Ms. Loanh, one of the workers attending the meeting, was confused and afraid because she could not tell if the two speakers were telling the truth or not. Loanh reported to Gấm [in Vietnam] what took place at the meeting.

"Tài and Ngân said to the stranded workers: all the 13 workers who would get on the plane had to pay for the trip. Even Ms. Hồng [Lê Cẩm Hồng, roommate of H'Thai] had to pay. Those who did not pay were not allowed to go home.

"Loanh dared not go to H'Thái to tell her directly."

December 11: At 9am, Tài and Ngân entered H'Thái's room with the intention to beat her up. H'Thái said that she would call the police. In response, Ngân threatened to call Mr. Hồ An to come and deal with H'Thái. H'Thái went to the common washroom to brush her teeth. Both Tài and Ngân positioned themselves outside. As H'Thái went to the SAKAN office to call the police, they left. Tài went out to the court to curse H'Thái, and Ngân went on Facebook to denounce H'Thái and other "reactionaries" who provided information to CAMSA. Ngân disclosed that, as the SAKAN-appointed leader of the Vietnamese group at the center, she had access to the personal information of all Vietnamese residents of SAKAN Center including passport information, exit visa photocopy, intake photos, etc. and information submitted to the Vietnamese embassy. She also affirmed herself being the liaison with the Vietnamese embassy – Vietnamese residents wishing to go home would receive the Vietnamese embassy's registration form from her. As proof, she showed on her smart phone copies of the Vietnamese residents' passport, photos taken by SAKAN Center at intake, and repatriation registration forms submitted to the Vietnamese embassy:





She then instructed Vietnamese workers in Saudi Arabia to not comment on the Facebook page of CAMSA, which she labeled as being run by a group of reactionaries: *“They have Vietnamese blood running through their veins, but they are reactionary dogs.”*

She also affirmed that she was the one who helped the 13 workers in SAKAN to successfully register for repatriation with the Vietnamese embassy.

See original livestream video:

<https://www.facebook.com/100073345864748/videos/421687979628938>

In early morning of December 17, Tài led two other Vietnamese residents to intrude into the room of H'Thai and Sải when these two were still asleep. Tài pulled H'Thai up, cursed her, and threatened to beat her with a fire extinguisher that she brought with her. H'Thai went to SAKAN Center to report the incident while Sải stayed in the room to look over their personal possessions. A few hours later, two officials from the Human Rights Council came to interview H'Thai and Sải and worked with SAKAN Center's management to move them to the section reserved for Ethiopian migrant workers.

On the same day, Tài livestreamed herself on Facebook, cursing "reactionaries" and confirming that: *"I frequently beat up people. You can rest assured about that. I beat them for the right, not the wrong, reason."* See video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YcUMI8Oidwu2FZ-Ziy15_FJ-kLNMLIgi/view?usp=sharing

Both Tài and Ngân returned to Vietnam on January 22, 2022.

(5) Information about the Entity Submitting this Report

NGO: Boat People SOS, Virginia, USA.

Website: <https://www.bpsos.org/>

Contact: info@bpsos.org

In 2008, BPSOS co-founded Coalition to Abolish Modern-day Slavery in Asia (CAMSA).

The victims authorize BPSOS to speak for them.

(6) Additional Background Information About the Perpetrators



Huỳnh Ngọc Tài (left) and Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân

Ms. Huỳnh Ngọc Tài

DOB: October 9, 1988

Passport No. C6013346

Arrival in Saudi Arabia: October 2018 through VINACO

Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/tai.huynhngoc.9081>,
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071004828394>

Tài is the leader of a Vietnamese gang at SAKAN Center that bullies and intimidates Vietnamese residents of this center. Tài stays in close contact with Thái Thị Hà and Trương Thị Hiền, leaders of two Vietnamese-run trafficking rings in Saudi Arabia. As recent as November 20, Thái Thị Hà visited Tài at SAKAN Center, delivering clothing and other items for Tài to sell to other center residents.

Tài has charged several Vietnamese women 60M VND for repatriation service to get them on the repatriation list of the Vietnamese embassy and a one-way ticket on the repatriation flight chartered by the Vietnamese government.

Tài often verbally abuses other residents, threatens violence against them, and regularly goes on Facebook to defame victims who spoke out, labeling them anti-government “reactionaries” and liars. BPSOS has maintained a growing collection of screenshots of her statements on Facebook. Below is a sample:

October 1 (responding to a SBS news story featuring the repatriation of some trafficked victims): *“Rescue the hack damned your father... You took the photos [of repatriated victims] for the story of escapees for reactionary purpose, to sell the country, while you are allowed to go home but did not fucking want to go home... You are exactly the public reactionary and don’t dare to go home, that’s the truth [referring to H’Thái Ayun].”* See original posting: https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2639540286191629?comment_id=2671555752990082¬if_id=1636185094535936¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

October 2 (responding to news update on CAMSA Facebook page about Dương Thị Sải, a trafficked victim): *“You cunt-like liar, claiming that you don’t want to go home -- regardless of how much money you are given, you don’t want to go back to Vietnam. Now you are saying the opposite. No wonder you got to the airport but then dragged by your head back [to SAKAN Center] and still don’t realize that you are a reactionary [referring to Dương Thị Sải].”* See original posting: https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2639867599492231?comment_id=2671064586372532¬if_id=1636135344351008¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

November 16 (responding to a VOA news story featuring 13 trafficked victims staying at SAKAN Center): *“Spreading lies about your country means being publicly reactionary... In Vietnam there is a saying “we don’t beat those who repent. It’s best if you repent in time... I am telling you, reactionaries out there, you should turn around [referring to victims*

interviewed by VOA].” See original posting:

<https://www.facebook.com/192228040922878/posts/2680970152048642/>

November 19 (targeting H’Thái): *“You mother fucker reactionary dog should spread less lies from your cunt... People allowed you to go home 5, 7 times. You replied that you wanted to give your slot to Ka (Đinh Thị Ca). You said that you did not like Vietnam. You took money from reactionaries and became confused. Remember that, either you stay or go home, you have no value to the American reactionaries... If you continue to speak recklessly, not you but your entire family will be exiled to an island [referring to a high-security prison]. You grew up in Vietnam, eat Vietnam’s rice; now you went overseas and I don’t know what little law that you know, but you turned reactionary, you dog eat shit.”* See original posting:

<https://www.facebook.com/192228040922878/posts/2683525898459734/>

November 27 (targeting Dương Thị Sải): *“I know the reactionary dog that you are, who runs out of money, hence posting this story. Fuck you.”* See original posting:

https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2690241804454810?comment_id=2690942291051428¬if_id=1637959707045678¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

December 10 (commenting on the call for help of a trafficked victim): *“Before you try to get money from others’ stories, you must admit the truth, reactionary dog... You are truly a reactionary being guided by others.”* See original posting:

https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2700056263473364?comment_id=2702618169883840¬if_id=1638970838859223¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

December 10 (responding to a posting on CAMSA Facebook page about its being “opinion shapers” with negative comments): *“Once a reactionary, you are a reactionary for ever... You speak while hiding behind the reactionaries. I dare you to show your true identity. You are the type that eats the shit of reactionaries...”* See original posting:

https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2699287623550228?notif_id=1639120826781690¬if_t=page_tag&ref=notif

December 11 (responding to posting on CAMSA Facebook page about three victims being repatriated): *“There is no trafficking here. When one left [for Saudi Arabia] and received money, one must work. When one did the work, one must be happy... Why posting reactionary information to cause dissent between two countries? Not good.”* See original posting:

https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2702415859904071?comment_id=2702675339878123¬if_id=1639200173510760¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

December 19 (responding to

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/langviettrongtoi/posts/670233820662440/>

Screenshots of Tài’s threatening and cursing on Facebook trafficked victims who spoke out against the traffickers are included in Appendix A.

On November 9, Tài called Hồng, a trafficked victim who entered SAKAN Center on October 7, to show up at the center’s office. According to Tài, a former employer of Hồng was at the

office to pick her up and take her home. At the office, a female Center staff told HỒNG that the man claiming to be her former owner offered to pay for her repatriation if HỒNG followed him home. However, HỒNG found that man was a total stranger, refused to speak to him, and returned to her room. Tài started targeting HỒNG, viewing the latter as an ally of H'Thái.

On November 29, Tài called and cursed Phạm Thị Mây, who worked for Thăng Long OSC as its Saudi Arabia-based representative – Mây returned to Vietnam in December 2020 to recuperate from COVID-19. She was the one who exposed the trafficking of Pinăng Thị Loanh, Y Manh and other workers by Thái Thị Hà and Nguyễn Quốc Khánh, the Labor Attaché.

Tài: *“You are not a fucking hero. If you think you are good, try to admit any thing you do. Like me, I curse you, I point my finger in your cunt face to curse you. The horse slut. Fuck you, if the police don't come to your house, I will cook chicken for you to eat. Hey bitch, dare you to speak out, you are in Vietnam. Fuck you. You devil. You guys want to be reactionaries, then do it yourself, don't get others involved. You call your entire family to be reactionary with you, you bitch.”* Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lBfji0yoyX4choOMqZ3oWFqxNtE5b3HI/view?usp=sharing>

Tài: *“You slut bitch! Your vein is Vietnamese blood, not the blood of reactionaries, nor reactionary dogs from the United States. If the United States sent an airplane to pick us up, then it would be a rescue. The United States come to our aid, hey, aid fuckin' your bitch mother, you slut.”* Audio source link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gl18ih2biCyz6CXdvP7dZXUE9ny-xgNc/view?usp=sharing>

On December 9, Phạm Thị Mây was visited by public security agents from the provincial government. They inquired her about her involvement with reactionary groups overseas. Mây took that opportunity to denounce the human trafficking activities of Nguyễn Quốc Khánh. The public security agents left. The following day, Mây flew to Saudi Arabia as she had planned a month before.

In mid-October, the police in Kontum Province summoned A Ngoai, a Montagnard Christian lay leader, to the police station for investigation regarding his contacting Y Manh's parents and offering them help to get her rescued and repatriated. The police confiscated A Ngoai's cell phone.

On December 12, Tài told a delegation of four Arab officials visiting SAKAN Center that she decided to stay in Saudi Arabia.

Many Vietnamese residents have reported Tài's misdeeds at SAKAN Center:

1. Tài allegedly stole money from Ms. Y Ble and Ms. Y Nua. Y Ble repatriated on December 11 and Y Nua on September 3.
2. During a dispute on August 17, Tài threatened Ms. Nguyễn Thị Thanh Hương with an empty glass bottle during an argument, then pounded the table, causing the glass bottle to hit and injure the wrist of Ms. Hoàng Thị A Sin. A Sri Lankan staff of SAKAN Center intervened and stopped Tài's physical assault. Ms. Hương repatriated on December 11 and A Sin on October 13.

3. Tài assaulted Ms. Phạm Thị Phi. In October 2021, Ms. Phi was using the toilet in the shelter. Tài knocked and yelled. Phi said she needed to use the toilet for a few more minutes. When Phi came out, Tài grabbed her throat and started choking her. Phi cried out. Others rushed to the scene and stopped Tài. Tài violently surged forward even when Ms. Nguyễn Thị Thanh Hương had pushed Tài's hand from the throat of Phi. As Hương went to seek help from the shelter's office, Tài resumed her attack, pulling hard on Phi's necklace until it broke. The other Vietnamese women tried to stop the violent act and scolded Tài. Phi returned to Vietnam on October 13.
4. Many rescued victims staying at SAKAN Center reported being spied on by Tài, who maintains frequent contact with officials at the Vietnamese embassy. Tài confirmed her close ties to the Vietnamese embassy in a livestreamed video of the farewell party on December 9 that she organized for those about to be repatriated. According to Tài, the party was funded mainly by the Vietnamese embassy per her request. At the party, Tài instructed prospective returnees to say that the Vietnamese government sent a charter flight to rescue them, not the international community. See:
https://web.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2702415859904071?comment_id=2702608756551448

Ms. Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân

DOB: September 30, 1984

Passport No. C314714

Arrival in Saudi Arabia: August 2017, through LETCO

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/872481473101933/user/100073345864748/>

In May 2021 Ms. Phạm Thị Ngọc Ngân and three other stranded workers allegedly contributed 2,000 SAR (530 USD) to bribe SAKAN Center guards because they wanted to work and make quick money outside. When they left the Center, someone was already waiting for them outside. About 6 weeks later, Ngân came back for a 2-hour visit to the shelter and proudly told the other stranded workers about the nice things people outside had given her such as shoes, a watch, nice handbags. She said that a man was paying for her hotel room. In early October she returned to stay at the center, giving as the reason: she wanted to return to Vietnam. Actually, she needed to recover from some sickness and also to recruit other female workers for outside "work". Allegedly she recruited fellow Vietnamese residents at the SAKAN Center and sneaked them out to clients who paid for sex.

A witness who wishes to stay anonymous reported that Ngân had asked Trương Thị Hiền to help transfer money to her family in Vietnam twice: 35,000 SAR and then 18,000 SAR.

More recently, Ngân and Tài talked by phone and enticed Vietnamese female workers to leave their employers and come to SAKAN Center, promising them that she would help them go back to Vietnam without having to pay for the trip - but they ought to "reward" her with some cash. Ngân continues to profit from the prostitution ring she had set up, using new victims coming to SAKAN Center.

On November 7, Ngân approached Lê Cẩm Hồng and showed the latter her mobile phone, which had Hồng's intake picture and name from the record of SAKAN Center. Ngân then asked Hồng, purportedly on behalf of an "agency," whether Hồng would like to find work outside. Hồng declined the offer, explaining that she wanted to go home.

She often brags about being well connected to the son of the owner of SAKAN Center. In her livestreamed video dated December 11, Ngân bragged about having full access to SAKAN Center's information of Vietnamese residents. As proof, she showed information stored on her cell phone, including scanned copies of passports, intake photos, information submitted to the Vietnamese embassy... of such residents.

In the said streamlined video, Ngân disclosed that she had decided to stay in Saudi Arabia indefinitely due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic in Vietnam.

Under the alias "Thích Ngọc", Ngân also joined Tài in lambasting trafficked victims who shared their experience on Facebook.

December 11 (responding to the news story of three trafficked victims being returning to Vietnam on December 11): *"Don't listen to the disinformation of the people who are reactionary and betray their country. Despite having the same Vietnamese blood, they received money from the reactionaries to divide the trust in everyone... No one is deceiving anyone. There is no trafficking at all. People completed their term of contract and they paid for their own ticket to be on the repatriation flight."* See original posting: https://www.facebook.com/CAMSA.International/posts/2702415859904071?comment_id=2702675339878123¬if_id=1639200173510760¬if_t=feed_comment&ref=notif

Information on the two Vietnamese-run trafficking rings in Saudi Arabia that Tài and Ngân are affiliated with is included in Appendix B.