

MONTAGNARD PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE






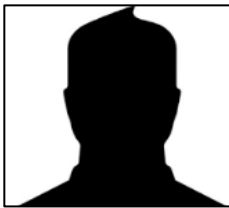

PART A: MONTAGNARDS SERVING PRISON SENTENCES OF 10 OR MORE YEARS




CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH TORTURE IN VIETNAM, FEBRUARY 2022




Montagnard peaceful defenders of human rights and religious freedom are imprisoned for “national security” crimes under three articles of Vietnam’s 2015 Criminal Code: **Article 116** (formerly Article 87), “sabotaging implementation of solidarity policies”, **Article 118** (formerly Article 89), “disruption of security”, and **Articles 120-121** (formerly Articles 91 and 275), “illegal emigration for the purpose of opposing the people’s government”. Upon release from prison, Montagnard prisoners of conscience are subjected to additional punishment and placed under probationary detention (*quan che*) for up to five years under Article 122 of Vietnam’s 2015 Criminal Code. During this time, they are placed under mandatory supervision and “education” by local authorities, subjected to intrusive surveillance and police interrogation, and forbidden from freely leaving their homes.




For a listing of Montagnards currently in pre-trial detention or post-release probationary detention, please see [Part B, page 12](#).




No.	Name and Year of Birth	Home Address	Religion	Montagnard Ethnicity	Most Recent Arrest	Sentence and Charge	Current Status	Projected / Actual Year of Release	Comments
1.	Siu Hlom, 1967 	Plei Klan, la Bang, Chu Prong, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	12 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years’ probation	Prison.	2022	Montagnard Christian activist Siu Hlom was arrested after a series of protests in Gia Lai rubber plantations in 2010. He was sentenced to prison for alleged adherence to Dega Protestantism ¹ and pro-FULRO ² activities. ³
2.	A Tach (Ba Hlol), 1959 	Plei Dak To Re, Kon Ray, Kon Tum	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2012	11 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years’ probation	Prison.	2023	A Tach was among 62 followers of the unregistered Ha Mon Catholic Church who were arrested in 2012 by the E20 Highland Mobile Police Force. In May 2013 he and seven other Ha Mon Catholics were sentenced to prison for allegedly coercing thousands of followers to protest government relocation of villagers for the Plei Krong hydropower plant, affiliating with Montagnard exiles in the US, and seeking to establish an independent state. ⁴




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3.	Runh, 1979 	Plei Kret Krot, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2012	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2022	Religious freedom activist Runh was sentenced to prison in a "mobile trial" in Gia Lai in May 2013 along with seven other Ha Mon Catholics, whose followers have protested displacement of villages for the Plei Krong hydropower dam. Their arrests and convictions were for belonging to the unregistered Ha Mon Catholic Church, which authorities called a "pagan" religion serving as a front for political activities. ⁵ He is thought to be imprisoned at Prison No. 5 in Thanh Hoa province.
4.	Run, 1971 	Plei Kret Krot, H'ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2013	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2022	Religious freedom activist Run was arrested and tried along with three other Ha Mon Catholics in November 2013 on charges that they propagated their "pagan" religion in order to establish a separate Montagnard state, under the direction of fellow Ha Mon Catholics sentenced earlier that year. ⁶
5.	Y Yich, 1960 	Plei Alut, K'Dang, Dak Doa, Gia Lai	Protestant	Bahnar	2013	12 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2025	Evangelical Pastor Y Yich was arrested and sentenced to 12 years in prison for spreading Dega Protestantism, using the internet to communicate with Montagnard pastors and "FULRO reactionaries" in the US, and meeting with other former prisoners of conscience. He was previously imprisoned from 2006-2011. He is in poor health due to torture in detention, high blood pressure, rheumatism and stomach inflammation. ⁷ He is thought to be imprisoned in An Phuoc Prison in Binh Duong province.




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6.	Dinh Yum, 1963 	Plei To Drah, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2013	11 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2024	House church leader Dinh Yum was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment in 2014 for allegedly spreading Dega Protestantism in order to restore the "reactionary FULRO organization". He was previously arrested and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment after organizing a Christmas vigil in December 2003. During pre-trial detention in 2004 he was tortured to reveal the whereabouts of other activists. ⁸ He is thought to be imprisoned at Prison No. 5 in Thanh Hoa province.
7.	Ro Mah Pla (Rmah Bla; Ama Em), 1968 	Plei Ia Ko, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2013	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2022	Religious freedom advocate Rmah Pla was arrested in 2013 for allegedly taking direction from Montagnards overseas to spread Dega Protestantism and develop FULRO networks in Gia Lai. His indictment stated that he held meetings to "spread propaganda" and sent lists of imprisoned Montagnards to overseas groups to "slander the government by accusing it of repression of ethnic and religious rights." ⁹
8.	A Kuin (A Quyn; Ba Chan), 1974 	Plei Ho Moong (Ha Mon), Ha Moong, Sa Thay, Kon Tum	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2013	9.5 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2023	Ha Mon Catholic A Kuin was arrested after attending a prayer gathering at the Ha Mon holy site in his village of Ho Moong, Kon Tum, where villagers have protested construction of a hydroelectric plant. Authorities accused him of attempting to establish an independent state for ethnic minority people by spreading "pagan" Ha Mon Catholicism. ¹⁰




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9.	Kpuih Khuong, 1962 	Plei Kenh San, Chu Puh, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2014	11 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2025	A leader of the banned Dega Protestant religion, Kpuih Khuong was imprisoned in 2014 on accusations that he organized meetings to build support for Dega Protestantism and FULRO and informed overseas contacts about Montagnard prisoners of conscience. He was forced to confess on state-run television. ¹¹
10.	Rmah Bloanh (Ro Mah Bloanh) 	Plei Ia Le, Chu Puh, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2014	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2022	Religious freedom advocate Rmah Bloanh was imprisoned in 2014, together with Kpuih Khuong and Ro Mah Khil, on charges that they organized meetings to build support for Dega Protestantism and FULRO and informed overseas contacts about Montagnard prisoners of conscience. ¹²
11.	Rmah Khil (Ro Mah Khil) 	Plei Puoi A, Ia Le, Chu Puh, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2014	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2023	Religious freedom advocate Ro Mah Khil was imprisoned in 2014, together with Kpuih Khuong and Rmah Bloanh, on charges that they organized meetings to build support for Dega Protestantism and FULRO and informed overseas contacts about Montagnard prisoners of conscience. ¹³


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12.	A Jen (1984) 	Thôn 5, Dak To Re, Kon Ray, Kon Tum	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2015	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2024	A Jen was among five Ha Mon Catholics arrested in October 2015 for propagating the Ha Mon religion. According to the indictment, after the government launched a campaign to eliminate the “pagan” Ha Mon religion, the group fled to the forest, where they allegedly took direction from FULRO members abroad seeking to establish an independent state. ¹⁴
13.	A Tik, 1952 	Kon Hram, Dak To Re, Kon Ray, Kon Tum	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2015	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2023	A Tik was among five Ha Mon Catholics arrested in October 2015 for propagating the Ha Mon religion. According to the indictment, after the government launched a campaign to eliminate the “pagan” Ha Mon religion, the group fled to the forest, where they allegedly took direction from FULRO members abroad seeking to establish an independent state. In 2017, A Tik made a forced confession on state-run television. ¹⁵
14.	Dinh Ku, 1972 	Kuk Kôn, An Thành, Đắk Pơ, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2015	7 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2022	Dinh Ku was among five Ha Mon Catholics arrested in October 2015 for propagating the Ha Mon religion. According to the indictment, after the government launched a campaign to eliminate the “pagan” Ha mon religion, the group fled to the forest, where they allegedly took direction from FULRO members abroad seeking to establish an independent state. ¹⁶



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15.	Y Hriam Kpa, 1976 	Plei Druh, Ea Nam, Ea H'leo, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2015	7 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2022	Y Hriam Kpa was the leader of a Protestant house church in Ea H'leo district, Gia Lai who resisted pressure by local officials to dissolve the church. He was arrested on July 30, 2015 and sentenced to seven years in prison for undermining national unity. ¹⁷ He is thought to be imprisoned in Dak Trung Prison in Dak Lak.
16.	Ksor Phit (Ama Yem), 1970 	Plei H'Ra, Ia Hla, Chu Puh, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2016	11 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2027	Jarai Protestant deacon Ksor Phit was arrested in 2016 for allegedly encouraging people to join the Dega Protestant church, establishing local level FULRO organizations, and inciting people to join efforts to establish a "Dega State". Among the crimes listed in his indictment was urging people to pray at home for a "Dega State". Ksor Phit was previously imprisoned for eight years for participating in Montagnard social justice protests. ¹⁸
17.	Siu Dik (Ama Map), 1973 	Plei Tai Per, Ia Hla, Chu Puh, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2016	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2024	Jarai Protestant deacon Siu Dik was arrested in 2016 for allegedly encouraging people to join the Dega Protestant Church, establishing local level FULRO organizations, and inciting people to join efforts to establish a "Dega State". Among the crimes listed in his indictment was urging people to pray at home for a "Dega State". Siu Dik was previously detained for seven months for hiding and feeding Montagnard activists in hiding. ¹⁹

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18.	Siu Doang, 1987 	Plei Bo 2, la Phang, Chu Puh, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2016	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2024	Jarai Protestant activist Siu Doang was accused of inciting villagers to join Dega Protestantism as a front for FULRO separatist activities. He was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in July 2016, after being forced to confess on state-run television. ²⁰
19.	Ksor Pup (Ama H'Yung), 1962 	Plei la Phang, Chu Puh, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2016	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2024	Jarai Protestant activist Ksor Pup was accused of inciting villagers to join Dega Protestantism as a front for FULRO separatist activities. He was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in July 2016, after being forced to confess on state-run television. ²¹
20.	Ro Ma Daih (Ama Pon), 1989 	Plei la Kha, la Grai, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2016	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2026	Ro Ma Daih was arrested and imprisoned in 2016 for participating in independent house churches not approved by the government. He was accused of preaching Dega Protestantism in Gia Lai as a cover for restoring FULRO and communicating via cellphone and internet with FULRO exiles in the US. He was previously imprisoned for seven years for participating in Montagnard social justice protests. ²²

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21.	Puih Bop (Ama Phun / Pon), 1959 	Plei Breng 1, la Der, la Grai, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2016	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2025	Puih Bop was arrested and imprisoned in 2016 for participating in independent house churches not approved by the government. He was accused of preaching Dega Protestantism in Gia Lai as a cover for restoring FULRO and communicating via cellphone and internet with FULRO exiles in the US. ²³
22.	Ksor Kam (Ama H'Trum), 1965 	Plei Breng 2, la Der, la Grai, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2016	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2025	Ksor Kam was arrested and imprisoned in 2016 for participating in independent religious groups not approved by the government. He was accused of preaching Dega Protestantism in Gia Lai as a cover for restoring FULRO and communicating via cellphone and internet with FULRO exiles in the US. ²⁴
23.	Ro Lan Kly (Ama Blan), 1962 	Plei Thoong Tang, Bar Maih, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2016	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2024	Ro Lan Kly was arrested and imprisoned in 2016 for participating in independent religious groups not approved by the government. He was accused of preaching Dega Protestantism in Gia Lai as a cover for restoring FULRO and communicating via cellphone and internet with FULRO exiles in the US. ²⁵



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24.	Dinh Nong (Ba Pol), 1963 	Plei Jri, Bo Ngoong, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2016	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2024	Dinh Nong was arrested and imprisoned in 2016 for participating in independent religious groups not approved by the government. He was accused of preaching Dega Protestantism in Gia Lai as a cover for restoring FULRO and communicating via cellphone and internet with FULRO exiles in the US. ²⁶
25.	Y Pum Bya, 1964 	Buon Kmien, Ea Drong, Krong Buk, Dak Lak	Protestant	Ede	2018	14 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2032	Evangelist Y Pum Bya was arrested during a police raid on a house church in 2018. During interrogation, police beat and shocked him with electric batons and forced him to sign a pledge to stop worshipping with the Good News Missionary Church. He was accused of disseminating distorted information about Vietnam's violations of minority rights and religious freedom to entice people to join efforts to create an independent state. He was previously imprisoned for eight years after being forcibly deported in 2002 from Cambodia, where he was seeking asylum in the aftermath of a police crackdown on peaceful protests in the Central Highlands. ²⁷
26.	Y Min Ksor 	Buon Ea Kjoh, Ea Drong, Buon Ho, Dak Lak	Protestant	Jarai	2018	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2027	Evangelist Y Min Ksor was arrested during a raid on his house church in 2018. During interrogation, police beat and shocked him with electric batons and forced him to sign a pledge to stop worshipping with the Good News Missionary Church. He was accused of disseminating distorted information about Vietnam's violations of minority rights and religious freedom to entice people to join efforts to create an independent state. ²⁸




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27.	Ksor Ruk, 1975 	Plei Toat, la Rsuom, Krong Pa, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2018	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison.	2028	Protestant missionary and former prison of conscience Ksor Ruk was re-imprisoned in 2018 for allegedly attempting to revive Dega Protestantism among former prisoners of conscience in Gia Lai and Phu Yen provinces. He was accused of encouraging Montagnard Christians to reunite, gather and pray as part of the struggle to establish an independent Dega state. ²⁹
28.	Rah Lan Hip (Ama Kieu), 1981 	Plei Phun Thanh, la Bang, Chu Prong, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2019	7 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	Prison	2026	Religious freedom activist Rah Lan Hip was arrested in 2019 on accusations that he held meetings and used Facebook to spread Dega Protestantism, collected information about Montagnard prisoners of conscience for overseas groups, and planted coffee trees to raise funds for annual Christmas celebrations. He had been previously detained and “re-educated” by district police after participating in Montagnard social justice protests in 2001, 2004 and 2010. ³⁰
29.	Rah Lan Rah, 1977 	Plei Pa Pet, Bo Ngoong, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2020	6 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3 years' probation	Prison.	2026	Rah Lan Rah was arrested in December 2020 during a police crackdown on First Christian Church (“Dao Blung Hlou / Hlao”), an independent house church in his village. He was accused of being in touch via facebook with Pastor Rahlan Nglol, an officially licensed pastor of the First Christian Church in the US, who Vietnamese government officials allege is using religion as a cover for separatist activities. ³¹




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30.	Siu Chon, 1975 	Plei Pa Pet, Bo Ngoong, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2020	6 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3 years' probation	Prison.	2026	Siu Chon was arrested in December 2020 during a police crackdown on First Christian Church (“Dao Blung Hlou / Hlao”), an independent house church in his village. He was accused of being in touch via facebook with Pastor Rahlan Nglol, an officially licensed pastor of the First Christian Church in the US, who Vietnamese government officials allege is using religion as a cover for separatist activities. ³²
31.	Ro Mah Them, 1992 	Plei Pa Pet, Bo Ngoong, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2020	5 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3 years' probation	Prison.	2025	Ro Mah Them was arrested in December 2020 during a police crackdown on First Christian Church (“Dao Blung Hlou / Hlao”), an independent house church in his village. He was accused of being in touch via facebook with Pastor Rahlan Nglol, an officially licensed pastor of the First Christian Church in the US, who Vietnamese government officials allege is using religion as a cover for separatist activities. ³³





PART B: MONTAGNARDS IN PRE-TRIAL DETENTION OR POST-RELEASE PROBATIONARY DETENTION




Upon release from prison, Montagnard prisoners of conscience are subjected to additional punishment and placed under probationary detention (*quan che*) for up to five years under Article 122 of Vietnam’s 2015 Criminal Code. During this time, they are placed under mandatory supervision and “education” by local authorities, subjected to intrusive surveillance and police interrogation, and forbidden from freely leaving their homes.




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32.	Y Tup Knul, 1970 	Buon Ecam, Buon Trap, Krong Ana, Dak Lak	Protestant	Ede	2020			Detained incommunicado at an unknown location.	Y Tup Knul has been detained incommunicado since his arrest at his home on October 6, 2020 on charges of conducting activities to overthrow the government. Since joining the unregistered International Degar Church in 2018 he has been subject to police harassment and interrogation. His older brother, Y Ngun Knul, was released from 18 years’ imprisonment in 2020 for participating in peaceful protests in 2004. ³⁴ He is thought to be held in an unknown detention facility in Dak Lak.
33.	Y Wo Nie, 1970 	Buon Puk Prong, Ea Ktur, Cu Kuin, Dak Lak	Protestant	Ede	2021			Detained incommunicado at an unknown location.	Montagnard religious freedom activist Y Wo Nie, a member of an independent house church Dak Lak, was arrested on September 13, 2021 for taking online classes in human rights. He was previously imprisoned from 2004-2011 for participating in peaceful protests calling for land rights and religious freedom. As of February 2022, he remained in detention and his whereabouts were unknown. ³⁵




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34.	Lup, 1970 	Kret Krot, H'Ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2020			Detained incommunicado at an unknown location.	<p>Lup, Kunh and Ju are three Bahnar followers of Ha Mon Catholicism in Gia Lai. In 2012, harassment and pressure by police and local authorities to recant their faith caused them to go into hiding in the forest, where they lived for eight years and allegedly continued to proselytize their religion and surreptitiously hold religious gatherings.</p> <p>In March 2020, they were arrested by a task force of officers from the Ministry of Public Security and provincial and district police, who declared that they were the last three followers of “Ha Mon heresy” hiding in the forest.</p> <p>Since their arrest they have been held incommunicado at an unknown detention facility, possibly in Gia Lai.³⁶</p>
35.	Kunh, 1988 	Kret Krot, H'Ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2020			Detained incommunicado at an unknown location.	
36.	Ju, 1964 	Kret Krot, H'Ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2020			Detained incommunicado at an unknown location.	




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37.	Y Ngun Knul (1969) 	Buon Cuoi Krang, Krong Ana, Dak Lak	Protestant	Ede	2004	18 years, Article 87 (116) and Article 89 (118) plus 4 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Montagnard activist Y Ngun Knul was arrested in 2004 for planning peaceful protests for religious freedom and land rights in the Central Highlands. He was tortured during detention and sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment. After his release from prison, he was placed under an additional four years' house arrest and suffers from failing health. ³⁷
38.	Y Kur Buon Dap (Y Kur Bdap, Ama Niwa), 1971 	Buon Ea Khit, Ea Bhok, Krong Ana, Dak Lak	Protestant	Ede	2004	17 years, Article 87 (116) and Article 89 (118), plus 5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	House church leader Y Kur Buon Dap was sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment for organizing peaceful protests calling for religious freedom and indigenous land rights. Police previously arrested and beat him in 2003 and again in 2004 as he attempted to seek asylum in Cambodia.
39.	Siu Bler (Ama Lan), 1962 	Plei Al Moih, Ia Pet, Dak Doa, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai / Bahnar	2004	17 years, Article 87 (116), plus 5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026	Montagnard Protestant deacon Siu Bler was arrested and tortured during a police crackdown on "Dega Protestants" in Gia Lai in 2004. Prior to his arrest he had been in hiding for three years, much of that time in an underground dug-out in the jungle. Now serving a 17 year sentence, he suffers from deteriorating health and paralysis in both legs. ³⁸





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40.	Romah Hueh, Ama H'Don), 1962 	Plei K'Sing B, la Piar, Phu Thien, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2004	14 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2021	Romah Hueh was arrested, tortured and sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment during a police crackdown on "Dega Protestants" in Gia Lai in 2004. In his forced confession he admitted participating in demonstrations in 2001 and 2003 and inducing others to participate. ³⁹
41.	Rahlan Del, 1958 	Plei Tot Bioc, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2004	17 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026	Religious freedom activist Rahlan Del was arrested and sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment after participating in Easter week protests in 2004 calling for religious freedom and land rights in the Central Highland. ⁴⁰
42.	Rahlan Thik, 1976 	Plei Tot Bioc, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2004	14 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Religious freedom activist Rahlan Thik was arrested and sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment after participating in Easter week demonstrations in 2004 calling for religious freedom and land rights in the Central Highlands. ⁴¹
43.	Kpa Bih, 1976) 	Plei Pang, Glai, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2004	14 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Montagnard Protestant Kpa Bih was arrested and sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment in 2004 after participating in Easter week protests calling for religious freedom and land rights in the Central Highlands. ⁴²




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44.	Y Ben Nie (Y Bem Nie), 1971 	Buon Sut Hluot, Cu Mgar, Dak Lak	Protestant	Ede	2004	14 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Y Ben Nie is an evangelical pastor who advocated for land rights and religious freedom. He was arrested and imprisoned after Easter week protests in 2004 on charges that he participated in "an illegal organization called the 'Dega Protestant Church'". ⁴³
45.	Kpa Binh, 1975 	Plei Tai Glai, Ia Ko, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2006	15 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Montagnard rights activist Kpa Binh participated in peaceful protests for religious freedom and indigenous land rights in 2004. He was arrested in 2006 and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment during a 1,200 day police campaign targeting FULRO and Dega Protestant activists. ⁴⁴
46.	Kpa Chin (Kpa Cin), 1965 	Plei Kho Krua, Ia Hru, Chu Se Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2006	15 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Religious freedom activist Kpa Chin was arrested and imprisoned in November 2006 during a 1,200-day police campaign targeting Montagnard Protestant activists. He had been previously arrested in October 2004 after participating in protests for land rights and religious freedom. ⁴⁵



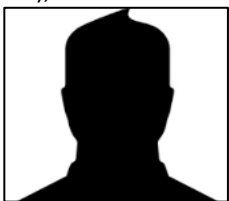
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47.	Noh, 1955 	Plei Dor 1, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Bahnar	2008	12 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2025.	Bahnar rights defender Noh was arrested for allegedly planning thwarted demonstrations in August 2008 for religious freedom, indigenous land rights, and release of Montagnard prisoners of conscience. He was previously imprisoned from 2003-2007 without trial – most of that time incommunicado – in a re-education camp (<i>co so giao duc</i>). ⁴⁶
48.	Roh, 1956 	Plei Kom Brung, Ayun, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Protestant	Bahnar	2008	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2021.	Bahnar rights activist Roh was arrested for allegedly preparing demonstrations in August 2008 calling for religious freedom, indigenous land rights, and release of Montagnard prisoners of conscience. ⁴⁷
49.	Nhi (Ba Tiem), 1958 	Plei Golar, Dak Doa, Gia Lai	Protestant	Bahnar	2008	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2022.	A retired school teacher, Nhi was arrested and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a mobile trial in Gia Lai for "instigating ethnic minorities to join FULRO" and preparing for a thwarted demonstration in August 2008. ⁴⁸




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50.	Siu Ben (Ama Yon; Ama Jon), 1975 	Plei Tai Glai, la Ko, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2009	12 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Montagnard Protestant activist Siu Ben participated in demonstrations calling for religious freedom and indigenous land rights in 2001 and 2004. He attempted to seek asylum in Cambodia in 2004, but was forced back to Vietnam, where he went into hiding in the forest. He was arrested and imprisoned in 2009 during a police crackdown targeting Montagnard Protestant activists in Gia Lai. ⁴⁹
51.	Ro Cham Ju (Ama Sai), 1968 	Plei Wel, la Ko, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2009	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Ro Cham Ju was arrested in 2009 during a crackdown targeting Montagnard Protestant activists in Gia Lai by provincial police and elite "political security" forces. ⁵⁰
52.	Ro Mah Hlach, 1968 	Plei Tao Rong, la Dun, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2009	12 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	A Protestant leader in Chu Se district, Gia Lai, Rah Ma Hlach's arrest and that of fellow church activist Siu Koch in 2009 was heralded in the official <i>Police</i> newspaper as one of the high points of a three-year government campaign to eliminate Dega Protestantism. ⁵¹




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53.	Siu Koch (Ama Lin), 1985 	Plei Roh, la Bang, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2009	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	A Protestant leader in Chu Se district, Gia Lai, Siu Koch's arrest and that of and fellow church activist Rah Ma Hlach in 2009 was heralded in the official <i>Police</i> newspaper as one of the high points of a three-year government campaign to eliminate Dega Protestantism. ⁵²
54.	Bronh, 1964 	Plei Dak To Ve, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Bahnar	2009	10 years, Article 89 (118)	2019	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Bahnar activist Bronh was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on charges of taking direction from Montagnards overseas to organize anti-government activities, entice local people to protest, and disrupt government officials in performance of their duties. ⁵³
55.	Siu Kheh 	Plei Wei, la Ko, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Siu Kheh is an ethnic Jarai Christian who was beaten, arrested, and imprisoned in 2010 for refusing to recant his faith. ⁵⁴




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56.	Siu Lit, 1970 	Plei Wei, la Ko, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Evangelical Christian Siu Lit , an ethnic Jarai, was beaten, arrested, and imprisoned in 2010 for refusing to recant his faith. ⁵⁵
57.	Siu Glol, 1985 	Plei Su B, la Hla, Chu Puh, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	8-10 years, Article 120 (275), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018-2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2022 or 2025.	Siu Glol is a Jarai pastor who was arrested in 2010 after helping villagers in his area flee to Cambodia following rubber plantation protests in Gia Lai. He was sentenced to 8-10 years' imprisonment. ⁵⁶
58.	Siu Nheo, 1955 	Plei Do, Chu A, Pleiku, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Montagnard Christian activist Siu Nheo was arrested after protests in Gia Lai rubber plantations in 2010. He was sentenced to prison for alleged adherence to Dega Protestantism and pro-FULRO activities. ⁵⁷
59.	Siu Brom, 1967 	Plei Ngol Grong, la Kriel, Duc Co, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jaral	2010	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Montagnard Christian activist Siu Brom was arrested after protests in Gia Lai rubber plantations in 2010. He was sentenced to prison for alleged adherence to Dega Protestantism and pro-FULRO activities. ⁵⁸




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60.	Rah Lan Mlih, 1966 	Plei Phun, la Bang, Cu Prong, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2019	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Montagnard Christian activist Rah Lan Mlih was arrested after a series of protests at Gia Lai rubber plantations in 2010. He was tried and sentenced to prison for alleged adherence to Dega Protestantism and pro-FULRO activities. ⁵⁹
61.	Ro Mah Pro, 1964 	Plei Khop, la Kreh, Duc Co, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2019	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Montagnard Christian activist Ro Mah Pro was arrested after protests in Gia Lai rubber plantations in 2010. He was tried and sentenced to prison for alleged adherence to Dega Protestantism and pro-FULRO activities. ⁶⁰
62.	Rah Lan Blom, 1976 	Plei Kuao, la Bang, Chu Prong, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2019	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Montagnard Christian activist Rah Lan Blom was arrested after protests in Gia Lai rubber plantations in 2010. He was tried and sentenced to prison for alleged adherence to Dega Protestantism and pro-FULRO activities. ⁶¹




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63.	Kpa Sinh (Kpa Sin), 1959 	Plei Do, Cu A, Pleiku, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2022.	Kpa Sinh was arrested after protests in Gia Lai rubber plantations in 2010. He was tried and sentenced to prison for alleged adherence to Dega Protestantism and pro-FULRO activities. ⁶²
64.	Ro Mah Hit (Ama Huy), 1949 	Plei Bui He, Binh Giao, Chu Prong, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2022.	Ro Mah Hit was arrested and sentenced to prison for his alleged adherence to Dega Protestantism and using unauthorized religious activities to incite unrest in Gia Lai rubber plantations. After his release from prison he was put under an additional three years of house arrest. ⁶³
65.	Ro Mah Klit (Ro Man Klit), 1946 	Plei Bo II, Nhon Hoa, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2022.	Evangelist Ro Mah Klit , previously arrested and beaten in 2009, was imprisoned after a series of protests at Gia Lai rubber plantations in 2010. He was sentenced to prison for alleged adherence to Dega Protestantism and pro-FULRO activities and is now serving an additional three years' house arrest. ⁶⁴




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66.	Kpuih Do, 1945 	Plei Ia Bang, Binh Giao, Chu Prong, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2010	11 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Jarai Christian Kpuih Do was arrested in August 2010 for allegedly using unauthorized religious activities to incite unrest in rubber plantations in Chu Prong district, Gia Lai. ⁶⁵
67.	Siu Thai (Ama Thuong), 1978 	Plei Jueng Thoa, Ia Pa, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2011	10 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Siu Thai is a Montagnard pastor active in the movement for land rights and religious freedom since 2000. In April 2011 he was arrested on charges that he had formed new house churches (“Cross of Jesus” and “God’s New Life”) as fronts for Dega Protestantism and FULRO activities. ⁶⁶ He was also accused of planning a demonstration at the Chu Se District People’s Committee headquarters in Gia Lai in April 2011.
68.	Kpuih Mel 	Plei Kenh Sieu, Chu Prong, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2011	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2025.	Kpuih Mel was accused of spreading “reactionary” Dega Protestantism in order to create a self-governing “Dega State” in the Central Highlands. Among his alleged crimes were convening meetings and showing DVDs to spread the gospel. ⁶⁷




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69.	Kpuih Le 	Plei Chu Pong, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2011	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2019	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Kpuih Le was accused of spreading "reactionary" Dega Protestantism in order to create a self-governing "Dega State" in the Central Highlands. Among his alleged crimes were convening meetings and showing DVDs to spread the gospel. ⁶⁸
70.	Y Muk Nie (Ama Mori), 1970 	Buon Ea Sup 2, Ea Sup, Dak Lak	Protestant	Ede	2011	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2019	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Evangelical pastor Y Muk Nie was arrested in August 2011 and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. He was previously imprisoned for five years after participating in a 2001 protest by Montagnards demanding religious freedom and property rights. ⁶⁹
71.	Jonh (John), 1952 	Plei Kret Krot, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2012	9 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Religious freedom activist Jonh was sentenced to prison in Gia Lai in May 2013 along with seven other Ha Mon Catholics, whose followers have protested displacement of villages for the Plei Krong hydropower dam. Their convictions were for belonging to the unregistered Ha Mon Catholic Church, which authorities allege is a front for political activities. ⁷⁰


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72.	Byuk, 1949 	Plei Kret Krot, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2012	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Religious freedom activist Byuk was sentenced to prison in a “mobile trial” in Gia Lai in May 2013 along with seven other Ha Mon Catholics, whose followers have protested displacement of villages for the Plei Krong hydropower dam. Their convictions were for belonging to the unregistered Ha Mon Catholic Church, which authorities allege is a front for political activities. ⁷¹
73.	A Hyum (Ba Kol), 1940 	Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2012	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Religious freedom activist A Hyum was sentenced to prison in a “mobile trial” in Gia Lai in May 2013 along with seven other Ha Mon Catholics, whose followers have protested displacement of villages for the Plei Krong hydropower dam. Their convictions were for belonging to the unregistered Ha Mon Catholic Church, which authorities allege is a front for political activities. ⁷²
74.	Dinh Hron, 1981 	Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2012	7 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2019	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Religious freedom activist Dinh Hron was sentenced to prison in a “mobile trial” in Gia Lai in May 2013 along with seven other Ha Mon Catholics, whose followers have protested displacement of villages for the Plei Krong hydropower dam. Their arrests and convictions were for belonging to the unregistered Ha Mon Catholic Church, which authorities called a “pagan” religion serving as a front for political activities. ⁷³

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75.	Dinh Lu, 1976 	Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2012	7 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2019	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Religious freedom activist Dinh Lu was sentenced to prison in a "mobile trial" in Gia Lai in May 2013 along with seven other Ha Mon Catholics, whose followers have protested displacement of villages for the Plei Krong hydropower dam. Their convictions were for belonging to the unregistered Ha Mon Catholic Church, which authorities allege is a front for political activities. ⁷⁴
76.	Y Jem Hwing / Y Yem Hwing, 1972 	Buon Poch, Ea Tol, Cu Mgar, Dak Lak	Protestant	Ede	2012	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2025.	An influential Protestant deacon in his village, Y Jem Hwing was arrested in 2012 and sentenced to 8 years imprisonment. He was previously arrested in May 2004 for participating in Montagnard protests calling for religious freedom and indigenous land rights. ⁷⁵
77.	Chi, 1984 	Plei Kret Krot, H'ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2013	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Religious freedom activist Chi was arrested and tried along with three other Ha Mon Catholics in November 2013 on charges that they propagated their "pagan" religion in order to establish a separate Montagnard state, under the direction of fellow Ha Mon Catholics sentenced earlier that year. ⁷⁶

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78.	Dinh Ly, 1979 	Plei Kret Krot, H'ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2013	7.5 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Religious freedom activist Dinh Ly was tried along with three other Ha Mon Catholics in November 2013 on charges that they propagated their "pagan" religion in order to establish a separate Montagnard state, under the direction of fellow Ha Mon Catholics sentenced earlier that year. ⁷⁷
79.	Dinh Ngo, 1987 	Plei Kret Krot, H'ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2013	7.5 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Religious freedom activist Dinh Ngo was arrested and tried along with three other Ha Mon Catholics in November 2013 on charges that they propagated their "pagan" religion in order to establish a separate Montagnard state, under the direction of fellow Ha Mon Catholics sentenced earlier that year. ⁷⁸
80.	Siu Tinh (Ama Kham) 1978 	Plei Vel, la Ko, Chu Se, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2013	8 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Religious freedom advocate Siu Tinh was arrested in 2013 for allegedly taking direction from Montagnards overseas to develop FULRO networks in Gia Lai. Her was accused of holding meetings to "spread propaganda" and sending lists of imprisoned Montagnards to overseas groups to "slander the government by accusing it of repression of ethnic and religious rights." ⁷⁹

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81.	Ngu (Ba San), 1972 	Plei Kret Krot, Ha Ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2013	7.5 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2026.	Ha Mon Catholic Ngu was arrested after attending a prayer gathering at the Ha Mon holy site, where a hydroelectric plant was being constructed. Authorities accused him of attempting to establish an independent state for ethnic minority people by spreading "pagan" Ha Mon Catholicism. ⁸⁰
82.	Dieu Bre, 1969 	Buon Dang K'Lieng, Quang Tin, Dak Rlap, Dak Nong	Protestant	Bunong	2013	4.5 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2021.	Along with three other Bunong Protestants from Dak Nong province, Dieu Bre was accused of conducting propaganda, holding meetings to pray for an independent Dega state, and recruiting ethnic 'Mnong' to join an organization seeking United Nations support for a Dega state. ⁸¹
83.	Dieu By O, 1967 	Buon Butung, Quang Tin, Dak Rlap, Dak Nong	Protestant	Bunong	2013	4.5 years, Article 87 (116)	2018	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2021.	Along with three other Bunong from Dak Nong province, Dieu By O was accused of conducting propaganda, holding meetings to pray for an independent Dega state, and recruiting ethnic 'Mnong' to join an organization seeking United Nations support for a Dega state. ⁸²

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84.	Rmah H'Ruth 	Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2014	5 years	2019	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2022.	Rmah H'Ruth is a religious activist who provided religious services for her fellow Montagnard Christians in Gia Lai. She was arrested in March 2014 and sentenced to five years in prison. It is unclear under which article she was charged and convicted. ⁸³
85.	Thin (1979) 	Kret Krot, H'ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2015	6 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Thin was among five Ha Mon Catholics arrested in October 2015 for propagating the Ha Mon religion. According to the indictment, after the government launched a campaign to eliminate the "pagan" Ha Mon religion, the group fled to the forest, where they allegedly took direction from FULRO members abroad seeking to establish an independent state. ⁸⁴
86.	Gyun (1980) 	Kret Krot, H'ra, Mang Yang, Gia Lai	Ha Mon Catholic	Bahnar	2015	5 years, Article 87 (116), plus 3-5 years' probation	2020	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2023.	Gyun was among five Ha Mon Catholics arrested in October 2015 for propagating the Ha Mon religion. According to the indictment, after the government launched a campaign to eliminate the "pagan" Ha Mon religion, the group fled to the forest, where they allegedly took direction from FULRO members abroad seeking to establish an independent state. ⁸⁵

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87.	Rmah Prai (1973) 	Kenh Mek, la Le, Chu Puh, Gia Lai	Protestant	Jarai	2015	6 years, Article 120	2021	Post release Probation / House Arrest until 2024.	Rmah Prai was arrested in July 2015 and sentenced to six years’ imprisonment by a “mobile” court on charges of helping Montagnard asylum seekers flee to Thailand. ⁸⁶ Prior to his imprisonment, district and provincial police periodically detained, interrogated and beat Rmah Prai in an effort to force him to recant his religion, which authorities claimed was a front for separatist activities. ⁸⁷

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² **FULRO** (Front Unifié de Lutte des Race Opprimées, or the United Struggle Front for the Oppressed Races) was a Montagnard resistance movement in the Central Highlands that effectively died out in the early 1990s, when the last remaining insurgents disarmed in Cambodia and received asylum in the United States. While Vietnam's state media and an official government history of its security forces affirm that **FULRO** dissolved in 1992, authorities continue to accuse Montagnards belonging to unsanctioned churches of using their religion to organize a separatist political movement and revive **FULRO**. Thi Văn Tâm, et al., eds, *Những Trang Sử Vẻ Vang Của Lực Lượng An Ninh Nhân Dân Việt Nam Anh Hùng* (The Glorious History of the Heroic Vietnamese People's Security Forces), Hanoi: Peoples Public Security Publishing House, 2006, pp.180-182.

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