



## **Statement of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) Concerns Regarding the Extradition of a Montagnard Refugee to Viet Nam**

The National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) expresses its deep concern regarding reports that Thai authorities extradited Mr. Y Quynh BDAP, a Vietnamese religious freedom activist from the Montagnard ethnic group, to Viet Nam on 28 November 2025 at the request of the Vietnamese government.

Mr. Y Quynh BDAP was in the process of seeking asylum in a third country and was under the protection of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The NHRCT has also received information indicating that the extradition was carried out swiftly, and that his family has not been informed of his situation or whereabouts following reports of his return.

The NHRCT had previously raised concerns when Mr. Y Quynh BDAP was arrested by the Thai authorities in June 2024, noting that his return to the country of origin may be inconsistent with the principle of non-refoulement, which constitutes a norm of customary international law. Such action could also affect confidence in Thailand's commitment as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

The NHRCT urges the Thai government to closely monitor the situation following the extradition of Mr. Y Quynh BDAP to ensure that his life and physical security are safeguarded in accordance with international standards.

The National Human Rights Commission of Thailand

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