



**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission (TLHRC)
Hearing**

Human Rights in Vietnam

**Tuesday May 15, 2012
10:00 AM – 12:00 AM
340 Cannon**

Please join the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission for a hearing on the status of human rights in Vietnam.

Over the past six years, overlapping strategic and economic interests have compelled the United States and Vietnam to improve relations across a wide spectrum of issues. A persistent thorn in the side of the relationship, however, has been the deteriorating state of human rights in Vietnam, particularly the rights of political dissenters, freedom of religion, and workers' rights. The government has increasingly targeted bloggers, as well as lawyers who represent human rights and religious freedom activists, particularly those linked to a network of pro-democracy activists. In addition, while the constitution provides for freedom of religion, activities of religious organizations are strictly regulated and disputes have been growing in recent years over the seizure of church and temple land by local governments.

This hearing will explore the challenges faced by democracy activists and religious organizations in Vietnam.

The following witnesses will testify:

Panel 1: Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

Panel 2: Robert George, Commissioner, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

Panel 3: - Vo Van Ai, Founder and President, Quê Me: Action for Democracy in Vietnam

- Mai Huong Ngo, wife of imprisoned Vietnamese-American Dr. Nguyen Quoc Quan

- Phu Do Nguyen, Vice President, Saigon Broadcasting Television Network (SBTN)

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