

# URGENT ACTION

## EARLY RELEASE FOR PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE

Human rights defender Tran Thi Nga has been unexpectedly released after having served three years in prison. Sentenced to nine years imprisonment in 2017, for “conducting propaganda against the state”, Tran Thi Nga agreed to go into exile as a condition for her release. She has since arrived in the USA safely, along with her partner and two sons.

**NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.**

**Tran Thi Nga** was released, after serving three years in prison, on 9 January 2020. The condition the Vietnamese government required for her release was for her to go into exile. Tran Thi and her family have since arrived in the USA, where they will begin their new lives.

Arrested in January 2017, Tran Thi Nga was convicted and sentenced to nine years in prison for “conducting propaganda against the state”, under article 88 of the 1999 penal code, for her involvement in peaceful protests following the 2016 Formosa environmental disaster.

A well-known human rights defender, Thi Nga has advocated for the rights of migrant workers and displaced persons, in addition to her involvement in environmental rights movements. She has been subjected to harassment and intimidation and even physical assault many times over the years, due to her activism.

Following her release, Tran Thi Nga shared the following message, “*I thank Amnesty International for your tireless effort in demanding for my freedom, I am happy that my family are now reunited and living in peace. However, there are still many prisoners of conscience in Vietnam, I sincerely hope that Amnesty International will continue to fight for their freedom*”.

**NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN:** Trần Thị Nga (she/her)

**THIS IS THE THIRD AND FINAL OUTPUT FOR UA 155/18**

**LINK TO PREVIOUS UA:** <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa41/9291/2018/en/>

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