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Prime Minister

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Dear Prime Minister,

the reason I am writing to you is to express my deepest concerns regarding the imprisonment of the Vietnamese blogger and entrepreneur **Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức.**

Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức was arrested in May 2009 and held in pre-trial detention until he was sentenced to sixteen years in prison and a five-year-long house arrest upon his release. He is currently held in Nghe An Province.

He was solely imprisoned for the peaceful expression of his dissenting political beliefs.

I am very concerned that although freedom of opinion and expression are guaranteed in the Constitution of Viet Nam, as the practice of these rights is strictly controlled by the state in law, thus effectively criminalizing those peacefully expressing their beliefs and opinions.

Amnesty International considers Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức a prisoner of conscience. I kindly ask the Vietnamese authorities to immediately and unconditionally end the imprisonment of Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức.

Sincerely yours,