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Prime Minister Hun Sen  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Jok Dimitrov Boulevard  
Phnom Penh  
CAMBODJA

Your Excellency,

I am writing you to express my grave concern about reports that Wanchalearm Satsaksit, a 37-year old Thai activist, has gone missing in Phnom Penh. A family member reported Wanchalearm's abduction on 4 June. His whereabouts remain unknown.

Thai authorities have filed charges against him on account of his peaceful exercise of the right to freedom of expression while in exile, and allegedly requested his extradition from Cambodia in the past.

I therefore urge you, Prime Minister, to take all necessary measures in order to:

- Ensure that an effective, urgent, thorough and transparent investigation into Wanchalearm's alleged abduction is carried out and keep his family informed of all efforts to determine his whereabouts;
- Bring any person suspected of criminal responsibility to justice in a fair trial before an ordinary civilian court and without recourse to death penalty;
- Not return Wanchalearm to Thailand, in line with Cambodia's obligations not to engage in the forcible return of individuals to places where they would be at risk of human rights violations.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary Menardo I. Guevarra  
Department of Justice, Philippines  
Padre Faura Street  
Ermita, MANILA 1000  
FILIPINEN

Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my concern about the ongoing prosecution of five activists arrested in Tacloban City early this year – Frenchie Mae Cumpio, Mariel Domequil, Marissa Cabaljao, Mira Legion, and Alexander Philip Abinguna – who are active members of organizations involved in independent journalism, human rights, and environmental issues.

According to the activists, the circumstances of the raid of their offices that resulted in their arrest on 7 February 2020 remain questionable, with allegations of fabrication of evidence and the absence of witnesses.

I therefor call on your office to promptly, thoroughly, impartially and effectively investigate the arrested activists' allegations. If these allegations are proven, all charges against them must be dropped, those still detained should be released, and those reasonably suspected to be responsible for the violations should be held accountable in fair trials.

Yours sincerely,

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Ambassade van de Republiek Guatemala  
His Excellency Mr. Ambassador Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales  
De Ruijterstraat 36 D  
2518 AS Den Haag

Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my concern about Bernardo Caal Xol. He has been unfairly imprisoned since January 2018 for defending the rights of Mayan Q'eqchi communities affected by the construction of a hydroelectric project on the sacred Cahabón River in the department of Alta Verapaz. Since 2015, Bernardo Caal has taken legal actions, on behalf of 56 communities in Santa María Cahabón, to denounce irregularities in relation to the project, including the lack of prior and informed consultation with indigenous peoples. In retaliation for his actions, he was subjected to smear campaigns in the media and an unfounded criminal investigation into alleged acts of violence that occurred in October 2015. On 9 November 2018, the Cobán court sentenced him to 7 years and 4 months in prison for crimes of aggravated theft and illegal detention. As of this date, his appeal is still pending.

I urge the court of appeal to overturn the sentence against Bernardo Caal Xol and release him. In addition, I call on the Attorney General's office to open an investigation against the prosecutors who accused Bernardo Caal Xol without evidence.

I hope you can convey my concerns to the relevant authorities in your country. I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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