

ANNEXE 1

List of Journalists from the Official Press Detained or Sanctioned in 2008

Nguyen Viet Chien of *Thanh Nien* (Young People) sentenced to 2 years in prison 14-15 October 2008 on charges of "*abusing democratic freedoms to infringe upon the interests of the State, the legitimate rights and interests of organizations and/or citizens*" (Article 258 of the Penal Code)

Nguyen Van Hai of *Tuoi Tre* (Youth) sentenced to 2 years non-custodial re-education at the same trial. His sentence was lighter than his colleagues because he pleaded guilty. Both journalists were arrested on 12 May 2008 for reporting since 2005 on a million-dollar corruption scandal in the Transport Ministry (known as the PMU 18 Affair) in which several senior officials were arrested for corruption.

Ly Tien Dung, Editor in Chief of *Dai Doan Ket* (Great Solidarity, official organ of the Vietnam Fatherland Front, an umbrella of “mass” organisations controlled by the Communist Party), dismissed from his post by a Decision of 23.10.2008 for “violating the press law” by publishing three stories that conflicted with government and Communist Party policies.

Dang Ngoc, Deputy Editor of *Dai Doan Ket*, also dismissed by the Decision on 23.10.2008, along with the newspaper’s entire editorial board.

Nguyen Quoc Phong, Deputy Editor-in-Chief and **Huynh Kim Sanh**, Editorial General Manager of *Thanh Nien* (Young People), **Bui Van Thanh**, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of *Tuoi Tre* (Youth), **Duong Duc Da Trang**, Head of *Tuoi Tre*’s Hanoi Bureau, **Tran Dinh Dung**, journalist for *Khoa hoc va Doi song* (Science and Life) had their press cards revoked by decision of the Ministry of Information and Communication in August 2008 for “*serious violations of regulations on media operation and information*”.

Ms Nguyen Thi Thanh Thuy, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of *Nguoi Cao Tuoi* (Elderly People) and journalist **Hoang Tuyet Oanh** have also had their press cards revoked for alleged charges of “*corruption*” and “*lack of responsibility causing serious consequences*”.