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## A Khmer-Krom Pregnant Woman Died at the Quarantine Center in Binh Duong

**Pennsauken, NJ, 21 August 2021--** The Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKF) condemns the inhuman actions of the Vietnamese Authority at the Nam Tan Uyen Industrial Park in Binh Duong province for not providing medical support to save a life of a Khmer-Krom pregnant woman at the quarantine center.

On August 20, 2021, there was a heartbroken video sharing on social media about a Khmer-Krom pregnant woman, Mrs. Thi Hon (40 years old), passing out and lying on the concrete floor inside of the quarantine center in Nam Tan Uyen industrial park. In the video, we heard that her relatives and friends tried to call the nearby hospital and the official of the quarantine center, but they received no help. Her brother tried to do CPR, even using his mouth to save his sister's life. He did not mind risking his life because they were both being quarantined. Unfortunately, Mrs. Thi Hon died along with her unborn baby injustice. Mrs. Thi Hon left her other two children, one boy, and one girl, with her parents in her village at Hoa Xuan hamlet, Dinh Hoa village, Go Quao district, Kien Giang province.

Facing landlessness in the Mekong Delta, thousands of young Khmer-Krom workers left their beloved villages to work at the industrial parks in Binh Duong province. Since the surge of Delta variant, thousands of Khmer-Krom workers have been brought to quarantine even they are just suspected as exposing to the virus. The video shows that thousands of workers have been quarantined in a big building at the Nam Tan Uyen industrial park. They have not been treated properly, not having enough space to follow the social distancing, not getting enough food to eat, and not staying healthy due to lack of sanitization.

In this regard, the Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKF) urgently calls on the international community to urge the United Nations to:

- Ask Vietnam to comply with the treaties (ICCPR, ICESCR) that Vietnam signed with the United Nations to respect public health, essentially to provide proper health support for the vulnerable groups, such as the Khmer-Krom workers, during the pandemic.
- Ask Vietnam to provide qualified health support, foods, and healthy living conditions for the quarantine center workers. The Vietnamese government should provide financial and medical support to let the workers quarantine at home to avoid quarantine in crowded areas.
- Ask Vietnam to provide financial assistance to help the workers to pay for food and rent.
- Ask WHO to provide more vaccines and monitor the distributed vaccine to ensure that the Khmer-Krom workers receive the vaccination fairly.

