

UNPO General Secretary Calls for Urgent Action Regarding the Hmong

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The Lao and Vietnamese Military Campaign to Cleanse Laos of the Ethnic Hmong Can No Longer Be Ignored

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UNPO General Secretary Marino Busdachin and the Congress of World Hmong People call on the European Parliament to speak out against the continued violent cleansing campaign perpetrated by the Lao and Vietnamese militaries that targets the ethnic Hmong inhabitants of north-central Laos.

On 19 October 2012, President Chong Lor Her of the United Hmong ChaoFa Democracy pleaded for immediate humanitarian assistance to the Phou Bia region of Laos. Children and the elderly are starving as the Lao and Vietnamese military forces continue to cut off and destroy the food sources of the Hmong people in Phou Bia, Zaysombun Special Zone.

Six military battalions – three Vietnamese and three Lao – are now closing in on the Phou Bia region with the intent to cleanse the region of its ethnic Hmong inhabitants. Foot soldiers are entering Phou Bia from all directions and helicopters are continually flying in and out, transporting soldiers and supplies to the region. Two nearby military camps – one to the north-east of Phou Bia and one to the north-west – are stocked with 60mm and 81mm heavy weapons. Three permanent military camps have also been set up further to the north.

UNPO General Secretary Marino Busdachin calls on the European Parliament to speak out against the campaign of the Lao and Vietnamese militaries to cleanse the region of its ethnic Hmong population.

We thank you for your action in this urgent matter.



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