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Mr. Hasim Utkan
Regional Representative
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Dear Mr. Hasim Utkan,

At this very moment our U.S. based Lao Human Rights Council have just received a creditable report from Thai policemen in Nong Khai that the 152 refugees are being forced at this very moment back to Laos.

We strongly demand you to protect against the forceful and inhumane deportation of the 152 refugees which UNCHR verifies as persons of concern. We hold recorded evidence of each the 152 individuals, expressing clearly that they, under no circumstances, want to go back to Laos. They further explain that their lives would be in great danger as they belong to the Hmong Laos who fled to Thailand after living a life hiding and running from merciless and unprovoked military attacks.

As a member state of the United Nations, Thailand is not respecting the international human rights standards as defined in the United Nations charters by continually violating these standards and recently forcing the deportation of two groups of people consisting of 16 and 52 groups. These actions may endanger Thailand to lose its good reputation of being the most humane country in Southeast Asia.

We hope that your headquarters will be able to intervene in a timely manner so that this atrocity of forcing desperate refugees back to the very country, from which they barely escaped, from not happening.

Thank you.

Cordially,

Vaughn Vang
Executive Director of the Lao Human Rights Council, Inc