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Further Information on UA 01/05 (ASA 41/001/2005, 7 January 05) and follow up (ASA 41/009/2005, 14 April 2005) Prisoner of conscience/medical concern/torture and ill treatment

VIET NAM

Le Thi Hong Lien (f), aged 21 - Released

Former prisoner of conscience, Le Thi Hong Lien, was released from the prison wing of Bien Hoa Mental Hospital on 28 April 2005. Family and friends from the Mennonite community collected her and took her home to Ho Chi Minh City where she will be seeking medical attention. She was included in a prisoner amnesty which the Vietnamese authorities announced for 30 April 2005 to mark the end of the Viet Nam war.

Since her release it has been reported that on 1 May 2005, Le Thi Hong Lien and other Mennonites were taken in for questioning by the police for three hours and later released. They were held after attending a Bible study meeting at the home of the imprisoned Mennonite pastor and human rights activist Nguyen Hong Quang.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required from the UA Network.