



Nancy Bui, Vice President of Justice for Formosa Victims (JfFV) marine disaster in Vietnam



Nancy Bui's Message for the exhibit talk on Formosa Data Archive at Tacheless, Taipei (2021/3/20)



JFFV (Justice for Formosa's Victims) is a non-profit organization based in the US.

Our mission is to assist the victims of the unprecedented 2016 environmental disaster in Vietnam caused by Formosa in finding justice after their lives were devastated as a result of the incident.

We are Vietnamese people living and working in more than ten countries around the world, who cannot ignore the plight of the people in Vietnam who were affected by the disaster and are standing up to help them.



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Formosa Ha Tinh Steel Company's dumping of toxic waste into the ocean of Vietnam has resulted in the death of hundreds of metric tons of fish and marine life that has washed ashore along the coastline of four provinces of central Vietnam.

Formosa denied responsibility for many months before finally admitting fault. Instead of working with the victims to settle damages, Formosa worked unilaterally with the Vietnamese government and decided that 500 million USD was adequate compensation, which was then paid directly to the Vietnamese government, not the victims.



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In fact, Formosa did not pay for the damage. It paid for protection from the Vietnamese communist government.

However, Vietnamese civil law recognizes the right to seek damages from those who are culpable.

Vietnam is a member of the United Nations, which requires all of its members to honor the rights of its citizens to seek damages.

Therefore, Formosa got what they paid for, which is protection from the government, but they did not fulfill their obligation to pay those most affected by their negligence.



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For years on from the environmental disaster in Vietnam, many are wondering how people in the affected areas live now, with this online exhibit we will be able to update you little by little. Thank you very much for joining with us in solidarity.

JFFV has helped nearly eight thousand victims file a lawsuit in Taipei after many attempts of legal action in Vietnam failed due to the brutal suppression of the government, leaving the victims with nowhere to turn for help but foreign countries.

We are very pleased and honored to join forces with you in this transnational advocacy network between Taiwan, Vietnam, and the US because we understand that we cannot do it alone.



Nancy Bui, with Vietnamese priest (on her left) and Canadian lawyer Philippe Laroche (on her right), for the launching of the lawsuit, in front of Formosa Plastics shareholders meeting, and Taipei, June 2019.

An update from Đông Sơn Village



Đông Sơn Village is 1.5km from Formosa Ha Tinh factory. It is the home of 315 families, with around 1,500 people. Its residents used to live in Đông Yên, on the north side of the plant. But the residents were pushed to give up their home, their land for the Formosa factory.

You can say they are the people who were most affected by the presence of Formosa and the environmental disaster of 2016.

How do their lives look like now after 5 years of the environmental disaster? Here are some pictures from Dong Son residents.

Air pollution from Formosa plant



One can see a black-smoke column from miles away.

In a diameter of 10km around the plant, the residents smell the strong chemicals. Black dust stick in people's noses, making it difficult to breathe.

Many people suffer from respiratory diseases, including lung cancer.



No more blue sky, and when it rains, rainwater deposits black dust everywhere.



Formosa is generating 3.5 million metric tons of residuals annually.



After 5 years in operation, Formosa has piled up mountains of residuals around the plant.



Formosa is dumping the residuals along the river.

The underground water is completely polluted.

The water from the wells has turned yellow. It smells chemicals, and cannot be used for drinking or cooking water.

People have to buy clean water.



Trucks from Formosa plant carry these residuals without covers.

The dust from the residuals fly in the air.



People suspect these dust to be contaminated.