

Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin  
The Secretariat of The Prime Minister  
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Dear Minister,

I wish to express my concern about the continued arbitrary detention of 68-years-old civil servant, Anchan Preekert. She was arrested in 2015 for posting another person's political commentary online. Preekert is currently serving a harsh sentence of 43 years and six months imprisonment in the Central Women's Correctional Institution in Bangkok. This means, she will spend the rest of her life in prison, solely for using her right to freedom of expression.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Anchan Preekert and grant her reparations for her arbitrary detention as requested by the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. In addition, I call on you to protect the right to freedom of expression, including by supporting moves to review legislation to ensure it conforms to Thailand's international human rights obligations

I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,