

To: HE Mr Alounkeo Kittikoun
Deputy Foreign Minister

20 December 2012

From: Ng Shui Meng
Wife of Sombath Somphone

Subject: Government Statement on Sombath Somphone's Disappearance

Dear HE Mr Alounkeo

First I would like to thank the Lao Government Spokesman for releasing a statement on my husband's disappearance and also indicating the Government is still "currently and seriously investigating the incidence in order to find out the truth and whereabouts of Mr Sombath". Regardless of whatever circumstances around my husband's disappearance, I sincerely appreciate the Lao Government's efforts. I once more appeal the Government to quickly find my husband's whereabouts as I am gravely concerned for his safety. It is now 5 days since he disappeared.

Sombath and I have confirmed tickets to go to Singapore for Christmas and New Year, and I sincerely hope that we will be together to celebrate the festivities with family in Singapore.

Yours sincerely

c.c. Mme Phavanh Nuanthasing, Director General, Dept of International Organizations,
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