

ANM PRESS RELEASE No 1 /09 THAILAND WITHOUT MIGRANTS?

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The Action Network for Migrants (Thailand) PRESS RELEASE No 1 /09 THAILAND WITHOUT MIGRANTS? According to the current migration policy in Thailand, all migrants from Burma, Cambodia and Lao PDR who do not hold a temporary passport must leave the country by February 28th 2010. The Action Network for Migrants (Thailand) is concerned that migrants do not fully understand that the government will strictly enforce its policy to chase all migrants out of the country by February 28th 2010. Hundreds of thousands of migrants have registered to work in Thailand for many years and have trusted that they will be able to extend their work permits. More are rushing now to regularize themselves in the new registration of undocumented migrants in the understanding that they will be able to work for a year and maybe extend for longer.

The Action Network for Migrants (Thailand) therefore announced on July 13th 2009 the launch of a campaign to inform all migrants of the date set by the government for their final deportation. During this campaign, the Action Network for Migrants (Thailand) will also seek the opinions of the migrants on this policy to pass on to the government. The Action Network for Migrants (Thailand) poses the question: "Thailand without migrants, will it work?" For further information please contact: Bandit Panwiset (Tel +66(8)18695193 Thai language), Moe Swe (Tel +66(8)-73639280 Burmese Language), Jackie Pollock (Tel +66(8)-60904118 English Language) @ #7- H2" 4 1 4 2#@ 7H-A# 2 I2!

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