



Klong Sai Pattana Community: combating forced evictions and violence

The Klong Sai Pattana community in Krabi Province, Thailand, are engaged in a struggle with a palm oil producer, Jiew Kang Jue Pattana Co. Ltd.,



Jiew Kang Jue Pattana Co. Ltd. was sued for illegally occupying and exploiting the community's land.



The company responded to the opposition of the community with further forced evictions, intimidation, violence and killings.



In November 2014, Thailand's Supreme Court ordered Jiew Kang Jue Pattana Co. Ltd to leave the land that is had illegally occupying.



No action was taken to enforce the judgement.

An official from the Agricultural Land Reform Office (ALRO), opposing to the Supreme Court's ruling, affirmed that the execution of the judgement would harm the community, which was 'dependent' on the palm oil company



March 2015, the Subcommittee on Land Rights and Forestry of National Human Rights Commission confirmed that the community members are human rights defenders, and called the ALRO and other relevant authorities to return the land to the community: its rightful owner



ALRO and other local authorities maintained their position that the community was not the rightful owner, and that the land belongs to Jiew Kang Jue Pattana Co. Ltd.



The community was supported by Protection International, who called ARLO to stop taking actions against the community.



A photo exhibition of the murdered EHRD in Thailand was shown internationally to raise awareness.

On 15 July 2016, Krabi Provincial Court ruled against ARLO stating that the members of the community are not dependents on the palm oil company, and therefore restated the need of enforcing the 2014 judgement.



Contrary to the Court's decision, ALRO continues to insist that the Klong Sai Pattana community must leave the lands to the Jiew Kang Jue Pattana Co. Ltd.

