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The ADL statement condemns the leadership of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for its lack of concern for the people of Laos who have been severely affected by the floods.

The severe flooding that occurs during the rainy season in many provinces of Laos is increasing annually. This is due not only to natural disasters but also to the release of water from dams. These dams are built without consideration of the consequences and without heeding the complaints of the population.

In 2025, for example, severe flooding occurred in ten provinces of Laos. According to official figures, four people died and four others are missing. However, we estimate that the actual number of those affected is much higher. At a time when the Laotian population is in tears over their enormous losses—including the loss of their homes, farms, and even their livelihoods—the Supreme Leader of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandon, made no comment at all. Instead of expressing his sympathy by inspecting the damage and promising the population immediate assistance, he expressed his condolences for the victims of the floods in neighboring Vietnam.

The Lao People's Democratic Republic's policy of establishing an ASEAN powerhouse has definitively turned into a living hell. It allows foreign investors to build dams in Laos, 98 of which have already been built, and hundreds more are planned for the coming years. This is not only a land grab from the population but also an opportunity for large-scale deforestation. Floods occur during the rainy season, and droughts during the dry season make it difficult for people to secure their livelihoods. The construction of large dams in Laos has not benefited the Laotian population; worse still, people have to pay ever-increasing prices for them. The revenues from dam construction, especially from foreign investors, largely end up going to corrupt officials and do not flow into the state coffers as they should.

A video of a protest in front of the board of directors of a Vietnamese dam in Laos:

<https://fb.watch/CHc78Zh37r/>



During the rainy season, dams are repeatedly opened without prior notice and without preparation for the situation. This leads to sudden and severe floods from which people cannot escape. In addition, there have been dam failures in recent years, such as the Xe Pian Xe Nam Noy Dam. Due to corruption at all levels of government, the people there have not been adequate compensation, meaning that aid has not reached the people they are entitled to. Current examples include the sudden release of backwater from a dam such as the Ngum Dam, which caused flooding in Bolikhamxay District on October 2, and the overflows at the Nam Ngiep Sung Dam and the Nam Theun Dam on October 2, which caused water to overflow their banks and severely flood Pak Kading District in Bolikhamxay Province and other locations.

Videos and report:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1CvLGRcT35/>



We, the Alliance for Democracy in Laos and the people of Laos who love justice, demand the following from the authorities of the Lao People's Democratic Republic:

1. Urgently stop the construction of hydroelectric power plants in Laos and rely on systems that do not harm nature and protect people's livelihoods, such as solar power plants.
2. Provide adequate and timely assistance to the flood-affected population in Laos.

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