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PATRIOTIC PERSONALITIES AWARDED

The Council of State has decided to confer the Ho Chi Minh Order and the Independence Order on a number of patriotic personalities in the Viet Nam Fatherland Front who have made meritorious contributions to the revolution.

The presentation was made by the Council President Truong Chinh at a ceremony held recently in Ha Noi by the Central Committee of the Fatherland Front.

The recipients of the Ho Chi Minh order are Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, Chairman of the National Assembly, Vice-President of the Council of State and member of the presidium of the Central Committee of the Fatherland front ; Architect Huynh Tan Phat, Vice-President of the Council of State and member

of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Fatherland Front ; Nghiem Xuan Yem, Vice-Chairman of the National Assembly, member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of Fatherland Front and General Secretary of the Viet Nam Democratic Party ; and Nguyen Xien, Vice-Chairman of the National Assembly, Member of the Presidium of the Fatherland Front Central Committee and General Secretary of the Viet Nam Socialist Party.

The Independence Order, first class, was conferred on Tran Dang Khoa, member of the Presidium of the Fatherland Front Central Committee, Deputy General Secretary of the Democratic Party ; Hoang Minh Giam, President of the Presidium of the Committee for solidarity and Friendship with Other Peoples, member of the Presidium of the Fatherland Front Central Committee and Deputy General Secretary of the Viet Nam Socialist Party ; Phan Anh, Vice Chairman of the National Assembly and member of the Presidium of the Fatherland Front Central Committee ; prof. Ta Quang Buu, Ex-deputy Minister of National Defence and Ex-Minister of Secondary Vocational and Higher Education ; Prof. Ho Dac Di, President of the General Association of Eastern Medicine, Ex-member of the Committee for Science and member of the Central Committee of the Fatherland Front ; and Mrs. Nguyen Thi Luu, Member of the Presidium of the Fatherland Front Central Committee.

Other intellectuals and personalities are awarded the independence order, second and third class.