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Comments on AR program by government personnel in My tho and Bentre

We found an unexpected twist on AR in these two provinces. The Deputy Governors of the two provinces and the Chief of the Cadastre Service told us, independently of one another, that the difficulty there was that the tenants, after signing contracts, were refusing to pay any rent at all. They were "waiting for July" to see what happens. Because of the time and trouble of adjudicating these cases relatively few landlords were pushing hard on the matter, although in My tho about 130 cases have come up to the provincial committee level.

In My tho, incidentally, the Province Chief appears to be very much interested in AR. In addition to the 6 provincial agents assigned to him, he has recruited about 40 village agents, some of whom are volunteers, some of whom are paid by the village, and 8 of whom he pays personally (he claims). They have about 36,000 contracts, or about 70% of the total they expect.

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