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Of late, a representative from Charringtons Coals Merchants said that "coal was being imported from Vietnam to Britain". The Press and Information Section of the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is authorised to reject this fallacious and mal-intentioned statement.

On following closely the British miners' 6 months old strike against the National Coal Board's pit closure plan and the dismissal of thousands of miners, at the end of last August the Vietnamese Miners' Trade Union has send a message of support to the British striking miners. The message read in part :

"The Vietnamese Miners' Trade Union has been closely following and whole-heartedly supporting the heroic struggle waged by the British miners to defend their right to work, their social welfare achievements and their freedom of trade union.

The Vietnamese Miners' Trade Union strongly urges the British authorities and the National Coal Board to put an end to the repression as well as the random arrests of the picketing miners and to meet the just and fair demands of the British miners".

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