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## **U.N. Expert To Hear Testimony On Hmong Graves**

ST. PAUL (AP) —

A United Nations human rights expert will travel to the Twin Cities next month to listen to Hmong families upset about the desecration of graves in Thailand.

The expert will hear testimony about the unearthing of hundreds of graves where thousands of Hmong refugees once lived. The site is near a Buddhist temple in Thailand.

The hearing will be at the University of Minnesota, where the Human Rights Program has taken up a project to study and help resolve the issue.

Program director Barbara Frey says the hearing is next step.

She says the U.N. expert is interested in the issue because it affects many indigenous communities throughout the world.

Hmong families are hoping for an agreement that would prevent grave desecration in the future.