



British Cave Rescue Council

The representative body for voluntary underground rescue in the British Isles

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MEDIA BRIEFING NOTE – 6 July 2018

Tragic development in the cave rescue operation in Tham Luang Nang Non Cave, Thailand

The BCRC wishes to issue a single statement in response to the very sad news of the death of one of the Thai volunteer divers.

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BCRC Officers are saddened by news of the death of Saman Kunan, a volunteer, former Thai Navy diver involved in the rescue operation in Tham Luang Nang Non Cave, N. Thailand.

All British cave rescuers are full of admiration for the work being done by the Thai divers and we are saddened to learn that one of them has paid with his life. We wish to convey the sympathy of all in the British Cave Rescue Council and its member rescue teams to the Thai commander and the diver's companions and family.

This demonstrates in stark terms, the dangers associated with the cave environment, especially those characterised by long sections of passage with deep water or those entirely filled with water (sumped). It also underlines the difficulties of the operation to rescue those trapped underground.

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Please direct any enquiries about the cave rescue operation to: comms@caverescue.org.uk.

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