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The interviewer meets a woman who has lived in Thủ Thiêm for 13 years. She is a homemaker who mentions how compensation varies according to location of a house. Her house is located near the Thủ Thiêm Bridge and Saigon River. She says she only receives compensation for construction materials, which is not nearly enough to buy a new home. She mentions the insecurity people now feel at nighttime because there are fewer people around, such as those who come out and do drugs, and the fear of theft.

**Interviewer:** Mọi người bắt đầu cũng đi nhiều rồi còn những người dân ở lại đây có cảm thấy bất tiện gì không?

**Interviewee:** Có chứ, vừa đối diện với sợ hãi vì khuya nào cũng có bọn hút chít ma túy, rồi sợ ăn trộm nữa. Tại xung quang đi hết rồi. Đêm tối về rất sợ. Chồng chị cũng hay đi công tác về trễ nên cũng lo lắng. Sợ bị trấn lột có la cũng không có ai hết. Còn chị thì bất tiện việc đi lại, trước đây có tiệm tạp hoá kế nhà muốn mua gì qua đó giờ phải ra đến chợ mới mua được. Rồi trường học cũng bị giải toả. Con nhà chị học lớp 10 giờ phải chuyển trường. Phức tạp đủ thứ.

**Interviewer:** Many people are beginning to move, but do those who stay here (in Thủ Thiêm) suffer any inconvenience?

**Interviewee:** Yes, we're afraid of the drug users who come out every night and of thieves because now the neighbors are all gone. Going home at night is very scary. My husband often comes home late from work, so I worry. I fear that he might get mugged, and nobody is around to help. Traveling has become inconvenient for me. Before a store was located near my house, so I could easily go there to buy things. Now I have to go out to a new store to buy things. Furthermore, the school is closed down. My child is in 10th grade and now has to transfer schools. There's so much hassle.