

Joint Statement from Hong Kong Groups on the Hong Kong National Security arrest warrants and bounties

We, the undersigned, representing Hong Kong civil society and human rights organisations across the world, condemn the Hong Kong National Security arrest warrants and bounties announced on 14 December 2023.

These Hong Kong National Security Police issued arrest warrants and bounties for five Hong Kong pro-democracy activists living overseas, are further evidence that this draconian law is being used extraterritorially and retrospectively to silence pro-democracy voices and intimidate the Hong Kong community overseas.

In particular, we condemn the targeting of peaceful pro-democracy activists Joey Siu, Frances Hui, and Simon Cheng.

We continue to condemn the targeting of Nathan Law, Dennis Kwok, Ted Hui, Kevin Yam, Anna Kwok, Finn Lau, Elmer Yuen, and Christopher Mung, and the bounties issued in their names and urge democratic countries to introduce measures to protect these individuals and the Hong Kong community as a whole from transnational repression at the hands of the People's Republic of China.

This is the latest escalation in the National Security Law, which was imposed by Beijing in 2020 and has been condemned by many governments and multiple UN Committees. So far, 260 people have been arrested under the National Security Law.

This is also the latest escalation in transnational repression against Hong Kongers, many of whom have faced attacks and harassment from the Chinese Communist Party and its agents, across various jurisdictions.

We urge the governments of the United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and European Union countries, to introduce measures to protect the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong activists in exile, particularly those who have been granted asylum and faced past threats from Beijing.

We urge these governments, and in particular the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America where these five reside, to continue to reiterate that the Hong Kong National Security Law does not apply in their jurisdictions, and condemn the latest arrest warrants and bounties and reaffirm that they are not valid in their jurisdictions.

We urge these governments, and others, to raise the topic of Hong Kong in their recommendations to China at the UN Universal Periodic Review, which will take place on 23 January 2024.

Finally, we urge governments to suspend the remaining extradition treaties that exist between democracies and the Hong Kong and Chinese Governments and work towards coordinating an INTERPOL early warning system to protect Hong Kongers and other dissidents abroad. Hong Kong activists in exile must be protected in their peaceful fight for basic human rights, freedoms and democracy.

Signatories (in alphabetical order)

1. Action Free Hong Kong Montreal
2. AfricaHongKongFrance (AHKF)
3. Alberta Uyghur Association
4. Amnesty International UK
5. Association of Hong Kongers in Western Australia
6. Australia Hong Kong Link
7. Australia Capital Hong Kong Association
8. Australian Uyghur Association
9. Blossom Community HK CIC 大樹下合作社
10. Britons in Hong Kong
11. Campaign For Uyghurs
12. Canadian Friends of Hong Kong
13. Center For Uyghur Studies
14. Chicago Solidarity with Hong Kong 芝援香港
15. China Aid Association
16. Chinese Human Rights Defenders (CHRD)
17. Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation
18. Democracy for Hong Kong (D4HK)
19. DC4HK (Washingtonians supporting Hong Kong)
20. Freedom House
21. Fight for Freedom. Stand with Hong Kong.
22. Finnish Hongkongers
23. Free Tibet
24. Freiheit für Hongkong e.V.
25. Germany Stands with Hong Kong
26. Global Alliance for Tibet & Persecuted Minorities
27. Halifax-Hong Kong Link
28. Hackney Chinese Community Services (HCCS)
29. HearthTalk UK
30. HKersUnited
31. Hong Kong Aid 港援
32. Hong Kong Assistance and Resettlement Community (HKARC)
33. Hong Kong Centre for Human Rights
34. Hong Kong Committee in Norway
35. Hong Kong Democracy Council
36. Hong Kong Forum, Los Angeles

37. Hong Kong International Alliance Brisbane (HKIA Brisbane)
38. Hong Kong Labour Rights Monitor
39. Hong Kong Outlanders in Taiwan
40. Hong Kong Professional Network
41. Hong Kong Revolution Power
42. Hong Kong Watch
43. Hong Kong in Chester
44. Hongkonger in Deutschland e.V.
45. Hongkongers in Britain 英國港僑協會
46. HongKongers in Leeds
47. Hong Kongers in San Diego
48. Human Rights Foundation
49. Human Rights in China
50. Humanitarian China
51. International Campaign for Tibet
52. International Tibet Network
53. Japan Hong Kong Democracy Alliance
54. June 4 Sparks
55. Lady Liberty Hong Kong
56. Le Comité pour la Liberté à Hong-Kong
57. Manchester Stands With Hong Kong
58. New Yorkers Supporting Hong Kong
59. NGO DEI
60. Northern California Hong Kong Club
61. Nottingham Stands with Hong Kong
62. Philly4HK
63. Power to Hongkongers
64. Safeguard Defenders
65. Salford HongKongers
66. Scottish Hongkongers
67. Southampton Hongkongers
68. Students for a Free Tibet
69. Students For Hong Kong
70. Stop Uyghur Genocide
71. Taiwan HK Association
72. Texans Supporting Hong Kong - TX4HK
73. The 29 Principles
74. The Dissident Project
75. The Hong Kong Scots
76. Tibet Justice Center
77. Tibet Solidarity
78. Tibetan Community in Britain
79. Tibet Initiative Deutschland
80. Torontonians HongKongers Action Group

81. Trafford Hongkongers CIC
82. UK Uyghur Community
83. US Hongkongers Club
84. Uyghur Human Rights Project
85. Victoria HongKongers Association (Australia) 澳洲維港
86. We the Hongkongers
87. World Uyghur Congress