

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

We, the undersigned, representing Hong Kong civil society organisations across the world, condemn the Hong Kong National Security arrest warrants and bounties announced on 3 July 2023.

These Hong Kong National Security Police issued arrest warrants and bounties for eight 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 pro-democracy activists 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.

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

We urge these governments 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.

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.

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Association of Hong Kongers in Western Australia  
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Freiheit für Hongkong e.V. (FfHK)  
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HKersUnited 港聯  
Hong Kong Aid 港援  
Hong Kong Centre for Human Rights  
Hong Kong Committee in Norway  
Hong Kong Democracy Council (HKDC)  
Hong Kong International Alliance Brisbane  
Hong Kong Indigenous Defence Force 捍衛港人陣線  
Hong Kong Labour Rights Monitor  
Hong Kong Liberty  
Hong Kong Media Overseas (HKMO)  
Hong Kong Outlanders in Taiwan  
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Hongkonger in Geneva - Switzerland  
Hongkongers in Britain  
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The Hong Kong Scots  
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