

# HONG KONG'S TRADE UNIONS ARE UNDER ATTACK

What happened  
and how you can help?

## HONG KONG INDEPENDENT TRADE UNION MOVEMENT UNDER THE NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

Since the enactment of the National Security Law (NSL) in Hong Kong on 30 June 2020, both the Hong Kong and Chinese governments have waged a systematic attack on trade unions in Hong Kong:

**11** TRADE UNION LEADERS HAVE BEEN  
ARRESTED/CHARGED/SENTENCED

**175+** TRADE UNIONS HAVE BEEN  
FORCED TO DISBAND OR  
CEASE OPERATION

**POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE**

**ON TRADE UNIONS'  
ACTIVITIES HAS INCREASED**

**INTERNATIONAL LOBBYING HAS  
BECOME IMPOSSIBLE FOR LOCAL  
TRADE UNIONS**



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under the National Security Law: Two  
Years into the Authoritarian Rule'*

## POLITICALLY- MOTIVATED CHARGES AGAINST TRADE UNIONISTS

At least eight trade unionists have been charged under the Hong Kong National Security Law or seditious laws.



**LEE Cheuk-yan**  
*Ex-General Secretary of the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU)*  
He had been sentenced to jail for 20 months and has been detained in custody for a subversion trial.



**Carol NG**  
*Ex-Chairperson of the HKCTU*  
She has been detained since 28 February 2021 and charged with conspiracy to commit subversion because of her involvement in a primary election.



**Winnie YU**  
*Ex-Chairperson of the Hospital Authority Employees Alliance*  
She has been charged with conspiracy to commit subversion because of her involvement in a primary election.



**Five speech therapists from the General Union of Hong Kong Speech Therapists** were sentenced to 19 months in prison over three children's books deemed to be 'seditious'.

# A GLEAM OF HOPE

IN THE DARKEST OF DAYS

Despite the unprecedented suppression, independent trade unions are fighting for space to survive at the workplace and to serve their members.



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Foodpanda riders staged two strikes in 2022.



Several unions and artist-cum-activist Luke Ching (above) pushed the government to include cleaning workers in the COVID relief fund.



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## YOU CAN SUPPORT HONG KONG'S TRADE UNIONS

*Spread the word  
Trade unionism is not a crime*



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### *Speak up for Hong Kong*

- Put Hong Kong on your agenda, speak up for Hong Kong at your local branch meetings
- Issue statements or adopt resolutions, show your solidarity with the Hong Kong trade unionists behind bars
- Organise or join activities in support of Hong Kong's independent trade unions

### DID YOU KNOW...

*Over 144,000 Hongkongers have moved to the UK since the launch of the BNO visa scheme...*

Find them in your workplace, engage with them, and empower them to make positive changes.

There is so much you can do for Hong Kong! Send us an email at [info@hklabourrights.org](mailto:info@hklabourrights.org) and let's talk about your next activity for Hong Kong.

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