

UN Statements and Opinions About the Vietnam Five

September 29, 2023

[Sentencing of environmental human rights defender in Viet Nam](#) – summary: Concerns regarding arrest, detention, and sentencing of human rights defenders in Vietnam, UN commissioner of Human Rights, Jeremy Laurence, raises questions on the charges levelled against Vietnamese activists as well as the conduct of their trials.

September 26, 2023

[UN worried about Vietnam arrest of energy expert after Biden’s visit](#) – summary: Regarding the arrest of Ms. Ngo Thi To Nhien (Nhien), Ravina Shamdasani, a spokesperson for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), told Reuters in a statement: “We are aware of the arrest and are following the developments with concern.”

June 17, 2023

[Detention of environmental human rights defender Hoang Thi Minh Hong](#) – summary: UN Environment Programme expresses grave concern over recent detention of Hoang Thi Minh Hong in Vietnam

June 2, 2023

[Detention of environmental human rights defender Hoang Thi Minh Hong](#) – summary: UN Human Rights Commission is deeply troubled by Hoang Thi Minh Hong’s arrest. Hong is part of a larger pattern of shrinking civil space in Vietnam and human rights abuses perpetrated by the Vietnamese government. Calls on the Vietnamese government to review the relevant laws and ensure their full compliance with international human rights standards. Also urges government to release the detained defenders.

May 25, 2023

[Mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change; the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association](#) – summary: escalating administrative and judicial harassment of human rights defender Ms. Tran Phuong Thao, who is the wife of imprisoned environmental human rights defender Dang Dinh Bach, as well as the continued incarceration of Mr. Dang Dinh Bach.

May 11, 2023

[Opinions adopted by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention at its ninety-sixth session](#) – summary: Provides context for multiple legal violations in the case of Dang Dinh Bach’s arrest.

April 22, 2022

[South-East Asia Regional Office News Release](#) – summary: UN Human Rights and the UN Environment Programme expressed grave concern over the arrest, detention and sentencing of four prominent environmental human rights defenders in Viet Nam on charges of tax evasion

February 18, 2022

[Mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association](#) – summary: Mentions Ms. Huynh Thuc Vy and Mr. Dang Dinh Bach concerns regarding the exercise of their freedom of expression and their peaceful and legitimate human rights and environmental rights activities.

December 10, 2021

[Mandates of the special rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association and the special rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression](#) – summary: Vietnamese government’s actions against civil society raise “serious concerns” regarding the rights to freedom and peaceful assembly and association, as well as to freedom of opinion and expression.