

UN Statements and Opinions About the Vietnam Climate Leader Arrests

Press Releases:

- [Viet Nam: End convictions and deplorable detention conditions for human rights defenders, UN experts say](#)
 - 2/14/24, press release
 - Summary: UN experts urged the Government of Viet Nam to stop targeting, convicting, and mistreating human rights defenders, after environmental human rights defender Dang Dinh Bách began his third hunger strike to protest against his detention conditions. “We express our strong concern about the chilling effect that the mistreatment and deprivation of liberty of Mr Bách have on the fundamental freedoms of peaceful assembly and of expression in Vietnam, which are crucial for participation in public affairs, including in relation to climate change,” the experts said.

Statements:

- [Viet Nam – Detention of environmental human rights defender Hoang Thi Minh Hong, 6/2/23, statement](#)
 - 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.

Opinions:

- [Opinions adopted by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention at its ninety-sixth session, 3/27/23 - 7/5/23, opinion](#)
 - Summary: Provides context for multiple legal violations in the case of Dang Dinh Bach’s arrest.

Letters:

- [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, 5/25/23, letter](#)
 - 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 Ding Bach.

- [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](#), 2/18/22, letter
 - 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.
- [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](#), 1/18/22, letter
 - Summary: Communication to the Government of Viet Nam from the Mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Mr. Dang Dinh Bach and Ms. Huynh Thuc Vy.
- [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](#), 11/10/21, letter
 - 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.