

HONG KONG CHOW HANG-TUNG

Because of the Hong Kong National Security Law, anyone who has links with Hong Kong should refrain from participating in actions targeting the Hong Kong authorities.



© AlexChan TszYuk

Jailed for remembering the Tiananmen Square victims

The Chinese government wants people to forget the victims of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, but Chow Hang-tung has made it her mission to ensure they are remembered. A courageous human rights lawyer and activist, she was the vice-chair of the Hong Kong Alliance, which organised the world's biggest candlelight vigil commemorating the victims.

In 2020 and 2021, Hong Kong's authorities banned the event, citing public health issues in the midst of the pandemic. On 4 June 2021, Chow encouraged people on

social media to commemorate the crackdown by lighting candles. Later that day she was arrested for 'advertising or publicising unauthorised assembly'.

Chow is now serving a 22-month prison sentence for peacefully remembering the victims of that horrific crackdown. She also faces a further 10-year sentence for allegedly endangering national security through her actions. Despite her plight, Chow's bravery shines through: 'To say I'm not afraid would be a lie, but I'm not so afraid I dare do nothing.'

Send a message of support and solidarity

PO Box No.75
Ma On Shan Post Office
New Territories
Hong Kong

Notes

- Do not write Chow's name or your own on the envelope.
- If you have safety concerns, you can email your message to iar@amnesty.org.uk.
- Use a nickname if you want.
- Write or print on regular A4 paper (no postcards!). Do not use glitter, stickers or glue.
- Write as many pages as you like, but don't include page numbers, stick or staple pages together, or put anything other than the letter in the envelope.

Language Cantonese, Mandarin or English

Suggested message We are thinking of you. Stay strong.

Creative action Chow loves cats, alpacas and dinosaurs, so you could draw them to accompany your message, take a photo, and post it on social media, tagging Chow

f @tonyeechowpages Don't forget to follow her, too.

Can I

Send a religious card or message? Yes

Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? No. Don't mention any overseas organisation.

Include my name and address? If you would like to receive a reply, write your address in the letter, but not on the envelope, as the envelope will be removed.

Send an appeal letter

Urge the Secretary for Justice to immediately release Chow Hang-tung and drop all charges against her.

Write to Paul Lam
Secretary for Justice
Department of Justice
G/F, Main Wing, Justice Place
18 Lower Albert Road,
Central, Hong Kong
✉ sjo@doj.gov.hk

Salutation Dear Secretary for Justice

In your letter tell him to immediately release Chow Hang-tung and drop all charges against her, as she has been detained solely for peacefully exercising her right to freedom of expression.

'Fighting for democracy under dictatorship; arrest is inevitable. If I am going to be arrested, so be it. Sacrifice for democracy is worth it.'

Chow Hang-tung

WRITE
FOR
RIGHTS
2022

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL

