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加拿大團體敦促政府對香港 6.12 人道援助基金信托人涉國安法被捕作出回應

四個聯署的加拿大團體強烈譴責香港國安處大舉搜捕已停止運作 6.12 人道援助基金的信托人。香港國安處以國安法下的勾結外國勢力為名進行是次拘捕。被捕者包括 90 歲的天主教領袖榮休主教陳日君，加籍歌手暨自由倡議者何韻詩，前公民黨立法會議員暨大律師吳靄儀，前嶺南大學副教授許寶強，和因反修例及六四集會正服刑中的前立法會議員何秀蘭。眾人的護照已被沒收及被禁止離境。

今次香港最備受尊重的社會領袖因提供法律保障的基本權利予 2019 反修例運動示威者而遭受當局針對引起了社會的震驚。是次打壓有違國際法，也違反了中英聯合聲明中對港人有關一國兩制的承諾。

自國安法實施以來，當局對公民權利的踐踏從未卻步。眾多立法會議員、新聞工作者、和社會活躍人士相繼在行使自由表達權利時被控告煽動叛亂、顛覆、或是勾結外國勢力等罪名。其最高刑罰可達終身監禁。不少主要的獨立媒體已被迫關閉。香港在全球新聞自由排名榜已急跌至第 148 位。

一位前香港警務副處長李家超最近被北京政府欽點為香港特別行政區的行政長官。一個鐵腕政策的時代亦因應展開。

我們敦請加拿大政府以對付俄羅斯同等的手法去強烈譴責今次搜捕事件，並與民主盟國一道去擴大制裁所有負責政治壓迫的中國和香港官員。制裁對象應包括持有這批官員海外資產的近親家屬成員。光是口頭上的制裁並不足夠，迅速而實際行動才有效。

新恢復的國會加中關係特別委員會應對香港進行新一輪的聽證，並落實建議行動去回應香港整體迅速消失的公民權利。

假若加拿大政府對是次搜捕事件不作強烈回應，我們只會發出一個負面的訊息給公眾：無人可逃避這壓迫性的國安惡法，即使加拿大人也未能倖免！

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Canadian organizations urge government response to 6.12 Humanitarian Relief Fund arrests in Hong Kong

The undersigned Canadian organizations strongly condemn the Hong Kong National Security Force's arrest of the trustees of the now-defunct 6.12 Humanitarian Relief Fund. Under provisions of the National Security Law, it is alleged that they colluded with foreign forces. Among those arrested were 90-year old Catholic leader Cardinal Joseph Zen, Canadian singer and freedom advocate Denise Ho Wan-sze, former opposition lawmaker and barrister Margaret Ng Ngoi-yee, former Lingnan University academic Hui Po-keung, and former opposition lawmaker Cyd Ho Sau-lan, who was already behind bars for protest-related charges. Their passports have been confiscated and they cannot leave Hong Kong.

It is alarming that Hong Kong's most respected community leaders have been targeted merely for providing the fundamental right of legal defence to protestors of the 2019 anti-extradition bill movement. This crackdown is a violation of international law because it negates the autonomy of "one country two systems" promised to Hong Kong under an international treaty, the Sino-British Joint Declaration.

Since the imposition of the National Security Law, the assault on civil liberties has never stopped. Many lawmakers, journalists, and social activists have been charged with sedition, subversion or collusion with foreign forces for merely exercising freedom of expression. Penalties are as severe as life imprisonment. Major independent media outlets have been forced to close. Hong Kong has plunged to 148th place in the world press freedom rankings.

A former police commissioner has been hand-picked by Beijing to be the Chief Executive of Hong Kong. A new era of the iron fist has begun.

We call upon our Canadian government to respond as strongly as it has to the Russian aggression, to strongly condemn these arrests and work with like-minded allies to expand sanctions to all Chinese and Hong Kong officials responsible for the political persecutions. Sanctions should be extended to those officials' immediate family members who hold their assets abroad. Mere words are no longer enough. Immediate action is needed.

The re-established Special Committee on Canada-China Relations should conduct hearings on the intensified crackdown in Hong Kong and implement

recommendations to address the deterioration of civil liberties in the city.

If Canada does not respond forcefully it will send a clear message that nobody is safe from the reach of the oppressive National Security Law, not even Canadians.

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