

Hans Thoolen on Human Rights Defenders and their awards

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Pham Doan Trang: UN experts call for release of Vietnamese human rights defender

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(<https://thoolen.files.wordpress.com/2021/11/trang.jpg>)

On 30 October 2021 AFP reported that a group of UN human rights experts called for the immediate release of Vietnamese activist **Pham Doan Trang** (*pic*), who is awaiting trial after a year in detention. The prominent Vietnamese author, who campaigns for press freedom and civil rights, was arrested in October last year. [see: <https://www.trueheroesfilms.org/thedigest/laureates/fe8bf320-1d78-11e8-aacf-35c4dd34b7ba> (<https://www.trueheroesfilms.org/thedigest/laureates/fe8bf320-1d78-11e8-aacf-35c4dd34b7ba>)]

Trang has pushed for change on a host of controversial issues, including land grabs and LGBTQ rights. “*Pham Doan Trang is only the latest victim of the authorities’ use of vaguely-defined propaganda charges to persecute writers, journalists and human rights defenders,*” the experts said in a statement.

The UN experts said the charges against her stem from at least three human rights reports she co-authored, plus interviews with foreign media. They accuse the authorities of “criminalising the exercise of their right to freedom of opinion”.

“We urge the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Ms Pham Doan Trang.”

The UN experts included the special rapporteurs on the right to freedom of opinion, on human rights defenders, and on the right to physical and mental health.

See also: <https://humanrightsdefenders.blog/2020/10/08/vietnam-detainees-human-rights-defender-pham-doan-trang-just-after-concluding-its-annual-human-rights-dialogue-with-the-usa/>
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<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2021/10/30/un-experts-call-for-release-of-vietnamese-activist> (<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2021/10/30/un-experts-call-for-release-of-vietnamese-activist>).

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