

Ms. Doan Thi Hong

Prisoner of Conscience — Vietnam

Mother Activist with 30-month Daughter Kidnapped by Vietnamese Government

Doan Thi Hong (F), 36-year-old resident of Binh Thuan province., is a single mother and a member of the unregistered group Hien Phap (Constitution), which aims to promote civil and political rights by disseminating Vietnam's 2013 Constitution.

She was under close police surveillance after joining with other members of the group in the [peaceful mass demonstration](#) in Ho Chi Minh City on June 10, 2018 to protest two draft bills on Special Economic Zones and on Cyber Security. The former was believed to favor Chinese investors at the expense of Vietnam's sovereignty, and the latter would muzzle online critics.

On September 2, 2018, Hong was kidnapped by plainclothes agents in District 12 in HCM City. The police kept her incommunicado and did not inform her family of her arrest. Her relatives spent 19 days searching for her until they eventually found out that she was being held at the temporary detention facility located at No. 4 Phan Dang Luu street, Binh Thanh district under the authority of HCM City's Police Department.

The city's police has since allowed her family to supply food and some necessities but no face-to-face visit.

Her daughter Doan Ngoc Ha Vy was just over 30 months old when Hong was detained.



Hong and her daughter



The very sad toddler misses her mom



Hong at a protest against two draft bills

- Please advocate for Doan Thi Hong in your capacity and raise her case in discussions with the Vietnamese government officials, or write to:
 1. Mr. To Lam, Minister of Public Security, 44 Yết Kiêu Street, Hoàn Kiếm District, Hà Nội, Việt Nam.
 2. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister's Office, Hanoi, Vietnam
 3. President Nguyen Phu Trong, 1A Hung Vuong Street, Ba Dinh district, Hanoi

The Accused: 36 year old single mother of a 30 month old daughter.

Activities: disseminating Vietnamese Constitution, demonstrating against draft laws.

Crimes: Disrupting national security.

Status: Kidnapped without notify-

In mid November 2018, when her lawyer, Nguyen Van Mieng, requested to meet her to provide legal assistance, police said she is charged with "disruption of security" under Article 118 of the 2015 Penal Code and therefore access to her attorney was not permitted during the investigation period. She is facing imprisonment of up to 15 years if convicted.

According to her family and other members of the Hien Phap Group, her activities were peaceful and legal according to Vietnam's Constitution and law, so she must be released immediately and unconditionally.

Hong is listed as a prisoner of conscience by the [NOW! Campaign](#), a coalition of 15 international and domestic human rights organizations, including BPSOS, Civil Rights Defenders, Front Line Defenders, Project 88 and Defend the Defenders among others.