

The Martin Ennals Award 2022 is presented to Ms. Pham Doan Trang

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Journalist and social activist Pham Doan Trang is also the spokesman for the Freedom Publishing House and publications published by the Tu Publishing House.

Pham Doan Trang, sentenced to nine years in prison by Vietnam in December, has just been awarded a human rights award by an organization in Geneva.

[9-year prison sentence for journalist Pham Doan Trang](#)

The 2022 Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders was presented to Ms. Doan Trang, Daouda Diallo of Burkina Faso and Abdul-Hadi Al-Khawaja of Bahrain.

The January 19 announcement said Pham Doan Trang was "a leading journalist, editor and democracy activist in Vietnam, where the Communist Party leaves little room for opposition voices." develop".

'Independent media'

"She has run many independent media outlets to raise awareness among Vietnamese about their basic rights, and inspired many other journalists and activists to speak out."

"She is one of the most sought-after activists by the government in Vietnam. In October 2020, she was arrested. On December 14, 2021, Pham Doan Trang was sentenced to nine years in prison for "declaring a statement." anti-state propaganda." More and more voices are concerned about her health condition.

The organizers say their award is given to Human Rights Defenders in urgent need of protection, such as those in prison or threatened with imprisonment.

Each of these winners will be awarded a prize money of 20,000-30,000 Swiss francs.

The organizers say the importance of this award is not only financial, but can contribute to their protection through the support of famous figures in the world.

The website of the organizers acknowledges the comments of two of the judges of the tournament.

"Pham Doan Trang is an inspiration to many activists and journalists in Vietnam, where freedom of expression is seen as a threat," said Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director of Humankind. Rights Watch shared.

"Pham Doan Trang's works are not only necessary but completely legitimate, they are essential. She should be released immediately and unconditionally," said Friedhelm Weinberg, HURIDOCS CEO. expression.



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On the evening of December 14, 2021, after a day of trial and deliberation, the People's Court of Hanoi sentenced Ms. Pham Thi Doan Trang (43 years old) to 9 years in prison for propagandizing against the State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. provided for in Article 88 of the Penal Code 1999.

"The defendant is a person who has a certain level of awareness, understands and knows the consequences of his behavior, but still actively practices it for a long time. During the investigation, prosecution and at the trial, the defendant did not give any information. Reportedly, committing the crime many times, it is necessary to punish severely," the judgment stated.

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