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Pham Doan Trang is a Vietnamese journalist, Ida Leblanc an advocate for domestic workers' rights in Trinidad and Tobago



PHAM DOAN TRANG

Journalist and blogger **Pham Doan Trang** has been in detention since October 2020 and was recently sentenced to 9 years in prison for "propaganda against the state". The 43-year-old was accused by the Hanoi regime of "defaming the Vietnamese government and inventing fake news".

In one of the world's most repressive countries towards civil society, where freedom of the press is non-existent, Pham Doan Trang - RSF 2019 Prize - has founded numerous independent media and publishing houses - including *Nha Xuat Ban Tu Do* or *Law Magazine* - and the NGO *Green Trees*, making her the target of a government that does not tolerate dissent.

According to Reporters Without Borders, **Vietnam** currently has a record 44 journalists and bloggers in detention, and ranks 175th out of 180 countries in the World Press Freedom Index.

Despite intimidation, torture and repeated arrests, Pham Doan Trang is fighting to end systematic abuse of both human rights and freedom of the press in Vietnam. Nominated for the prestigious **Martin Ennals Award 2022** on 2nd June in Geneva, the Festival dedicates its 20th edition to her.

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Trinidad and Tobago is home to more than 10,000 domestic workers, most of them without any social protection. **Ida Leblanc** fights daily for them to obtain rights similar to those of all workers, notably as General Secretary of the National Union of Domestic Employees (NUDE), which she founded. In 2011, the International Labour Organisation adopted the Convention on Domestic Workers thanks to Ida Leblanc's active campaigning. Though the government of Trinidad and Tobago has never implemented the Convention, tireless Ida Leblanc remains undeterred.

She successfully campaigned for the decriminalisation of the Minimum Wage Act, giving unions the right to hear cases of non-compliance with the Act in the Labour Court. She has spearheaded many victories on behalf of low-income workers in cases of unfair dismissal, lay-offs and breaches of the Maternity Protection and Minimum Wage Acts.

She is the winner of this year's **Martine Anstett 2022 Prize**, of which the FIFDH is a partner. The Festival dedicates this 20th edition to her and to all domestic workers deprived of their rights throughout the world, including in Switzerland and Geneva.

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