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Arrest of Hong Kong Union Leaders Imminent

Brussels, 10 January 2015 (ITUC OnLine): The ITUC has been informed that top officials of the Hong Kong trade union movement are facing imminent arrest for their support for the “Umbrella” movement. The names of HKCTU officials Lee Cheuk-yan (General Secretary) and Mung Siu-tat (Executive Director) are included on a list of persons who are to be summoned to police stations where they will be arrested.

Commissioner of Police Andy Tsang recently announced that the police would arrest the “key organizers” of the Umbrella Movement within three months. Several other members of the HKCTU were arrested during the clearance of the peaceful assembly in the Admiralty area of Hong Kong.

The ITUC calls on the Hong Kong authorities to refrain from this or any further repression of freedom of speech and assembly, and is requesting both the ILO and the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and association, Maina Kiai, to intervene with the authorities in support.

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