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## **Commemorating Tiananmen is Not a Crime**

Toronto Association for Democracy (TADC) will commemorate the 37th anniversary of Tiananmen massacre in the shadow of Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit to Canada.

An open-air Concert for Democracy is scheduled for Saturday May 30, 2026, at Mel Lastman Square, North York, Toronto at 7:30 pm.

Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China (Hong Kong Alliance) was disbanded in the aftermath of Hong Kong's 2020 National Security Law (NSL). Its leaders at the time, Chow Hang-tung, Lee Cheuk-yan and Albert Ho, are now on trial for inciting subversion to state power.

The Alliance had organized the world's largest Tiananmen Candlelight commemoration every year since 1989. It drew 180,000 in 2019, the year before it was shut down by the Hong Kong Police.

"Torontonians have been showing up in thousands in each of the last few years to keep the flame alive," said Winnie Ng, co-chair of Toronto Association for Democracy in China. "As tens of thousands of families in Hong Kong have fled to different parts of the world, we are now seeing commemorative events popping up in many more places than we have ever seen."

"We aim to stage a backdrop of 'thousands of flames' to remind the Chinese Foreign Minister that universal values of human rights, democracy and freedom in Hong Kong, China and everywhere will never die," Ng continued.

"We cannot be ruled by fear of transnational repression from a dictatorship thousands of miles away," said Liane Lee, the Association's vice-chair and a Tiananmen eyewitness. "Let's all come out to keep telling the truth about what happened in the square 37 years ago."

Zhou Fengsuo, one of the Most-Wanted from the Tiananmen protests, Fernando Cheung, director of Amnesty International Hong Kong Overseas, and former Senator Hon. Con Di Nino will join us in the event.

For details of Toronto events, see TADC web site <https://www.TADC.ca>

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