

# Free Tian Chua



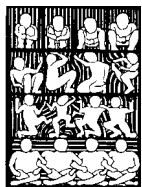
**Tian Chua is a Malaysian labour organiser.**

**On 10<sup>th</sup> April 2001 Tian Chua was arrested. He has not been charged. On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2001 he was officially detained under Malaysia's infamous Internal Security Act (ISA).**

The ISA allows for detention for two years. The Minister for Home Affairs can extend the detention for a further two years at the stroke of a pen. Tian Chua is coming to end of his first two years detention. Hundreds of Malaysians have been detained under the ISA just because they dared to organise and speak up independent of the repressive Mahathir government. As a labour organiser Tian assisted workers across all races in Malaysia.

**It is time to free Tian Chua**

**It is time to free all political prisoners in Malaysia**



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## Abolish the ISA

### Defend the right to organize

*Unionists and all concerned citizens, please take the opportunity to defend Malaysians workers right to organise by call for Tian Chua to be freed. Send your letters, emails and faxes to:*

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi  
Minister of Home Affairs  
Pusat Pentadbiran Kerajaan  
Persekutuan  
652020 Putrajaya  
Selangor, Malaysia

Fax: 60 3 8886 8014  
Email: [tpm@snpke.jpm.my](mailto:tpm@snpke.jpm.my)  
Salutation: Dear Datuk

Copies to the human rights NGO:

SUARAM  
383, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl, Jalan 5/59  
Petaling Gardens  
46000 Petaling Jaya  
Selangor, Malaysia  
Fax: 60 3 7784 3562

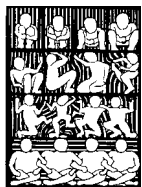
and to AAWL (see address below)

#### Malaysia's Internal Security Act.

Malaysia's ISA was enacted in 1960. It extended the former colonial legislation giving the Malaysian government "sweeping powers including the ability to deprive a person of his or her liberty indefinitely without trial for preventative reasons and to prohibit meetings, ban publications and exclude books and periodicals."

*Amnesty International, Human Rights Undermined;  
Restrictive laws in a parliamentary democracy, September 1999*

Organisations and individuals in Malaysia have bravely resisted the repression brought about by the ISA. In November 2002 a High Court ruling ordered the release of a detainee saying police had failed to provide any evidence for the arrest. In response Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed, said the ISA would be strengthened so that it could not be questioned in court. Workers, students and political activists have borne the brunt of this disregard for human rights.



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