



Billionaire media mogul Jimmy Lai is one of the most prominent supporters of Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement. He has been a persistent thorn for China - but he is now under house arrest, and facing a potential life sentence.

Jimmy Lai was born in Guangzhou, a city in southern China, to a wealthy family that lost everything when the communists took power in 1949. From working odd jobs and knitting in a small clothing shop he taught himself English, eventually founding the international clothing brand Giordano.



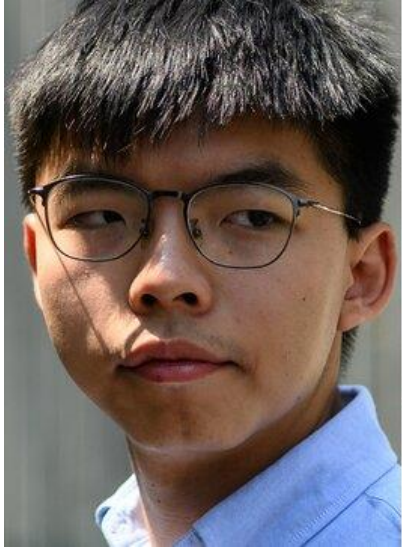
Jimmy Lai being arrested in Hong Kong



Lester Shum is arrested. He was forbidden to run for office before.



Benny Tai arrestado. Uno de los creadores de las primarias. In July last year, an alliance of opposition parties ran independently organised primaries to see which of their candidates had the best chances in September's election for the Legislative Council (LegCo), Hong Kong's parliament. More than 600,000 people voted in the primaries. The election was later postponed, with officials citing concerns over the coronavirus pandemic as the reason for the delay.



Joshua Wong



Ivan Lam



Agnes Chow



John Clansey, an attorney, US citizen and longtime resident of Hong Kong, is arrested.