

June 4 1989 - a day of infamy that will live forever in history despite the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) attempts to whitewash it.

Today is the 27th anniversary of the brutal massacre of peaceful university students by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) on the orders of the CCP.

The exact number of unarmed students shot or crushed into the streets by tanks is not known but is probably in the thousands.

The Chinese communist regime still rounds up activists and dissidents prior to these anniversaries and continues its censorship and denials of all public protests, with all online references purged from the internet.

The Tiananmen Mothers have long campaigned for accountability and compensation from the regime. They accuse the CCP of carrying out three decades of white terror against Tiananmen Square massacre victims' families. They claim constant harassment and intimidation by the regime in a bid to stop them speaking out publicly.

In Taiwan yesterday, parliamentarians from the newly elected Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) and the Beijing-friendly Kuomintang (KMT) were joined by human rights activists and exiled Chinese dissident Wu'er Kaixi as they observed a minute's silence. They also requested the Taiwan government to "express Taiwan's serious concerns over redressing the June 4 incident at the appropriate time" in future interactions between the two sides.

"Taiwan and China have very close ties, so the suppression of human rights that happened to Chinese citizens could also threaten human rights in Taiwan," DPP lawmaker Yu Mei-nu said.

This is the first time that such a commemoration has been held in the Taiwan parliament and will no doubt infuriate the communist regime in China.

Amnesty International said that time is not on the side of the survivors and families of victims seeking justice. Jiang Peikun, the husband of Ding Zilin, was one of the founders of the Tiananmen Mothers, died in 2015 before he was able to see justice for his son Jiang Jielian, who was shot through the heart on that night.

The Tiananmen Mothers' cries for justice are clear. What is needed now is the political courage and leadership to face the events of 1989 in an open and honest manner, and ensure that justice delayed is not justice denied.

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