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Two more Tiananmen monuments removed from Hong Kong universities

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Summary

- Three universities have cleared away June 4 memorials recently
- Dozens protest against removal of statue on campus
- Creator of artworks says move akin to "removal" of history
- Students angered, say academic freedom undermined

HONG KONG, Dec 24 (Reuters) - Two more Hong Kong universities removed on Friday public monuments to the 1989 Tiananmen protests in Beijing, following the dismantling of a sculpture commemorating victims of the crackdown at another university this week.

The removals at Chinese University and Lingnan University in the global financial hub came as authorities have been clamping down under a national security law imposed by China.

Human rights activists say the law is being used to suppress civil society, jail democracy campaigners and curb basic freedoms, but authorities say the security laws have restored stability after mass protests in 2019.