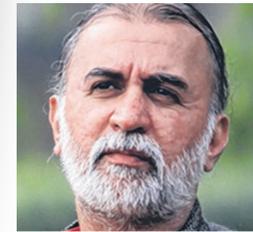


# Sexual misconduct in Asia



## INDIA

In 2013, prominent journalist Tarun Tejpal (left), then editor-in-chief of Tehelka magazine, was accused by a female colleague of sexual assault and rape in a hotel lift in Goa. Tejpal, who went to jail for six months, is currently fighting the charges in court.

## CHINA

A manager at a Beijing branch of the China Minsheng Bank was reportedly fired after sexually harassing a female subordinate over six months. The deputy department head, known only by his surname Guan, messaged the victim and invited her to a hotel room, threatening to put her on a redundancy list if she refused him.

## INDONESIA

An engaged couple fell victim to their unruly neighbours, who accused them of immorality. A mob of six men stormed the woman's rented room in Tangerang outside Jakarta. One of them was live streaming on Instagram while the rest interrogated them, forcing them outside, and making them strip down to their underwear and humiliating the woman, before taking them for a walk around the neighbourhood. Prosecutors later charged the perpetrators under criminal law as the country has no sexual harassment law.

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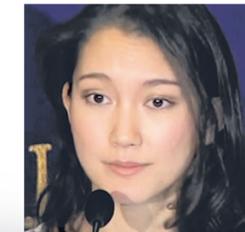
## MALAYSIA

Ms Cheryl Yeoh (left), founding CEO of government-funded innovation agency MaGIC, blogged in July about being assaulted by disgraced venture capitalist Dave McClure of 500 Startups. She used her blog to accuse him of forcing himself on her in her apartment in Kuala Lumpur after a business meeting. "If someone has a wife and two kids and still wants to sleep with other women, that's their choice. But if someone uses their power as a VC to make repeated sexual, physical advances on women in a professional context, that goes way beyond being a creep," she wrote.



## THE PHILIPPINES

Jensen Gomez (left), vocalist of popular indie band Jensen And The Flips, was recently accused of sending sexually suggestive emojis to at least one woman. Guitarist Sammy Valenia has also been accused of trying to force himself on a woman in a taxi, something he has apologised for. Members of two other bands, Sud and Milesexperience, were also accused of sending sexually explicit emojis, badgering minors for nude photos and making misogynistic remarks.



## JAPAN

Freelance journalist Shiori Ito (left), 28, went public in May this year claiming she was raped by the former Washington bureau chief of Japanese news network TBS News, Mr Noriyuki Yamaguchi, 51, in a Tokyo hotel in 2015. She made a criminal complaint then, but the police later halted the probe and a court-issued warrant for Mr Yamaguchi's arrest was suspended. There have been allegations that he was let off the hook as he has close ties with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.