

Red flags hoisted at several beaches

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 12) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Lo So Shing Beach, Pui O Beach, Upper Cheung Sha Beach, Lower Cheung Sha Beach and Tong Fuk Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Government response to violent protests

In response to the violent protests yesterday (August 11), a Government spokesman said the following:

Following the illegal protests in Kowloon and the New Territories the day before yesterday, there were unlawful assemblies in various districts yesterday. Violent protesters vandalised public property and blocked roads. They also besieged police stations, aimed laser beams and hurled bricks to attack police officers. Some violent protesters even hurled petrol bombs, injuring a police officer. We are outraged by the violent protesters' behaviours which showed a total disregard of the law, posing a serious threat to the safety of police officers and other members of the public. We severely condemn the acts.

Owing to the illegal protests yesterday, some public service facilities had to be closed early and emergency services and commercial activities were obstructed. There is no longer any defined period of time or fixed locations for these persistent and large-scale illegal and violent acts, depriving the right of ordinary people to carry on their daily lives. We appeal to all members of the public to say no to violence to help the community to restore order as soon as possible. The police will enforce the law strictly and resolutely to bring illegal protesters to justice.

Kwai Chung Police Station surrounded by protestors

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

A large group of protestors are currently surrounding Kwai Chung Police Station and aiming laser beams at Police officers, posing a serious safety threat to members of the public and police officers at scene.

After repeated warnings but in vain, in face of the situation, Police have deployed tear gas and used minimum force to disperse protestors outside Kwai Chung Police Station.

Police appeal to everyone in the area to leave immediately. Police express condemnation against all violent acts by protestors.

Police remind the residents in the vicinity to keep their windows closed, if necessary, and stay indoors.

CP visited officer suffering from burn injuries

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Lo Wai-chung, tonight (August 11) visited an injured Police officer in Princess Margaret Hospital. The officer sustained burn injuries on legs after being hit by a petrol bomb hurled by a radical protestor while he was on duty in Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station earlier today. Mr Lo was saddened that an officer sustained serious injuries while on duty.

Mr Lo expressed anger and severe condemnation against the reckless, violent and unlawful acts committed by the radical protestors. The Police Force will strive to investigate all violent acts that have caused serious and even life-threatening injuries.

Kwai Chung Police Station Report Room service suspended

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The report room services of Kwai Chung Police Station are now temporarily suspended. Police appeal to members of the public not to obstruct the emergency vehicles access so as to avoid affecting the emergency services provided to the public. In case of emergency, please call 999.