Government response to protests

In response to the protests today (August 17), a Government spokesman said the following:

In the protest in Kowloon City District today, some protesters deviated from the route approved by the Appeal Board on Public Meetings and Processions and specified on the Letter of No Objection, occupying roads in Kowloon City District and Yau Tsim Mong District for their procession and blocking the traffic. Some protesters vandalised the office of members of the Legislative Council and district facilities of an organisation along the way. Some people also assembled outside a police station and hurled objects at it. We condemn these illegal acts which challenge the rule of law in Hong Kong and breach the public peace.