

Government response to protests

In response to the protests yesterday (August 10), a Government spokesman said the following:

There were unlawful assemblies in various places in Kowloon and the New Territories today. Protesters damaged public property and blocked a number of thoroughfares including the Kowloon entrances of the Cross-Harbour Tunnel, seriously obstructing the traffic and affecting emergency services and commercial activities.

At night, protesters set fire in various areas, posing a threat to public safety.

Owing to these unlawful assemblies, some public service facilities had to be closed early to ensure the safety of users. The persistent illegal activities have been significantly affecting people's daily lives.

We have to emphasise that protesters' behaviors are not only illegal but also disregarding public order and the needs of other members of the public. Violent behaviours such as arson are even more dangerous. The Government strongly condemns these acts.

The police will strictly enforce the law. Violent protesters who breached the law should be brought to justice.