

Open fire in Yau Ma Tei

At about 9.45pm yesterday (November 8), a group of protestors set up barricades using miscellaneous objects at the junction of Nathan Road and Waterloo Road, Yau Ma Tei. Police officers stopped the protestors and pursued them to the junction of Nathan Road and Hamilton Street. At that time, a large group of rioters armed with offensive weapons suddenly appeared. They continued to charge Police cordon lines and hurled bricks at the Police officers at scene. The lives of the officers were under serious threat. Having given repeated warnings to the rioters in vain, a Police officer fired one warning shot into the sky.

Police appeal to members of the public to return any bullets or bullet casings if found. It is an offence for any person to possess ammunition without a license. Offenders shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for 14 years.

Police severely condemn all violence acts by the rioters and the attacks at Police officers in various districts. Police reiterate that no violent behaviour will be tolerated. Police will continue to take resolute enforcement action so as to safeguard the city's public safety and bring all lawbreakers to justice.