

Open fire in Yuen Long

At about 9pm yesterday (October 4), a large group of rioters attacked a plainclothes police officer in Yuen Long district. The police officer fell onto the ground and was beaten up by the group. Facing serious threat to his life, he fired one shot in self-defense. A rioter then threw a petrol bomb at him and his body was on fire. While evading the blaze, he dropped his pistol and magazine on the ground. A rioter tried to take the pistol and was stopped by the police officer. While waiting for reinforcement, another petrol bomb was thrown at the officer and his feet were on fire. The officer therefore was unable to pick up the dropped magazine when he retreated.

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 seriously condemn all violence against police officers and life-threatening acts. Police warn the rioters to stop all illegal acts immediately and will deploy appropriate force to disperse and arrest rioters.