

# Police arrested over 180 persons including seven for violating National Security Law

Since noon today (July 1), crowds have been gathering and chanting slogans in the vicinity of Causeway Bay and Wan Chai. They blocked roads, set fires and vandalised public facilities and shops. Although Police have adopted a measured and restrained approach throughout and gave multiple verbal warnings to the crowds, the crowds refused to follow Police instruction and continued to block roads and make damages in the area. Police therefore conducted arrest operation.

As at 5.30pm, Police arrested over 180 persons, including three men and four women for suspected violation of the National Security Law. The remaining arrestees were arrested for suspected unlawful assembly, disorder in public places and possession of offensive weapon.

Police continue to take enforcement action at scene and warn the crowds to stop all illegal acts immediately.