

# Police condemn protestors for besieging Police Headquarters

Police condemn protestors for blocking Harcourt Road, Arsenal Street and Gloucester Road started at about 10.50am yesterday (June 21) and further besieged the Police Headquarters (PHQ) in Wan Chai.

The acts of the protestors seriously affected the work of Police, including the provision of emergency services to the public. The Report Room service in Wan Chai Police Station has been suspended since around 1.40pm yesterday. 60 calls of 999 hotline in Wan Chai Division could not be immediately handled. Extra resources were deployed to follow up. As staff members could not enter PHQ, the follow-up service of e-Report Centre has been suspended from 11pm yesterday.

Nine female and four male staff members were sent to hospital for treatment with considerable delay during the blockade in the vicinity of PHQ last night.

While besieging PHQ, the protestors used mills barriers and sundries to block the entrance and exit gates, threw eggs at PHQ, drew graffiti on the outer walls, and covered the closed-circuit television on the outer wall of PHQ with adhesive tapes. They also splashed oil onto Police officer and targeted laser beam at Police officers' eyes.

Police have shown the greatest tolerance to the protestors who assembled outside PHQ, but their means of expressing views have become illegal, irrational and unreasonable. Police will stringently follow up on these illegal activities.