

Police request public meeting in Chater Garden to suspend and appeal to participants to leave as rioters block roads

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

While conducting stop and search in the vicinity of Chater Garden, Central this afternoon (January 19), Police officers were surrounded by rioters who threw water bottles and other objects at them. In addition, the rioters built barricades with railings, traffic cones and umbrellas in the vicinity of Des Voeux Road Central and Ice House Street. They threw bricks onto the roads; some threw paint bombs and defaced the exteriors of the buildings in the area.

In view of the violence, Police officers have asked the organiser to suspend the public meeting in Chater Garden, Central and urged the participants to head towards Admiralty and leave the area by public transport.