

Police take action to stop riot

At about 8am today (June 12), a large number of protestors gathering around Legislative Council Complex suddenly dashed to Lung Wo Road and Harcourt Road, obstructing traffic and occupying the roads. They even surrounded and damaged cars and police vehicles, causing danger to people on board.

Protestors set up multiple layers of barriers on the road, lifted up bricks on the pavement and demolished railings to form road barriers. Protestors blocked and occupied roads around Admiralty including Lung Wo Road, Tim Mei Avenue, Harcourt Road and Gloucester Road, causing severe traffic congestion. They also used violent measures to storm the Legislative Council Complex.

Protestors repeatedly charged the police cordon line, performing life threatening acts including setting fire, using sharpened iron poles and bricks to attack police officers at scene. Police had to escalate the use of force after repeated warnings were ignored.

Police strongly condemned these violent acts. Police urge the public not to enter the vicinity of Admiralty. Protestors gathering in Admiralty and Central at present should stop charging Police cordon line immediately and leave as soon as possible.

Police reiterate that any acts endangering public order and public safety will not be tolerated. Police will take resolute actions to restore social order and protect public safety.