

Police urge crowds to leave through MTR Central or Admiralty Stations as public meeting in Chater Garden is suspended

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

This afternoon (January 19), a large group of rioters have been inflicting damages to the vicinity of Chater Garden, Central by acts of arson, road blockage and even brutal attacks on Police officers who were speaking with the organiser of the public event. In face of the violent situation, Police officers have used the minimum necessary force, including tear gas, to disperse and arrest the offenders.

Police warn the rioters to stop all illegal acts and appeal to the participants to head towards Central or Admiralty to leave the area by MTR.