

## Police appeal to protestors in Yuen Long to leave as soon as possible

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

Starting from 5pm today (July 27), Police conducted a dispersal operation eastward in Yuen Long and most protestors have already left. However, some protestors are still gathering in the south of the MTR Yuen Long station.

Police will soon proceed with dispersal and appeal to the protestors to leave the area as soon as possible. They may proceed northward and take the MTR West Rail Line to leave Yuen Long.

Police warn that protestors may be arrested if they refuse to leave.

Police hereby reiterate that the protestors are participating in an unauthorised assembly under the Public Order Ordinance and may be liable to a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment.

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## Police to continue dispersal operation

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

Starting from 5pm today (July 27), Police conducted a dispersal operation eastward in Yuen Long. The operation is still ongoing and tear gas has been used.

Violent clashes broke out at various locations in Yuen Long as some protestors removed fences from the kerbside and used mill barriers to block roads. Some hurled bricks and hard objects at Police officers and charged Police cordon lines. To prevent further deterioration of the situation, Police appeal to members of the public to leave in the eastern direction, towards MTR Yuen Long station, and avoid travelling to Yuen Long area.

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## Yuen Long Police Station Report Room service resumed

Yuen Long Police Station Report Room service has resumed normal.

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## Suspected MERS cases reported

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (July 27) reported two suspected cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and again urged the public to pay special attention to safety during travel, taking due consideration of the health risks in the places they visit. The cases are detailed below:

Sex	Female	Male
Age	9	30
Affected area involved	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
High-risk exposure	Camel ride	Nil
Hospital	Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	United Christian Hospital
Condition	Stable	Stable
MERS-Coronavirus preliminary test result	Pending	Pending

"Travellers to the Middle East should avoid going to farms, barns or markets with camels; avoid contact with sick persons and animals, especially camels, birds or poultry; and avoid unnecessary visits to healthcare facilities. We strongly advise travel agents organising tours to the Middle East to abstain from arranging camel rides and activities involving direct contact with camels, which are known risk factors for acquiring MERS Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)," a spokesman for the CHP said.

Locally, the CHP's surveillance with public and private hospitals, with practising doctors and at boundary control points is firmly in place. Inbound travellers and members of the public who recently visited the Middle East and developed fever or lower respiratory symptoms within 14 days will be classified as suspected MERS cases. They will be taken to public hospitals

for isolation and management until their specimens test negative for MERS-CoV.

Travellers to affected areas should maintain vigilance, adopt appropriate health precautions and take heed of personal, food and environmental hygiene. The public may visit the MERS pages of the CHP and its Travel Health Service, MERS statistics in affected areas, the CHP's Facebook Page and YouTube Channel, and the World Health Organization's latest news for more information and health advice. Tour leaders and tour guides operating overseas tours are advised to refer to the CHP's health advice on MERS.

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## **Yuen Long Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre – Early Closure**

The Immigration Department announces that due to special incidents occurred in Yuen Long, Yuen Long Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre located at Manhattan Plaza, Sai Ching Street, Yuen Long has been closed earlier today at 5.10 pm. Members of the public may consider proceeding to Yuen Long Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre in the days ahead, or to other 8 replacement centres today for registration of identity card. The 8 replacement centres will operate until 10 pm as normal. Their addresses and telephone numbers are as follows:

Replacement Centre	Address	Telephone
1. Hong Kong Island Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Room 200, 2/F, Shui On Centre, 6-8 Harbour Road, Wan Chai	3521 1688
2. East Kowloon Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Unit 1, 2/F, Manulife Financial Centre and Unit 1B, 3/F, Manulife Financial Centre, Tower A, 223-231 Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong	3150 8288
3. West Kowloon Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	12/F, Gala Place, 56 Dundas Street, Mong Kok	3520 4100
4. Tsuen Wan Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Shop S201, 2/F, Smartland, 50 Texaco Road, Tsuen Wan	3150 8308
5. Sha Tin Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Shop G26, G/F & Shop 123, 1/F, Kings Wing Plaza 1, 3 On Kwan Street, Sha Tin	3150 8500

6. Sheung Shui Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	7/F, Spot, 48 Lung Sum Avenue, Sheung Shui	3150 8600
7. Tuen Mun Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Shop L414B, Level 4, Leung King Plaza, Leung King Estate, 31 Tin King Road, Tuen Mun	3150 8668
8. Tseung Kwan O Smart Identity Card Replacement Centre	Shop 20-26, G/F, Corinthia By The Sea, 23 Tong Yin Street, Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung	3150 8690