

Government strongly condemns continued violence and vandalism

A Government spokesman strongly condemns radical protesters' violent and vandalistic acts in various districts across the territory for the second day in a row today (September 22).

The radical protesters blocked roads, set fires and hurled petrol bombs in Shatin today, jeopardising the safety of members of the public. They extensively vandalised Shatin MTR station, hindering people from using its service. They also disturbed shops and damaged the facilities at a mall, affecting people's daily living. The behaviours of the radical protesters are not only illegal, but also completely disregard the rights of other members of the public and are extremely selfish.

Some people removed a national flag from a flag pole and desecrated it in various ways in Shatin, challenging the national sovereignty. The acts also allegedly violate the National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance and the offenders are liable to a fine and imprisonment for up to three years.

In addition, some protesters assembled at MTR stations such as Tsing Yi, Nam Cheong and Kowloon, while some people vandalised the facilities at Kwai Fong MTR station and disrupted the train operation, affecting MTR services. The radical protesters also blocked roads and set fires near Mong Kok police station at night, posing a danger to the area.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government strongly condemns the protesters' illegal behaviours. The Police will follow up in accordance with the law to bring lawbreakers to justice.

In response to online advocacy to disrupt the operation of the airport today, the Police and relevant parties worked together to adopt effective measures, ensuring the smooth operation of the airport. The HKSAR Government expresses gratitude to all parties for their hard work.