

Hong Kong: Statement by the Spokesperson on the arrest of Joshua



The arrest of Hong Kong pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong on 24 September is the latest in a troubling series of arrests of pro-democracy activists since the summer. These arrests warrant very careful scrutiny by the independent judiciary.

The European Union reiterates that an independent judicial system, operating free of political influence and consideration, is a cornerstone of Hong Kong's autonomy under the one country, two systems principle and is protected by the Basic Law.

The EU has pointed out that developments in Hong Kong call into question China's will to uphold its international commitments, undermine trust and impact EU-China relations. On 28 July, the Council [announced a series of measures](#) and asked the High Representative to review the implementation of the national security law, its effects on rights and freedoms and the business environment in Hong Kong, and the impact of the EU response package before the end of year.