Rioters cause damage and set fire in Fanling

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

Since 4pm today (January 26), rioters have been blocking roads, building barricades with trash and paralysing traffic in the vicinity of Fai Ming Estate, Fanling. Officers have attempted to clear the barricades but rioters still continued their rampage.

In the evening, rioters damaged the traffic lights at the junction of Fai Ming Road and Wah Ming Road, and set fire to the lobby of buildings by throwing petrol bombs. These destructive acts have posed a grave threat to the safety of people at scene.

Police warn all rioters to stop the unlawful acts. Police will take resolute enforcement actions.

<u>Public hospital daily update on Wuhan-</u> related cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (January 26), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health (DH) the admission of 77 patients (42 male and 35 female, aged one to 94) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of severe respiratory disease associated with a novel infectious agent. Specimens of the patients concerned have been sent to the DH for testing. 107 patients are still under isolation, 103 patients are in stable condition. One male patient in North District Hospital is in serious condition due to his underlying disease while two male patients in Tseung Kwan O Hospital and one male patient in Tuen Mun Hospital are in critical condition due to their underlying diseases.

The HA will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

<u>Appeal for information on missing maning Sha Tin (with photo)</u>

Police today (January 26) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Sha Tin.

Li Ho-wa, aged 41, went missing after he was last seen on Keng Hau Road on January 24 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

He is about 1.8 metres tall, 63 kilograms in weight and of normal build. He has a pointed face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a blue long-sleeved T-shirt, black shorts and black and red shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1173 or 6099 3830 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



HAD opens temporary cold shelters

In view of the cold weather, the Home Affairs Department has opened 18 temporary shelters today (January 26) for people in need of the service.

The temporary shelters will remain open during the daytime tomorrow

(January 27) when the cold weather warning is still in force.

To ensure that cold shelter users can rest in a quiet and undisturbed environment, members of the public or agencies wishing to make donations to shelter users are requested to register with the staff of the shelter first. Donors will then be directed to place the donated items at a specified indoor location. The staff will help notify the shelter users to collect the items on their own.

Anyone seeking temporary refuge or with any questions about the donation arrangements at the cold shelters may call the department's hotline 2835 1473 for more information.

The 18 temporary cold shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western:

Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall 3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex, 2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern:

Causeway Bay Community Centre 3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern:

Lei Tung Community Hall Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai:

Wan Chai Activities Centre LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City:

Hung Hom Community Hall
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices, 42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong:

Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre 71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po:

Nam Cheong District Community Centre 1 Cheong San Lane, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin:

Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre

45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong:

Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre 60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories:

Islands:

Tung Chung Community Hall G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing:

Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre 15 Tai Wo Hau Road, Kwai Chung

North:

Cheung Wah Community Hall Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung:

Hang Hau Community Hall G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin:

Lung Hang Estate Community Centre Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po:

Tai Po Community Centre 2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan:

Lei Muk Shue Community Hall G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun:

Butterfly Bay Community Centre Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long:

Long Ping Community Hall Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Clarification regarding the Government's stock of face masks

In response to media enquiries today (January 26), citing sources suggesting that the Government had mass production of face masks and has maintained a stock of up to 100 million, a Government spokesman said that this information is unfounded, and clarified as follows:

The Government Logistics Department (GLD) maintains and supplies surgical masks to various government departments for their operational and contingency use. In 2019, the GLD procured a monthly average of 1.1 million masks from the Correctional Services Department (i.e. the monthly production by the Department) and issued almost the same number of quantity to departments.

To support the operational use of relevant bureaux and departments under the preparedness and response plans for infectious diseases, the GLD is required to maintain a stock of 10 million masks. Owing to the novel coronavirus infection, concerned bureaux and departments had drawn the masks from the GLD's stock in the previous week for use by their front-line staff. The GLD has procured additional masks for stock replenishment so as to ensure sufficient stock for use by the bureaux and departments.

Regarding the production date of the masks in stock, according to records, the earliest date is January 2019.