

## Protestors escalate violence

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

Radical protestors set fires in Wan Chai and Causeway Bay area, posing a serious threat to the safety of everyone, including police officers, at scene. Police reiterate appropriate force will continue to be deployed to disperse the protestors. Police warn protestors to leave immediately. Police strongly condemn all violent acts.

Police also remind the members of public in the area to stay tuned to the latest situation, keep their windows shut and stay indoors, if necessary.

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## Early closure of Violet Peel Methadone Clinic today

The Department of Health has announced that owing to the situation in Wan Chai District, Violet Peel Methadone Clinic will be closed at 8.30pm today (August 31). Those who have been receiving methadone treatment there can receive their daily dose at other methadone clinics.

Please visit the following website for the information of methadone clinics:

[www.dh.gov.hk/english/tele/tele\\_chc/tele\\_chc\\_mc.html](http://www.dh.gov.hk/english/tele/tele_chc/tele_chc_mc.html)

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## Violent protestors set fires and damaged property in Wan Chai

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

Some violent protestors have set fires, damaged property, dug out bricks

from the pedestrian walkway and set barricades at Hennessy Road outside Police Headquarters, posing a serious threat to the safety of everyone at scene. Police warn the protestors to stop all illegal acts at once.

Police strongly condemn all violent acts.

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## Suspected MERS case reported

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (August 31) reported a suspected case 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 case is detailed below:

Sex	Male
Age	74
Affected area involved	Saudi Arabia
High-risk exposure	Nil
Hospital	North Lantau Hospital
Condition	Stable
MERS-Coronavirus preliminary test result	Negative

"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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## **Police strongly condemn protestors breaching public peace**

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

At around 5.30pm today (August 31), some radical protestors participate in unlawful assembly and block various main road, seriously obstructing the traffic. Violent protestors continue to throw corrosives and petrol bombs on Central Government Complex, Legislative Council Complex and Police Headquarters. Some protestors even set fires on water barriers. Such acts pose a serious threat to everyone at scene and breach public peace. Police strongly condemn the violent acts of radical protestors.

Police warn the radical and violent protestors to stop violent acts and leave immediately. Police are continuing dispersal operation in Admiralty area.