

**CHRONOLOGY – SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 2019****Key Incidents**

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**Detailed Chronology of Events****A. *Daytime Procession***



Time (Approx.)	Incident
12:30	<p><b>Wan Chai, Hong Kong Island</b></p> <p>People launched a ‘Pray for Hong Kong Sinners’ parade, which planned to march from the Southorn Playground at Wan Chai to Central. The organisers advised people to arrive at 12:30 and start the march at 13:00 (source: media reports<sup>1</sup>). About 1 000 protesters gathered at Southorn Playground (source: HKPF).</p>  <p>(Image source: LIHKG)</p>

Time (Approx.)	Incident
14:00	<p><b>Central, Hong Kong Island</b></p> <p>People started to gather in Chater Garden in Central for an assembly scheduled at 15:00 (source: media report<sup>2</sup>).</p>  <p>(Image source: LIHKG)</p>  <p>(Image source: RTHK)</p>
15:00	<p>People who gathered at the Southern Playground started to march. Some people walked past Central. Some protesters blocked Hennessey Road in Causeway Bay with traffic cones, rubbish bins, mills barriers and other large objects (source: media reports and live video footage<sup>3</sup>).</p>



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	 <p data-bbox="379 958 877 1034">The situations of Hong Kong Island at 15:00 (Image source: Now TV)</p>


### B. Clashes on Hong Kong Island

Time (Approx.)	Incident
16:30	<p data-bbox="379 1283 766 1317"><b>Admiralty, Hong Kong Island</b></p> <p data-bbox="379 1328 1369 1406">Protesters besieged and attacked CGC and LegCo Complex with different weapons (source: HKPF).</p>
17:22	<p data-bbox="379 1417 1369 1686">To stop protesters' violent attack, Police's dispersal action commenced from Central towards Causeway Bay direction with different level of force used, including SCMV, REACT rounds and CS smoke. Protesters split into two groups for dispersal with part of them further proceeded to Kowloon area by taking MTR, bus and ferries while the other group retreated towards Causeway Bay and Tin Hau areas by foot (source: HKPF).</p>
17:24	<p data-bbox="379 1697 1369 1776">Protesters threw petrol bombs to the armoury area of Police Headquarters (PHQ) (source: HKPF).</p>
17:30	<p data-bbox="379 1787 1369 1906">Protesters threw petrol bombs for many times near CGC. The places inside the water-filled barriers were on fire. The Police fired tear gas and deployed SCMV to disperse the protesters (source: media reports and live video footage<sup>4</sup>).</p>

Time (Approx.)	Incident
	 <p><i>(Image source: RTHK)</i></p>
17:41	A protester smashed the glasses of LegCo Complex with a metal pole. Five petrol bombs were thrown to CGC (source: HKPF).
17:42	Protesters destroyed the security room at CGC (source: HKPF).
17:45	<p>The Police deployed SCMV's and discharged water with blue dye at the protesters near CGC (source: media reports<sup>5</sup>).</p>  <p><i>(Image source: RTHK)</i></p>
18:00	Two petrol bombs were thrown to CGC which burnt up the marquee thereat (source: HKPF).
18:35	Protesters occupied the flyover outside Caine House and kept throwing objects at police officers on the ground. Police officers fired tear gas (source: HKPF).
19:10	<p><b>Wan Chai, Hong Kong Island</b></p> <p>Protesters went to Hennessy Road outside PHQ in Wan Chai to block the road. A huge fire was set by protesters by burning a large number of items (source: media reports<sup>6</sup>).</p>



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	 <p>(Image source: HK01)</p>
19:19	Protesters threw petrol bomb to the main gate of PHQ at Arsenal Street (source: HKPF).
19:30	A large number of protesters gathered outside the SOGO Department Store in Causeway Bay (source: media report <sup>7</sup> ).
19:48	<p>The Police deployed two SCMVs and one UNIMOG to proceed along Hennessy Road towards the fire scene (source: HKPF).</p> <p>The protesters retreated after the Police discharged water with blue dye from the SCMV. The SCMV also helped to put off the fire on the road (source: media report and live video footage<sup>8</sup>).</p>  <p>(Image source: Now TV)</p>
20:35	The Police pushed to Hysan Place in Causeway Bay and protesters threw petrol bombs at the Police. Traces of arson caused by the protesters were seen on the road (source: media reports and live video footage <sup>9</sup> ).


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	 <p>(Image source: Sing Tao Daily)</p>
20:46	<p>Protesters marched towards police cordon line, and set fire on the barricades at SOGO Department Store crossing on Hennessy Road. During the confrontation, the Police fired multiple 40mm REACT round and volleys of tear gas to disperse protesters (source: HKPF).</p>
21:00	<p>Dozens of protesters confronted several plainclothes officers at Victoria Park. As a result, two plainclothes officers fired two warning shots to the sky (source: media reports<sup>10</sup>).</p> <p>According to the Police, the two officers performing special duties at Victoria Park fired two warning shots because they were chased and attacked by a large number of protesters (source: HKPF).</p>

### C. Clashes in Kowloon and Mong Kok Station


Time (Approx.)	Incident
21:16	<p><b>Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon</b> About 500-700 protesters were gathering at Canton Road junction Haiphong Road (source: HKPF).</p>
21:26	<p>Some protesters used garbage bins to block roads in Nathan Road. The Police fired tear gas at the Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard outside Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station. Riot police officers moved forward along Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard and cleared the roadblocks (source: media report and live video footage<sup>11</sup>).</p>

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	 <p>(Image source: Now TV)</p>
21:37	Protesters used petrol bomb at Humphreys Road in Tsim Sha Tsui (source: HKPF).
22:05	<p><b>Mong Kok, Kowloon</b></p> <p>Protesters retreated to Mong Kok and blocked the road with trash cans and other objects near the Bank Centre. Some protesters entered Mong Kok Station and broke the glass panel of the control room with iron poles and hammers. A hole was found on the panel (source: MTRC<sup>12</sup>, media reports and live video footage<sup>13</sup>).</p>  <p>(Image source: TVB)</p>
22:06	About 100 protesters gathered at Mong Kok Station (source: HKPF).
22:30	MTRC requested police assistance. Police reinforcement shortly entered the station but the protesters had already left either by train or by different exits (source: HKPF).

**D. Incidents Related to Prince Edward Station**


<b>Time (Approx.)</b>	<b>Incident</b>
22:42 to 22:53	<p>Protesters disputed with several passengers in a train compartment at platform No. 3 heading to the direction of Tiu Keng Leng (source: HKPF).</p> <p>When the train was approaching Prince Edward Station, in the heat of the dispute, a protester slapped a male passenger on his face (source: media report<sup>14</sup>).</p>  <p><i>(Image source: SocRec)</i></p> <p>The train arrived at platform No. 3 of Prince Edward Station. Train doors could not be closed after passengers alighted and boarded the train (source: MTRC<sup>15</sup>).</p> <p>The brawl continued when the train reached Prince Edward Station. The protesters got off the train and stayed close to the train door apparently to argue with that male passenger and a few other middle-aged male passengers who were inside the train compartment.</p> <p>After a while, some protesters went into the compartment and attacked the male passengers with umbrellas. Those male passengers fought back.</p> <p>One of the male passengers took out and swung a hammer, and then the protesters came out of the train compartment and threw water bottles and umbrellas at male passengers inside. The fight stopped for a brief moment. Later, several protesters dashed into the train compartment and attacked the male passenger who had been slapped and was now being targeted. That male passenger fought</p>





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	<p>back but he was outnumbered by the protesters. The protesters came out of the train compartment. Someone (believed to be one of the protesters) discharged a fire extinguisher into the train compartment from the platform (source: media reports<sup>16</sup>).</p>  <p><i>(Image source: SocRec)</i></p> <p>Violent protesters assaulted the passengers with umbrellas, iron poles and fire extinguishers (source: HKPF).</p> <p>A lady standing on the platform recorded the incident and the acts of the protesters with her mobile phone. There is no indication that she was involved in the dispute or the fight. She was however also assaulted by the protesters (source: video footage<sup>17</sup>).</p>


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22:44	The driver of the train which was about to depart platform No. 3 noticed that he could not close the train doors. He then noted that there was a dispute between two groups of people in a train compartment (source: MTRC <sup>15</sup> ). Around 100 protesters were getting off at Prince Edward Station (source: HKPF).
22:45	MTRC reported the passenger disputes on the Kwun Tong Line train to the Police for assistance (source: MTRC <sup>15</sup> ).
22:47	The passenger alarm devices on the train at platform No. 3 were activated (source: MTRC <sup>15</sup> ).
22:49 to 23:15	Police 999 Console received over 50 reports about what had happened inside Prince Edward Station, including the “assault”, “mobsters throwing smoke bombs”, “mobsters besieging MTRC platform control room” and “chaos inside Prince Edward Station” (source: HKPF).
Around 22:50	Media footage captured a large group of protesters coming out from a compartment of the train from Mong Kok and began taking off their black clothing and changing into clothes of different colours at the far corner of the platform, disguising themselves as ordinary passengers. Some people held open umbrellas to shield the protesters taking off their clothes (source: media reports and live video footage <sup>18</sup> ).



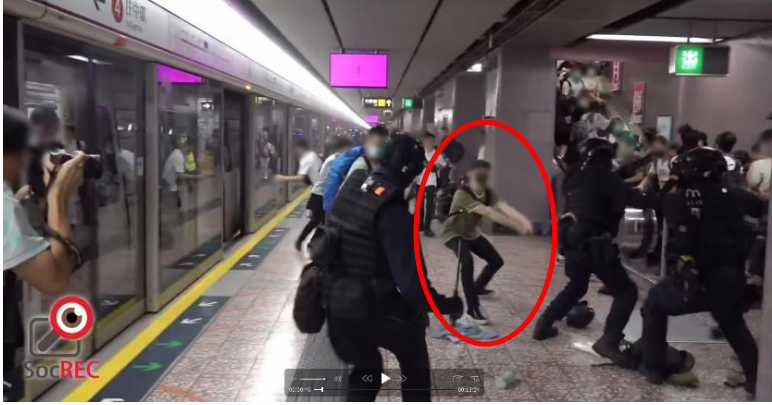



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	 <p><i>(Image source: TVB)</i></p>
22:50	<p>Commander gave instruction to deploy all available resources to go into Prince Edward Station for assistance (source: HKPF).</p> <p>MTR staff noted that smoke emitted from the train. Someone also activated the alarm on another train that had stopped at No. 4 platform. Both trains stopped at platforms No. 3 and 4 (source: MTRC<sup>15</sup>).</p> <p>FSD Console received a report that three persons were assaulted at Prince Edward Station (source: FSD).</p>
22:52	<p>999 Console received reports from citizens about seeing smoke coming out from a train compartment (source: FSD).</p> <p>The Police requested MTRC to suspend all trains at Prince Edward Station (source: HKPF).</p>
22:53	<p>MTRC decided to evacuate Prince Edward Station and broadcast an announcement asking all passengers to leave immediately. CCTV of MTRC captured that police officers entered the station via Exit C2. (source: MTRC<sup>15</sup>).</p>
22:56	<p>Police officers arrived at platform No. 3 and 4 and carried out operations on both trains (source: MTRC<sup>15</sup>).</p>

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	 <p><i>(Image source: MTRC CCTV)</i></p> <p>Some police officers chased after a few protesters on platforms No. 3 and 4 and in the train compartments while the protesters were running away and trying to escape (source: media reports<sup>19</sup>).</p>  <p><i>(Image source: Pakkin Leung@Rice Post)</i></p> <p>An officer chased a female in white shirt, who was running away from the Police at that time. At one point, the officer pushed the female once, and she fell down onto the floor.</p>






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	 <p><i>(Image source: TVB)</i></p> <p>After a number of protesters had been subdued onto the floor by the police officers, a female walked to those protesters and asked the protesters one by one for their names and HKID Card numbers and they accordingly gave her their particulars. It is not known who that lady was because she did not appear on the footage. Only her voice could be heard on the video.</p> <p>A male in black shirt who was being subdued on the ground tried to put up resistance before police officers could secure his hands behind his back with a plastic zip tie. He jumped up and ran. Some police officers tried to stop him. Almost at the same time, a person in green shirt who also wore a black mask hit the police officers with an umbrella to stop them from getting hold of that male. Another person pushed the police officers away. The police officers reacted with their batons, but he jumped onto a nearby stationary escalator crowded with</p>


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	<p>people (some of whom with masks) and disappeared. The person in green shirt then ran off down the platform. During the chaotic situation, the male in black shirt also ran away to a direction that could not be captured by the camera. Police officers used OC Foam and batons in the episode (source: media report<sup>20</sup>).</p>   <p>A male already subdued on the ground took the opportunity to escape when a lady asked for his name and HKID Card numbers</p>  <p>A male in green shirt hit the police officer with an umbrella</p>


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	 <p data-bbox="375 797 1086 875">A male jumped onto a stationary escalator crowded with people (Image source: SocRec)</p> <p data-bbox="375 936 1369 1238">One of the compartments of the train at platform No. 3 was crowded with passengers. Several police officers spotted that among the passengers, four persons wearing helmets, masks, light reflection vests, black T-shirts and black trousers, and carrying backpacks. The police officers repeatedly asked them to get off the train but they did not do so. The police officers did not get on the train to take action but waited on the platform. There was a brief moment of standoff. Eventually, the four persons came out from a train compartment.</p> <p data-bbox="375 1299 1369 1556">Police officers attempted to take enforcement action inside a train compartment at platform No. 4. One police officer pointed a rubber baton launcher at the train compartment and another police officer discharged pepper spray into it. Some protesters inside the compartment opened umbrellas to cover themselves. Some pointed their umbrellas at the police officers. Despite Police action, the protesters did not leave the train.</p> <p data-bbox="375 1617 1369 2011">Many of the protesters retreated to the end of the train compartment and opened their umbrellas to form a barrier, while the clash between some of the protesters and a few police officers was taking place. Two young men and two women in masks, who were in close proximity to the protesters, were cowering on the ground, apparently in a state of panic under the chaotic situation. At one time, the police officers discharged OC Foam into the train from outside the train compartment. The man in the front put up his hands. The police officers did not arrest them or any person but instead got off the train. It could be seen that the train doors closed and opened several times, suggesting that the train was</p>




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	<p>about to depart. Eventually the train doors closed (source: media reports<sup>20</sup>).</p>  <p>Two young men and two women were covering on the ground inside a train compartment (<i>Image source: Pakkin Leung@Rice Post</i>)</p> <p>According to the Police, when police officers entered the train compartment at platform No. 4, they were attacked by more than ten violent protesters with umbrellas and other sharp-edged objects. In response, the Police used minimum force necessary to control and subdue them, including the use of police batons and OC Foam (source: HKPF).</p>   <p>(<i>Image source: HK01</i>)</p> <p>The Police requested reporters to leave Prince Edward Station for the reason that it was a crime scene where the Police had to take investigative action. Media footage recorded police officers requesting reporters to leave the station (source: media report<sup>20</sup>).</p>



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	<p>The Police arrested the protesters at different locations inside Prince Edward Station. All APs were then arranged to the end of platform No. 3 near the first train compartment heading towards Tiu Keng Leng direction (source: HKPF).</p>  <p><i>(Image source: MTRC CCTV)</i></p>
23:01	<p>In response to a citizen’s report that smoke was seen inside the station, the first batch of fire officers arrived at Exit B1 (source: FSD).</p>
23:02	<p>Despite first police request at 22:52 to stop all trains at Prince Edward Station, a train at platform No.4 still managed to leave Prince Edward Station (source: HKPF).</p>

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23:04	The train at platform No. 4 of Prince Edward Station departed for Yau Ma Tei Station (source: MTRC <sup>15</sup> ).
23:05	Commander requested MTRC again to stop all trains at Prince Edward Station (source: HKPF).
23:06	<p>The first batch of fire officers (13 in total) entered Prince Edward Station via Exit B1 (source: HKPF and MTRC CCTV).</p> <p>The fire officers cut off the lock of the iron gate (source: FSD).</p> <p>Police officers followed the fire officers to go inside the station via Exit B1. From then on, a number of police officers were seen guarding the exit (source: MTRC CCTV).</p>
23:09	The train containing violent protesters arrived at Yau Ma Tei Station (source: HKPF).
23:10	MTRC suspended the train services on the Kwun Tong Line and Tsuen Wan Line (source: MTRC <sup>15</sup> ).
23:12	Fire officers inside Prince Edward Station reported to FSD Console that there was no fire (source: FSD).
23:14	<p>In response to a report from Police Console that people were injured inside the station, the first batch of ambulance officers (one Probationary Ambulance Officer (PAO) and his team) arrived at Exit B1.</p> <p>The police officers on guard at Exit B1 told the PAO that no one had been injured inside the station (source: FSD and media reports<sup>21</sup>).</p>  <p><i>(Image source: RTHK)</i></p>
23:17	<p>In response to a call made by a citizen to the FSD Console that some people had been assaulted inside Prince Edward Station, three ambulance officers arrived at Exit E (source: FSD).</p> <p>MTR staff were closing the gate of the exit but they allowed the ambulance</p>

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	officers to enter. The ambulance officers then entered via Exit E (source: FSD).
23:18	Though the train departing from Prince Edward Station platform No.4 at 23:02 was stopped at Yau Ma Tei Station, the doors of the train compartment in fact opened after arriving at Yau Ma Tei Station. Hence, some violent protesters on the train had absconded before the police arrival. Nevertheless, the Police still managed to locate and arrest ten suspects at Yau Ma Tei Station (source: HKPF).
23:20	<p>Second batch of fire officers (six in total) entered Prince Edward Station via Exit B1 (source: HKPF and MTRC CCTV).</p> <p>Three ambulance officers entering the Prince Edward Station via Exit E with a stretcher before MTR staff closed the gate at Exit E. Six fire officers entered the station via Exit B1 (source: MTRC CCTV).</p> <p>According to FSD, the fire officers with “First Responders” (先遣急救員) qualification could provide first aid to the injured persons. Their mission was to provide prompt basic life support to patients before the arrival of ambulance officers to increase their survival rate.</p> <p>(source: FSD).</p> <p>According to the Police, they had sent the first seven APs from Prince Edward Station to Kwai Chung Police Station by police vehicles (source: HKPF).</p>
23:30	<p>The PAO stayed at Exit B1 and was seen communicating with a police officer at Exit B1. According to FSD, at 23:30, the PAO entered the station by himself. The CCTV of at Exit B1 captured the moment (the time shown on CCTV was 23:35) when the PAO entered Exit B1</p> <p>(source: FSD and media report<sup>22</sup>).</p> <p>(Note: According to records of HKPF and MTRC, the PAO entered Prince Edward Station via Exit B1 at 23:35.)</p>
23:34	The third batch of fire officers (four in total) entered the station, just as the three ambulance officers came out with a female on the stretcher from Exit E (source: HKPF and MTRC CCTV).
23:41	There were around 100 violent protesters proceeding to Mong Kok Police Station from Nathan Road near Argyle Street (source: HKPF).
23:45	There were over 200 violent protesters with gear proceeding to Mong Kok Police Station from the junction of Nathan Road and Argyle Street (source: HKPF).
23:46	The PAO reported to the Console that there were about ten to 15 injured persons (source: FSD).

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23:56	A police officer had locked the gate of Exit B1 due to the increasing number of violent protesters gathering outside the exit (source: HKPF).
00:01 1 Sep	The PAO revised the number of casualties to nine (source: FSD).
00:09 1 Sep	A number of ambulances arrived at Exit E where the gate was closed (source: MTRC CCTV).
00:15 1 Sep	<p>Ambulance officers at Exit E were told by a police officer that no one was injured inside the station. At one point, a fire officer came up from the station and told the ambulance officers outside the gate that there were injured persons inside (source: FSD and media report<sup>23</sup>).</p>  <p>(Image source: HK01)</p> <p>CCTV footage of MTRC captured that there was communication between police officers, fire officers, ambulance officers and MTR staff near the gate (source: MTRC CCTV).</p> <p>The PAO further changed the number of casualties to ten (source: FSD).</p>
00:23 1 Sep	The MTR staff opened the gate for 19 ambulance officers to enter Prince Edward Station via the Exit E (source: MTRC CCTV and HKPF).
00:25 1 Sep	FSD Console was informed by MTRC that the station was clear with no more passenger inside (source: FSD).
00:36 1 Sep	There were about 800 violent protesters gathering outside Mong Kok Police Station (source: HKPF).





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00:38 1 Sep	Due to the situation outside Prince Edward Station, it was unsafe to convey the injured persons from Prince Edward Station to hospital. The Police decided to arrange injured persons to be sent to Lai Chi Kok Station for subsequent transportation to hospital (source: HKPF).
00:54 1 Sep	MTRC arranged a special train on police request to run from Prince Edward Station to Lai Chi Kok Station (source: MTRC <sup>15</sup> ).
00:55 1 Sep	Police's arrest action inside the Prince Edward Station was completed (source: HKPF).
01:02 1 Sep	The PAO gave a final count of casualties as seven (source: FSD).
01:03 1 Sep	<b>Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon</b> Ambulance vehicles were standing by at Lai Chi Kok Station to convey injured persons to hospitals (source: FSD).
01:23 1 Sep	A special train carrying 45 APs, seven of them injured, left Prince Edward Station for Lai Chi Kok Station (source: MTRC <sup>15</sup> and HKPF).
01:28 1 Sep	The special train arrived at Lai Chi Kok Station (source: MTRC <sup>15</sup> ).
01:35 to 01:55 1 Sep	The Police and ambulance officers escorted a total of seven injured APs to leave Lai Chi Kok Station via station lift. (source: MTRC <sup>15</sup> ). The seven injured APs were escorted to Princess Margaret Hospital and Caritas Medical Centre respectively, and the 38 others to Kwai Chung Police Station (source: FSD and HKPF).

**E. Rumours Related to the Prince Edward Station Incident**

<b>Time (Approx.)</b>	<b>Incident</b>
22:59 31 Aug	A television station had a live broadcast of what was happening inside Prince Edward Station (source: live video footage <sup>24</sup> ). Posts and messages began to appear on the internet.

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	 <p>(Image source: TVB)</p>
23:01 31 Aug	<p>While the Police was still taking action inside Prince Edward Station, a post entitled “cls 黑警走左入太子站列車 見人就打” (Translation: Crazy, after getting into Prince Edward Station, police officers hit whoever they saw) on LIHKG. In the messages that followed this post, some netizens criticised the Police for using excessive force and beating people indiscriminately on the platform and inside the train compartment similar to the attack by those people dressed in white in the 721 Yuen Long Incident (source: LIHKG<sup>25</sup>).</p> <p>← cls 黑警走左入太子站列車 見人就打  <small>1.於女廁內強行拘捕2名女工 嚴重侵犯私隱</small></p> <p>831</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.再次射擊市民眼部</li> <li>2.再有休班/卧底警員攜帶武器如警棍槍械參加非法集會</li> <li>3.再有休班/卧底警員投擲氣油彈及對市民方向使用槍械掃射</li> <li>4.休班/卧底警員在拘捕市民時未有表明身份及出示有效證件</li> <li>5.休班/卧底警員在拘捕市民時使用過份武力</li> <li>6.警方使用載有有色染料水炮車進行驅散,嚴重污染環境</li> <li>7.於旺角站內圍毆市民及將市民拘捕,暴力執法及濫捕</li> <li>8.衝入車廂虐打市民,情況有如721白衫人襲擊元朗MTR</li> </ol> <p>↑ 2 ↓ 0 🔊 1</p> <p><i>Translation</i>  7. Police officers assaulted and arrested civilians inside Mong Kok (sic) MTR Station, which was violent and an abuse of power.  8. Police officers rushed into the train compartment to hit people vigorously, like what the people dressed in white had assaulted others in the 721 Yuen Long Incident.</p> <p>(Image source: LIHKG)</p>
23:18 31 Aug	<p>A post entitled “太子站 警察發動恐襲 必要向國際求救” (Translation: The Police launched terrorist attack in Prince Edward Station, must seek international assistance) appeared on LIHKG (source: LIHKG<sup>26</sup>).</p>

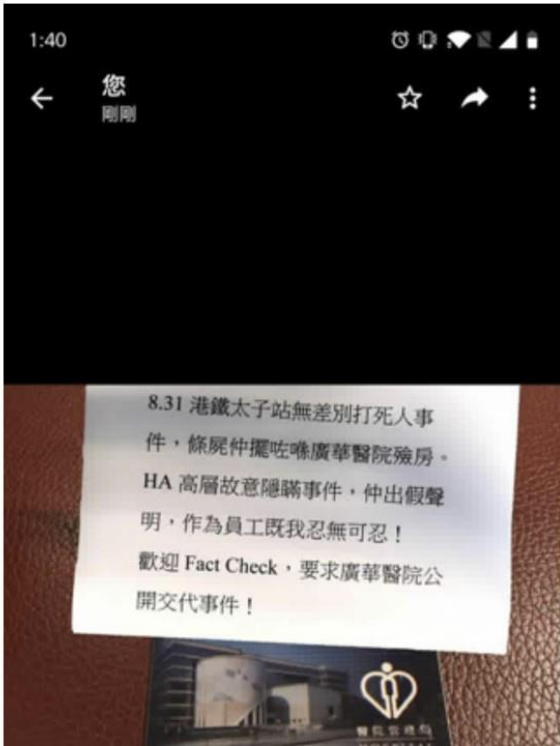
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	 <p><i>Translation</i> Right away! Seek international assistance immediately. Uniformed police officers attacked citizens in the MTR indiscriminately. Hong Kong is in an inhumane condition. Must let everyone know about this.</p> <p>(Image source: LIHKG)</p>
02:19 1 Sep	<p>A posts entitled “太子站啲傷者係咪仲未出黎” (Translation: Have the injured persons still not come out from Prince Edward Station) appeared on LIHKG. The post creator commented that “無記者影入面做咩左都無人知” (Translation: No reporter video recorded or took photos inside the station, no one would know what had been done inside). At 02:21, a netizen put up a message to this post saying “現場有傳打死左人，未 FC！！！！！” (Translation: People at the scene claimed that someone had been beaten to death. Haven’t fact checked yet!”) (source: LIHKG<sup>27</sup>).</p>  <p>(Image source: LIHKG)</p>
03:00 1 Sep	<p><b>Police Stand-up Press Conference</b></p> <p>The Police (PPRB) held a stand-up briefing to give an overview of the POE situation on 31 August. The PPRB officer did not give details of the casualties inside Prince Edward Station. The Police did not say whether anyone had died in the station. Nor did the reporters ask about it (source: media report<sup>28</sup>).</p>
08:16 1 Sep	<p>A post entitled “政府唔好再包庇黑警濫用暴力，應該盡快拉晒呢班黑警去坐監” (Translation: The Government should no longer allow the Police to use violence. Should take the triad police officers to jail as soon as possible)</p>

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	appeared on the DISCUSS forum. The post creator claimed that the police officers were terrorists and assaulted the people inside the train (source: DISCUSS <sup>29</sup> ).
16:37 1 Sep	A post entitled “有人覺得封太子站好奇怪？” (Translation: Anyone felt the closure of Prince Edward Station strange?) appeared on LIHKG. The post creator commented that “琴晚傷者冇人知去左邊,依家仲要封埋站,入面 0 消息,難道真係有人死左?” (Translation: Last night, no one knew where the injured had been taken to. Now, the station is even closed. No news from inside. Is it really that someone had died?) In the messages that followed this post, some netizens suspected that the Police had killed people inside the station, saying “似打死人” (Translation: Seems people were beaten to death), “我信死左人” (Translation: I believe that someone has died). More speculation of people being killed came to light (source: LIHKG <sup>30</sup> ).
17:15 1 Sep	A post entitled “封站係因為黑狗太子恐襲 死左幾個市民 依加要執手尾” (Translation: The reason for closing the station was that the Police had killed several citizens, so the Police had to tidy up the scene) appeared on LIHKG. The post creator stated that “若果不能毀滅 就開始整理現場 想造成死者係因為自己失誤或被示威者襲擊而身亡” (Translation: If the evidence could not be destroyed, the scene had to be tidied up to create an impression that the deceased died of their/his own mistakes or attacks by protesters) (source: LIHKG <sup>31</sup> ).
18:00 1 Sep	Kowloon West Region (Crime) of the Police gave a briefing to the media regarding the arrest operations mounted inside Prince Edward Station on 31 August. There was no mention whether any person had died during police enforcement (source: media report <sup>32</sup> ).
20:19 1 Sep	A post entitled “嚴重懷疑尋晚太子死咗人” (Translation: Seriously suspecting that someone had died at Prince Edward last night) appeared on LIHKG. The post creator stated “結果封站封一日。真毀屍滅跡” (Translation: The station ended up being closed for one day. Undoubtedly destroying evidence) (source: LIHKG <sup>33</sup> ).
PM 1 Sep	The Hong Kong Journalists Association (HKJA) and the Hong Kong Photographers Association issued a statement condemning the Police for obstructing news coverage inside Prince Edward Station (source: HKJA <sup>34</sup> ).
01:29 2 Sep	A post entitle “正式宣佈八月三十一日，一位香港人被黑警活生生打死” (Translation: Formally announce that a Hong Kong person was beaten to death



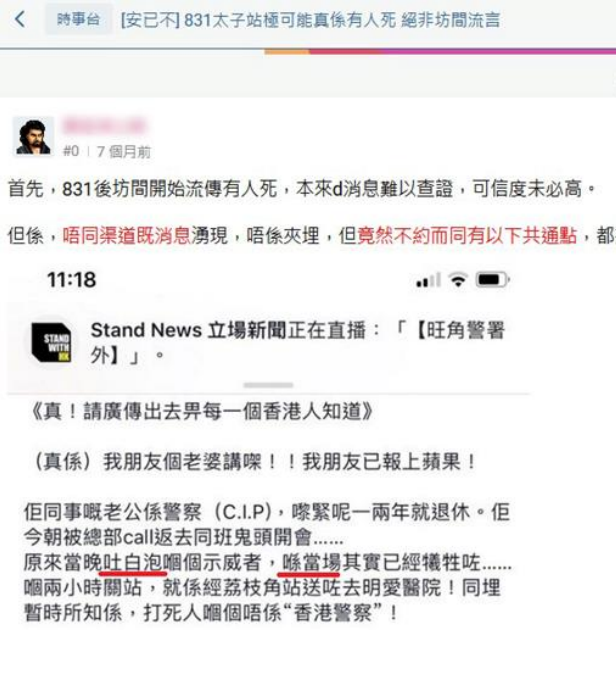
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	<p>by police officers on 31 August.) appeared on LIHKG. The post creator, referring to a live broadcast video, claimed that a protester was unconscious when being subdued by a police officer on the platform and said that the protester was actually dead at that time (source: LIHKG<sup>35</sup>).</p> <p>← 正式宣佈八月三十一日，一位香港人被黑警活生生打死</p> <p>#1 [Profile] • 7 個月前 [Eye] [Share]</p> <p>8.31 太子站後續！！同我推到佢爆炸！！</p> <p><a href="https://lih.kg/dNrdcS">https://lih.kg/dNrdcS</a></p> <p>樓主多次證實100%有人無反應下被抬走</p>  <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/hk.nextmedia/videos/724119284717359/">https://www.facebook.com/hk.nextmedia/videos/724119284717359/</a></p> <p>片段2分58秒開始睇起</p> <p><i>(Image source: LIHKG, the video was originally from Apple Daily)</i></p>
02:26 2 Sep	<p>A post entitled “太子站死了幾個黑衣示威者，醫護說出姓名的已有兩個，求FC” (Translation: Several protesters in black outfits died inside Prince Edward Station. Health care workers gave the names of at least two people. Please fact check it) appeared on HKGOLDEN. The post creator showed a screen capture of a Facebook page, which stated that two persons (with two Chinese names given) were killed inside Prince Edward Station and their dead bodies had been sent to mortuary (source: HKGOLDEN<sup>36</sup>).</p>

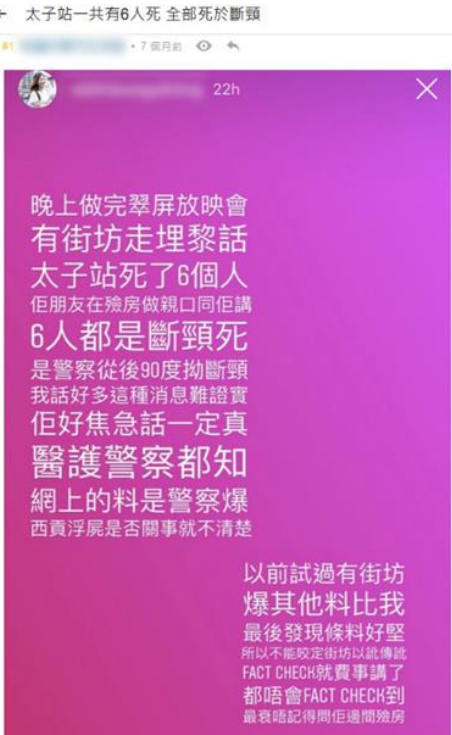
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	 <p><i>Translation</i>  “Please check with the mortuary of the hospital. My friend’s relative, a medical worker, claimed that several protesters were beaten to death in Prince Edward Station Incident last night. Two of them named “XXX” and “XXX” (Name deleted by the IPCC) had been sent to the mortuary. The news are blocked. Please do a fact check. Hope this is not real.”</p> <p>(Image source: HKGOLDEN)</p>
AM 2 Sep	<p><b>Government Press Conference</b></p> <p>A reporter asked CS to comment on the action of the Police in Prince Edward Station and to respond to the alleged death incident inside the station. CS replied that there was no death report in connection with the incidents on 31 August according to the information from HA (source: the Government<sup>37</sup>).</p>
12:19 2 Sep	<p>A post entitled “幫手出:831 前線救護爆料” (Translation: Help to disseminate: 831 frontline medical staff give information) appeared on LIHKG. The post creator claimed that he was an ambulance officer who was on duty on 31 August and went to Prince Edward Station. He had heard that the number of casualties that initially reported to FSD control room was ten. However, only seven injured persons were sent to the hospitals at the end. In the messages that followed this post, some netizens queried why three injured persons were missing (source: LIHKG<sup>38</sup>).</p>
13:46 2 Sep	<p>A post entitled “831 太子站死人消息” (Translation: Information on those dead at 831 Prince Edward Station) appeared on LIHKG. The post creator posted a photo with a message. A person who claimed to be an HA staff (not named) said that a dead body in connection with the Prince Edward Station Incident had been located at Kwong Wah Hospital (source: LIHKG<sup>39</sup>).</p>


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	<p data-bbox="384 398 592 427">← 831太子站死人消息</p> <p data-bbox="384 450 624 472">#1 • 7個月前</p> <p data-bbox="384 495 568 584">相入面唔係我黎， 有人冇幫手check到？ 急呀大佬</p>  <p data-bbox="991 999 1289 1267"><i>Translation</i> “...The corpse is now at the mortuary of Kwong Wah Hospital...the HA senior management issued a false statement to cover up the incident...Welcome to do a fact check on it...”</p> <p data-bbox="392 1391 663 1422"><i>(Image source: LIHKG)</i></p>
16:00 2 Sep	<p data-bbox="379 1435 692 1467"><b>Police Press Conference</b></p> <p data-bbox="379 1480 1362 1648">A police spokesman stated that on 31 August, the police officers had taken enforcement action inside Prince Edward Station based on their intelligence and their professional judgement at the scene. He said that there was no instance of death that night (source: the Government<sup>40</sup>).</p> <p data-bbox="379 1662 1362 1832">A FSD representative who was present at the press conference provided an overview of their operations on 31 August and stated that seven injured persons were sent to the hospitals, but did not say whether the number of casualties had been revised over time (source: HKPF and media report<sup>41</sup>).</p>
12:35 3 Sep	<p data-bbox="379 1845 1362 2016">The post update on “831 太子死亡事件整合(3.9.2019) 及 行動討論” (Translation: 831 Prince Edward death incident and operational discussion) appeared on LIHKG. The post creator posted two a “Missing Person Notice” on LIHKG purporting to look for missing persons.</p>

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	<p>The messages stated that the two persons did not leave the Prince Edward Station that evening, and asked people to provide more information on the whereabouts of the two missing persons. Messages following the post claimed that some APs had died (source: LIHKG<sup>42</sup>).</p> <div data-bbox="384 573 842 1178" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>← [沉寔待雪] 831 太子死亡事件整合(3.9.2019) 及 行動討論</p> <p style="text-align: center;">第 1 頁 ▾</p> <p>7 個月前</p> <p>影片中懷疑死亡人士 第一位: <a href="https://na.cx/i/KT54iKW.gif">https://na.cx/i/KT54iKW.gif</a></p>  </div> <p><i>(Image source: LIHKG)</i></p> <p><b>Translation</b> “<i>Missing Person</i> <i>The person in this picture lost consciousness after being beaten by police officers. The Police then requested to cordon off the station and expel reporters and medical workers therefrom. No injured person was seen leaving the station afterwards...</i>”</p>
16:00 3 Sep	<p><b>Police Press Conference</b></p> <p>The Police stated at a regular press conference that there was no case of death in the Prince Edward Station incident (source: HKPF and media report<sup>43</sup>).</p>
4 Sep	<p>A netizen uploaded a video clip entitled “跟進 831 太子站懷疑警方打死人事件” (Translation: Follow up on 831 Prince Edward Station Incident, suspecting that the Police had killed someone) onto YouTube. The video contained media footage, which covered the Prince Edward Station Incident.</p> <p>The person who made the video added textual descriptions, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ there was proof that someone had been killed inside the station;</li> <li>➤ the Police did not allow ambulance officers to enter Prince Edward Station, and some netizens demanded MTRC to release the complete CCTV footage to uncover the truth; and</li> <li>➤ the Police had unreasonably beaten protesters (source: YouTube<sup>44</sup>).</li> </ul>
16:00 5 Sep	<p><b>Police Press Conference</b></p> <p>Reporters questioned why police officers used batons and pepper sprays on innocent citizens inside train compartments. A police representative replied that reporters should not only focus on a clip that had lasted for several seconds,</p>





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	and reiterated that the officers were taking enforcement action in response to the violence at the material time. He repeated that no protesters had been beaten to death in the Prince Edward Station Incident (source: HKPF).
23:13 5 Sep	<p>A post entitle “831 太子站極可能真係有人死 絕非坊間流言” (Translation: Very likely that someone had died inside Prince Edward Station on 831. It is not a rumour) was created on HKGOLDEN. It was mentioned in the post that according to a CIP, one protester was dead inside the Prince Edward Station that evening (source: HKGOLDEN<sup>45</sup>).</p>  <p>(Image source: HKGOLDEN)</p>
01:58 6 Sep	<p>A post entitled “太子站一共有 6 人死 全部死於斷頸” appeared on LIHKG. (Translation: Six people had died inside Prince Edward Station, all died of broken necks) It claimed that police officers had broken the necks of six people and killed them. The post, however, did not give any details of these six people (source: LIHKG<sup>46</sup>).</p>

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	<p><i>Translation</i>  “...A neighbour came to say that his friend, a staff of mortuary, told him that six persons had died at Prince Edward MTR Station and all of them died of broken necks. It was the police officers who twisted their necks to 90 degrees. His friend asserted that it was true, and that the medical workers and police officers knew about it. The information on the internet was disseminated by police officers. However, whether the dead body which was found floating in Sai Kung is related to this incident is not known.”</p>  <p>(Image source: LIHKG, originally from Instagram)</p>
20:12 6 Sep	<p><b>FSD Press Release</b></p> <p>In response to the rumour that FSD had concealed the actual number of casualties inside Prince Edward Station, FSD issued a press release which stated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the situation in the station was chaotic and the injured persons were dispersed at different locations and they moved around on the platform. Some injured persons may have been repeatedly counted at the initial headcount by the ambulance personnel;</li> <li>when handling incidents with multiple casualties, the officer at the scene would firstly conduct a brief headcount of casualties and report the preliminary estimation to the Fire Services Communications Centre for its prompt dispatch of additional resources and manpower in order to enhance the efficiency of the rescue operation; and</li> <li>the number of casualties initially counted would be updated from time to time (source: FSD<sup>47</sup>).</li> </ol>

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17:09 7 Sep	<p><b>Government Press Release</b></p> <p>The Government issued a press release, stating that there were no death cases over the past 3 months caused by law enforcement agencies during operation. The Government denied the rumour that there was death in Prince Edward Station Incident (source: the Government<sup>48</sup>).</p>
16:00 9 Sep	<p><b>Police Press Conference</b></p> <p>FSD officers joined the Police to hold the regular Police press conference. In the said press conference, FSD representatives rejected the rumours that FSD officers had deliberately altered the number of casualties on 31 August in the Prince Edward Station incident, and gave explanation on how FSD officers counted the number of casualties (source: HKPF and FSD).</p>
AM 10 Sep	<p><b>Police, FSD, HA and MTRC Joint Press Conference</b></p> <p>A police representative reiterated that the so-called death incident inside Prince Edward Station was a malicious and ungrounded rumour. She added that the Police had not received any missing person report stemming from the Prince Edward Station Incident (source: media report<sup>49</sup>).</p>
16:00 11 Sep	<p><b>LegCo Member Press Conference</b></p> <p>A LegCo member held a press conference. She showed FSD internal records on the counting of casualties on 31 August and queried why FSD changed the number of casualties several times (It is not known how the LegCo Member had got the information.) (source: media report<sup>50</sup>).</p>
21:28 11 Sep	<p>A news article was released. The article stated that the ambulance officer inside Prince Edward Station had amended the number of casualties on his own, and questioned why a male patient in coma was taken out of the station by FSD at an earlier time (source: media report<sup>51</sup>).</p>
	
	<p><i>(Image source: From Stand News Facebook public page)</i></p>

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AM 12 Sep	<p><b>Netizens claiming MTRC performed a funeral ceremony</b></p> <p>In the small hours, netizens spread information on Facebook and LIHKG that MTRC had closed the Prince Edward Station to perform a funeral ceremony for the deceased inside the station. A netizen, after seeing the information on the internet, went to the vicinity of the station and conducted a live broadcast on the internet. The 122-minutes long live broadcast video captured the vicinity of the Prince Edward Station (mainly near Exit E).</p> <p>At that time, the station, as well as the gates of the various exits, had already been closed after service hours. The netizen taking the video walked around the station and talked to passers-by. Some passers-by indicated that they came to check if any funeral ceremony was taking place. However, no such ceremony could actually be seen throughout the broadcast video.</p> <p>At 20:22, a media reported on the internet that around 120 000 persons had watched the video after it was made available online for 11 hours and the video was subsequently shared by 700 persons with more than 1 000 comments received (source: media report<sup>52</sup>).</p> <p>[As at 6 March 2020, over 189 000 viewed this video.]</p>
PM 12 Sep	<p><b>FSD Press Conference</b></p> <p>In the afternoon, FSD held a press conference to address the concern over the counting of casualties. FSD spokesperson reiterated the clarification given in their press release on 6 September and confirmed that there was no death case at all in the Prince Edward Station Incident (source: media report<sup>53</sup>).</p>
15:00 17 Sep	<p><b>LegCo Member Press Conference</b></p> <p>Another LegCo Member held a press conference and showed FSD incident log records. He queried why FSD amended the incident log records in relation to (i) counting the number of casualties and their injury conditions (amended on 3 September); and (ii) the Police taking the injured persons to Lai Chi Kok Station (amended on 10 September) (source: media report<sup>54</sup>).</p>
PM 19 Sep	<p><b>FSD Press Conference</b></p> <p>FSD held another press conference. FSD stated that it was a common practice to amend the incident log records after reviewing the information following an incident. There was a possibility that the PAO may have double-counted injured persons during the initial assessment (source: FSD and media report<sup>55</sup>).</p>
From 30 Sep onward	<p><b>People continued to mourn</b></p> <p>Between September 2019 and January 2020, on the last day of each month, i.e. on 30 September, 31 October, 30 November, 31 December and 31 January 2020,</p>



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	<p>some people continued to place flowers outside Prince Edward Station (source: media reports<sup>56</sup>).</p>  <p><i>(Image source: Epoch Times)</i></p>  <p><i>(Image source: Now TV)</i></p> <p>On 29 Feb 2020, protesters gathered again to commemorate the 31 August event. Protesters chanted slogans and placed flowers at different Exits of Prince Edward Station. Some of them pointed laser beams at police officers on guard nearby, and built barricades and set fires on roads. The Police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd, and took arrest action in the evening (source: media report<sup>57</sup>).</p>

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