



Beijing issues a warning as Hong Kong's protests rage on

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Thousands of protesters took to Hong Kong's streets on Sunday, a day after violent clashes between anti-government protesters and police, and as China's official news agency warned Beijing will not let the situation in the Asian financial hub continue.

1-1. For months, _____
1-2. thousands _____

2. But now Beijing has said _____

3-1. China's official news agency _____
3-2. said that the central government _____

4. That coming after violent weekend clashes, _____

5. Authorities say _____

6-1. Protesters targeted _____
6-2. where _____
6-3. and they have called _____
6-4. aimed _____

5-1. Months of unrest _____
5-2. that would see people _____

6-1. But their anger _____
6-2. prompting demands _____

7-1. The protests mark _____
7-2. since _____

[Vocabulary]

- **protester**: someone who publicly shows their opposition to something such as a law or policy
- **persist**: to continue to exist
 - *Call your doctor if the symptoms persist for more than three days.*
 - *If symptoms persist for more than 7 days, stop use of this product.*
- **Xinhua**: the official press agency of the People's Republic of China. Pronunciation: (shin'hwä')
- **sit idly by**: to stand aside and refrain from acting or intervening.
 - *I feel so guilty for sitting idly by while my son was going through such a difficult time in his life.*
- **clash**: a fight or battle between two groups of people; a very angry argument between two people or groups
 - *Yesterday saw violent clashes between police and protesters.*
- **tear gas**: a gas that makes the eyes fill with tears but does not damage them; used in dispersing crowds
- **disperse**: to make the people separate and go in different directions
 - *Soldiers fired tear gas to disperse the crowds.*
- **overnight**: during the night, or from one evening until the next morning
 - *They stayed overnight at the hotel.*
 - *Soak the beans overnight in cold water.*
- **target**: to intend or to try to attack someone or something; to criticize or to work against a particular person or group that you oppose
 - *The terrorists were targeting government buildings.*
 - *The company had been targeted by environmentalists.*
- **smash**: to break something noisily into many pieces by dropping or hitting it with a lot of force; to hit something against an object or surface with a lot of force, causing injury or damage
 - *Someone had smashed a window.*
 - *waves smashed over the boat*
- **call for**: to request the participation or presence of
 - *Protesters were calling for a ban on the production of GM foods.*
- **mass strike**: a general strike; General strikes are characterized by the participation of workers in a multitude of workplaces, and tend to involve entire communities.
- **bring someone or something to a halt**: to cause someone or something to stop immediately.
 - *The explosion brought the lecture to a halt.*
 - *I brought the visitor to a halt at the front gate.*
- **unrest**: angry or violent behavior by people who are protesting against something
 - *The capital city is facing growing political unrest.*
- **spark**: to make something happen, especially something involving violence or angry feelings
 - *The investigation was sparked by a tip from a confidential source.*
- **bill**: a written document containing a proposal for a new law
 - *A bill was passed increasing the minimum wage.*
- **extradite**: to send someone accused of a crime back to the country or state where the crime was committed for a trial
 - *He was extradited to Britain on charges of terrorism.*
- **stand trial**: to be on trial in a court of law

- *He had to stand trial for perjury and obstruction of justice.*
- **broaden:** to start including more things or people
 - *The protest has broadened to encompass other demands.*
- **discontent:** the unhappy feeling that you have when you are not satisfied with something
 - *Public discontent with the government is growing.*
- **prompt:** to cause something to happen or be done
 - *This revelation prompted the mayor's resignation.*
 - *The birth of my first child prompted me to write this article.*
- **mark:** to be an important or typical feature of someone or something
 - *He maintained the humble attitude that has always marked his public appearances.*
 - *Public gatherings were generally marked by restraint and control.*