

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

As an international patron of Hong Kong Watch (HKW-
- <https://www.hongkongwatch.org/>), I write to you regarding the
escalating crisis in Hong Kong, including the following developments:

- a) the arrest of doctors, nurses and medics at protests, as detailed
by Dr. Darren Mann in his article in *The Lancet*
- [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(19\)32909-5/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(19)32909-5/fulltext) and further detailed in a presentation
he gave in the House of Lords just before Christmas, hosted by
Lord Alton and Hong Kong Watch, summarised
here: [https://www.hongkongwatch.org/all-
posts/2019/12/19/surgeon-presents-evidence-of-hong-kong-
police-violations-against-medical-workers-to-british-parliament-
and-calls-for-international-inquiry](https://www.hongkongwatch.org/all-posts/2019/12/19/surgeon-presents-evidence-of-hong-kong-police-violations-against-medical-workers-to-british-parliament-and-calls-for-international-inquiry).
- b) the attacks on the media, which have been well-documented;
- c) the escalating police brutality over Christmas - summarised in
our recent statement [https://www.hongkongwatch.org/all-
posts/2019/12/24/statement-hong-kong-watch-condemns-
christmas-eve-police-brutality-and-calls-for-immediate-
international-independent-inquiry-and-targeted-magnitsky-
sanctions](https://www.hongkongwatch.org/all-posts/2019/12/24/statement-hong-kong-watch-condemns-christmas-eve-police-brutality-and-calls-for-immediate-international-independent-inquiry-and-targeted-magnitsky-sanctions) which was met with a direct and very poor rebuttal by
the Hong Kong government:
[https://www.news.gov.hk/eng/2019/12/20191225/20191225_19
3431_954.html?fbclid=IwAR1W3fJ60idVILJgoV4naRLixd6zQ1I
u1ZcU_xKI7x0yR6lcNbITJlyc6jY](https://www.news.gov.hk/eng/2019/12/20191225/20191225_193431_954.html?fbclid=IwAR1W3fJ60idVILJgoV4naRLixd6zQ1Iu1ZcU_xKI7x0yR6lcNbITJlyc6jY)

As I am sure you know, the police brutality escalated even further
today, with some truly shocking scenes of young children and
teenagers being severely beaten.

Benedict Rogers, co-founder of HKW, has also been writing regularly about the situation and the following articles by him might be of interest:

1. In the *Spectator* (UK)
- <https://blogs.spectator.co.uk/2019/12/how-boris-johnson-should-deal-with-china/>
2. In the *UK Catholic Herald's* Christmas edition
- <https://catholicherald.co.uk/magazine/democracy-is-in-retreat-but-heroic-activists-are-emerging/>
3. In the *Hong Kong Free Press*
- <https://www.hongkongfp.com/2019/11/24/thuggery-terror-police-violence-fuelled-hong-kong-crisis/>

In the indicated circumstances, I'd urge you and other ministers/MPs to speak out, and/or write an op-ed and/or table some questions in Parliament. It would be especially helpful if Canada would speak out on police brutality, and in particular the events over Christmas and the violations of international norms in the arrest of doctors, nurses and medics and the police violations in hospitals. It would be useful if Canada would call for an international, independent inquiry into police brutality and violations of international humanitarian norms.

With warmest good wishes,

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