



Some 230 people were arrested in protests over the weekend in Hong Kong, local authorities said. Demonstrations have picked back up in the city after weeks of under a coronavirus-related lockdown.

Police said the detainees were between the ages of 12 and 65, and the charges ranged from assault to providing false information. Democratic lawmaker Roy Kwong was amongst those arrested, officers said. He was charged with disorderly conduct. Video showed him being surrounded by police and pushed to the ground.

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On Sunday, protesters had gathered for a sing-along event at a shopping mall when hundreds of riot police dispersed the crowd. According to police, they also blocked roads in the city's Mongkok district and other areas.

Onlookers and journalists also got caught up in the ensuing clashes, with police firing tear gas at rioters.



There have been widespread worries amongst democracy advocates in Hong Kong that restrictions on the spread of the pandemic will be used by China to further clamp down on rights. For example, a control measure that requires people to wear masks and avoid contact with infected people may be used to target anti-Beijing protestors.

Current restrictions only allow public gatherings of a maximum of eight people.

Despite fears across Asia about a possible second wave of the virus, organizers are still planning a democracy rally on July 1. They say they are expecting two million people to join the event that marks the handover of Hong Kong from British to Chinese rule.

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