

# **Hong Kong police arrest more top opposition figures, inc. 'Long Hair', Eddie Chu, Figo Chan, Wu Chi-wai**

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Hong Kong police have arrested seven top pro-democracy figures on suspicion of unauthorised assembly during a July 1 protest.

Leung Kwok-hung (Long Hair) and Figo Chan of the League of Social Democrats, and Eastern District Councillors Tsang Kin-sing, Andy Chui and Lancelot Chan were among those arrested on Tuesday 8 morning by Hong Kong Island Regional Criminal Unit officers.

Ex-lawmaker Eddie Chu was arrested for organising and participating in the assembly at his residence. He was taken to Yuen Long police station and Pat Heung police station according to his Facebook page.

And the Democratic Party said on Facebook that their former chair Wu Chi-wai was also arrested at around 6:35am for allegedly inciting and participating in the assembly. They cited a source saying that police showed a search warrant and took away clothes Wu was wearing on July 1.

## **'Banned' July 1 demo**

Thousands participated in an assembly near Wan Chai and Causeway Bay on July 1, despite a police ban on the annual pro-democracy demonstration.

It was banned for the first time in 17 years, amid the enactment of the national security law a day before and the Covid-19 pandemic. Over 370 people were arrested.

Figo Chan - then the vice-convenor of Civil Human Rights Front - told reporters on the day that they would insist on initiating the march despite a police ban.

In a video livestreamed on Figo Chan's Facebook page on Tuesday 8, an officer accused him of inciting others to take part and knowingly participate in an unauthorised assembly.

He also stands accused of holding or organising an unauthorised assembly, as well as knowingly taking part in it.

Last week, a court jailed three ex-Demosisto activists on unauthorised assembly charges. Activists Joshua Wong, Agnes Chow and Ivan Lam were sentenced to 13.5 months, 10 months and seven months behind bars respectively.

Meanwhile, media mogul Jimmy Lai, founder of the pro-democracy Apple Daily, was denied bail and remanded in custody last Thursday after he reported to a police station. National security law designated judge So Wai-tak said there is a high chance of Lai absconding after being charged with alleged fraud over his office lease. The case will be heard on April 16 next year.

Police confirmed the eight arrests made under the Public Order Ordinance on Tuesday morning 8. *"[The police] arrested eight local males aged between 24 and 64 today in multiple districts in Hong*

*Kong. The eight males are alleged of violating the Public Order Ordinance, related to instigating others to knowingly participate in an unauthorised assembly, holding or organising an authorised assembly, and knowingly participating in an unauthorised assembly,” a statement read.*

The eight are currently being detained for investigation.

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