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Video: “Hong Kong has full capacity to deal with social unrest under its common law system”

Interviewee: Mr Grenville Cross, former Director of Public Prosecutions, Honorary Professor of Law

Grenville Cross: Obviously, this is an immensely difficult time for the Police, and many of our young officers have never been in this situation before and, yet, they are having to put their lives on the line day-in day-out for this community. And the Police have been as restrained as possible in those circumstances. The Police and the Department of Justice have some very serious criminal charges at their disposal. All these offences can be prosecuted under the existing law. The Department of Justice here when it considers prosecutions applies the same criteria which are adopted throughout the common law world, in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. And the test is, first of all, whether there is a reasonable prospect of conviction on the available evidence and, if there is, whether it is in the public interest to prosecute.

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