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The Editor
The Washington Post

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Dear Sir,

We write regarding your report dated December 25 headlined "In Hong Kong crackdown, police repeatedly broke their own rules - and faced no consequences".

We strongly refute this claim which is biased and misleading. Police have adopted a measured and restrained approach. Only minimum necessary force was deployed in response to the blatant unlawful activities of the violent protestors. Our use of force is in line with international standards. Once the situation is under control, the use of force will cease. All officers are accountable for the force they use and their supervisors are present on site to oversee and ensure that the use of force is lawful.

A detailed response was already given to your paper on December 21 detailing the Police position. We express deep regret to the allegation that is not based on facts.

We reiterate that it is the responsibility of the Police to ensure public order and public safety. The Police must also safeguard the rights and freedoms of others. If protestors do not use violence, there would not be any necessity to resort to a lawful use of force to defend ourselves. If protestors are peaceful, rational and orderly, the Police would not and have no reason to intervene.

Yours sincerely,

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