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The Editor,
Financial Times

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Dear Editor,

The Benedict Rogers column “Hong Kong legislator’s arrest further erodes the rule of law” (April 3) yet again tries to smear Hong Kong.

First, the headline wrongly describes the arrested person as a legislator. She is a member of a district council, a local advisory body with no legislative powers.

If any person breaks the law in Hong Kong, or anywhere for that matter, he or she should be prepared to face the legal consequences. By decrying lawful Police action to arrest a person suspected of a crime, Mr Rogers seems to contend that one set of laws should apply to people they support and another set of laws to everyone else. Thankfully, that is not the way the common law works in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong’s prosecutorial decisions are made without fear or favour by our Department of Justice based on evidence, applicable law and the Prosecution Code. The rule of law remains a bedrock of our society and underpins our continued prosperity as an international business and financial centre.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cassius Lau'.

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