

The Editor
Letters to the Editor
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Dear Editor,

I refer to your article “Hong Kong officials work to stop another kind of outbreak: democracy” (April 21).

The recent arrests of individuals for organising and participating in unauthorized assemblies in Hong Kong is not “an attempt to tamp down dissent ahead of anniversaries in June and July, as well as crucial Legislative Council elections in September” as suggested in your article. It is about upholding the rule of law, which is a core value in Hong Kong. In Hong Kong, everyone is equal before the law. Prosecutions would only be commenced if there is sufficient admissible evidence to support a reasonable prospect of conviction. Cases will not be handled any differently owing to the political beliefs or background of the persons involved.

It is also factually incorrect to state that the representative officers of the Central Government in Hong Kong argued that they are above the Basic Law. Recent comments by the Central People’s Government Liaison Office in Hong Kong on the operation of the Legislative Council should be seen from the perspective of the constitutional setup of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The concerns expressed about the failure of the House Committee of our Legislative Council to elect its Chairman after 15 meetings over the past six months are legitimate from the perspectives of our constitution, governance and operation, and are in full compliance with our constitutional order under “one country, two systems”.

Sincerely,
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