
HONG KONG POLICE SAY MOURNING OFFICER'S ATTACKER IS LIKE BACKING TERRORISM

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Police in Hong Kong have told citizens that mourning the death of a man who stabbed a police officer last week is no different to supporting terrorism, as the case was taken over by the national security department.

The comments followed the stabbing of an officer in the back on Thursday night by a 50-year-old man at Causeway Bay. Police said the man then took his own life. The 28-year-old officer sustained a punctured lung in the attack and remains in hospital in a critical condition, according to local media.

Authorities labelled the assailant, named by media as Leung Kin-fai, as a lone wolf domestic terrorist who had been politically radicalised, and blamed people who incite hatred against China. The incident took place on the anniversary of Hong Kongs handover from British to Chinese rule, and thousands of police had been deployed to prevent any protests in the deeply divided city.

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