

**Occasions on which the Police objected to the holding of
public processions or prohibited the holding of public meetings since 1 July 1997**

<u>Date of Procession/Meeting</u>	<u>Nature of Procession/Meeting</u>	<u>Grounds for Objection/Prohibition</u>	<u>End Results</u>
30 October 1998 (Friday)	The organizer intended to hold a public meeting of 100 persons at Lo Wu Railway Station to request compensation from the Government for the resumption of land for the construction of the West Rail.	In view of the heavy passenger flow at the railway station, the Police were concerned that public safety and order would be jeopardized by the public meeting.	The organizer modified the plan by holding a public meeting cum procession from Granville Road to Hung Hom Railway Station on 8 November 1998. The Police raised no objection and the event was held peacefully.
28 December 1998 (Monday)	The organizer intended to hold a procession of 100 vehicles in Central to enlist public support for the waste-paper re-cycling industry.	The Police considered that the procession of vehicles would cause serious disruption to the traffic in Central as well as other parts of Hong Kong Island.	The organizer modified the plan by reducing the number of vehicles to 20 and taking another route from Kennedy Town to Wan Chai Cargo Handling Area. The Police raised no objection and the procession was held smoothly.

<p>14 April 1999 (Wednesday)</p>	<p>The organizer submitted to the Pat Heung Police Station on 22 March 1999 a notice of the intention to hold a public procession of 100 persons on 14 April from Tin Sam Tsuen in Shek Wu Tong to Cheung Po Tsuen in Yuen Long to protest against the resumption of land for the construction of the West Rail.</p>	<p>The Police objected to the procession on the grounds of public safety and order. The procession was scheduled to be held concurrently with a clearance exercise and the clearance workers had to work on the narrow road from Shek Wu Tong to Cheung Po Tsuen. Therefore, the Police, in exercising the power conferred by section 14(1) of the Public Order Ordinance (Cap. 245), objected to the intended procession by a notice of objection issued by the Yuen Long District Commander to the organizer on 1 April 1999 with a view to preventing any possible danger or conflict.</p>	<p>The organizer made an appeal to the Appeal Board on Public Meetings and Processions and a hearing was held on 13 April. The parties concerned finally reached an agreement and the organizer withdrew his appeal. The Yuen Long District Commander agreed to allow the organizer and the affected landowners to observe the clearance exercise on the scene.</p> <p>On the day of clearance, the organizer and tens of people watched on the scene and the exercise was carried out smoothly.</p>
<p>30 November 1999 (Tuesday) to 10 December 1999 (Friday)</p>	<p>The organizer submitted to the Central Police Station on 15 November 1999 a notice of the intention to hold a public meeting of 500 persons outside the Central Government Offices during the period to fight for the right of</p>	<p>The public meeting started according to schedule on 30 November and went on until on 3 December when the demonstrators were dissatisfied with the judgement of the Court of Final Appeal which was based on the National People's Congress's</p>	<p>On the advice of the Police, all participants of the meeting left peacefully on the night of 3 December 1999.</p>

	<p>abode in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander, Central, issued an acknowledgement letter to the organizer on 26 November 1999.</p>	<p>interpretation of the right of abode. A scuffle occurred between the demonstrators and the Police at the scene, causing injuries to a number of people including police officers and damage to facilities, and affecting the rights and freedom of others. The Police were of the view that the organizer was unable to control the participants of the meeting. In the interests of public safety and order, the Police, by virtue of the power conferred by section 9(1) of the Public Order Ordinance (Cap. 245), prohibited the holding of the public meeting at once by a notice of prohibition issued by the Central District Commander to the organizer on 4 December 1999.</p>	
5 December 1999 (Sunday)	<p>The organizer submitted to the Central Police Station on 29 November 1999 a notice of the intention to hold a public meeting of 1 000 persons outside the Central Government Offices on 5 December 1999 to fight for the</p>	<p>As the organizer was, in fact, the one who had organized the previous public meeting (i.e. the one from 30 November to 10 December 1999), the Police considered that the organizer was unable to control the participants of</p>	<p>The organizer later submitted to the Waterfront Police Station on 5 December a notice of the intention to hold a public meeting at Chater Garden, Central from 5 December (Sunday) to 8 December 1999</p>

	<p>right of abode in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander, Central, issued an acknowledgement letter to the organizer on 30 November 1999.</p>	<p>the meeting in view of the scuffle on 3 December 1999. The Police therefore prohibited the intended public meeting on the same grounds as in the previous case by a notice of prohibition issued by the Central District Commander on 4 December.</p>	<p>to fight for the right of abode in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander, Waterfront, issued an acknowledgement letter to the organizer on 6 December 1999.</p> <p>The meeting was held according to schedule without any untoward incidents.</p>
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