



## Hongkong Protest

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Massive protests in Hongkong has erupted against a government plan to allow extradition to mainland China.

- The mass demonstration was one of the largest in the city's history and a stunning display of rising fear and anger over the erosion of civil liberties.
- The protest recalled the pro-democracy Umbrella Movement five years ago.



## About Hongkong

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- Hongkong is situated on the southeast coast of China, Hong Kong's strategic location on the **Pearl River Delta and the South China Sea** has made it one of the world's most thriving and cosmopolitan cities.
- Hong Kong as we know it today was born when China's **Qing dynasty** government was defeated in the First Opium War in 1842. It ceded Hong Kong Island to **Britain**. Hong was under the control of the British empire until 1997. The Sino-British declaration under the principle of '**One Country, Two Systems**', Hong Kong became a **Special Administrative Region(SAR)** of the People's Republic of China on 1 July 1997.
- This arrangement allows the city to enjoy a high degree of autonomy, including retaining its capitalist system, independent judiciary and rule of law, free trade and freedom of speech.
- The interference of the communist regime of China in the internal affairs of Hongkong and its oppressive policies have led to various pro-democracy protests for autonomy in recent times.