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Conflict related Sexual Violence in Hong Kong

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Background of Clashes in Hong Kong



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Implementation of Five Demands



1. Full withdrawal of the extradition bill,
2. Amnesty for arrested protesters,
3. Retracting the classification of protesters as “rioters”,
4. A commission of inquiry into alleged police brutality,
5. Dual universal suffrage, meaning for both the Legislative Council and the Chief Executive.



Excessive Force Against Protestors



A Example of politically-motivated sexual violence

*Last month, a university student come out publicly and said she was **'not the only one who was subjected to sexual violence'** at a detention facility that is remotely located in Hong Kong.*



Definition of Politically-Motivated Sexual Violence

Political violence is defined as ‘the commission of violent acts motivated by a desire, conscious or unconscious, to obtain or maintain political power’. This is manifested in the use of various forms of sexual abuse.

By Moser and Shrader

Politically motivated sexual violence is often taken place at the same time with other forms of violence in order to impose or consolidate power and eliminate the opposition and silent them.

By Mariz Tadros“Evidence Report:

Politically Motivated Sexual Assault and the Law in Violent Transitions: A Case Study from Egypt”

<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/774791468782146689/pdf/multi-page.pdf>

AntiELAB Sexual Violence Experience Survey

Gender of Respondents

Female	58
Male	9
Total	67

Age Group

10 - 19	10
20 - 29	42
30 - 39	11
40 - 49	4

AntiELAB Sexual Violence Experience Survey

Type of Sexual Violence Experienced (Multiple Options)

Unlawful sexual intercourse	3
Attempted sexual assault	16
Unwelcome touching of private body parts	26
Threat and attempt to indecent bodily contact	21
Forcefully expose one's inner garment / sensitive area	9
Insulting, intimidating, and provoking words with sexual intention	54
Lascivious or unpleasant gaze (leering)	25
upskirting and other forms of image-based sexual abuse	9
Online distribution of personal information (doxing), and personal attack with sexual connotation	11
Police's frisk search and/or strip search involved with officers or individual(s) of opposite sex	12
Other behaviours	8

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Victim's Identity	
'AntiELAB' protester/supporter	52
Pro-government or pro-establishment supporter	1
Journalist or photographer	1
Paramedic	3
Passing by / resident of the neighbourhood	23
Other (e.g. netizen)	5

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Preparator of the most serious sexual violence experience

'AntiELAB' protester	5
Pro-government or pro-establishment supporter	28
Rideshare driver or rideshare pretender	2
Police or other law enforcement officer	32
Triad member	9
Passing by / resident of the neighbourhood	17
Netizen	9

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Location of where the most serious sexual violence experience happened

On the street	36
Residential area (lift lobby, podium area)	3
Police station (including any detention facility)	12
Shopping centre (including its connecting footbridges and lobby)	8
Public leisure facility (including parks, and sitting out area)	10
Public transport (including train compartment, and station area)	9
Online space	10
Other (e.g. toilet)	3

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Ways of handling

Shout or Scream	22
Seek help from social service agency / legislator / lawyer	2
Contact website moderator	5
Escape	12
pretend nothing happened	11
Stare at the perpetrator	20
Recording the perpetrator's face or other evidence with camera	4
Seek-help from other protesters or citizen	20
Response with force	1
Report to the police	2
Did not know how to response	24
Other (engage perpetrator in a rational discussion, reprimand)	10

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Reasons of NOT reporting or contacting the police

Considered the matter is not responsible by the police authority	11
Considered police's handling would not be effective	52
Worried of getting arrested for other offences	38
Worried of persecution by other law enforcement agencies or unknown persons	32
Lacking perpetrator's information	35
Considered there were other ways to handle the case	1
Did not want to magnify what happened	8
Tried to call 999 but call was not picked up	1
Perpetrator was a police or other law enforcement officer	27
Lacking confidence in police's ability to enforce the law	38
Other (e.g. privacy concern)	3

Impacts of drastic decline in public trust & confidence in the Police

- Social service agencies that act as a linkage and interface between service users and medical, law enforcement organizations will be greatly affected.
- More victim-survivors will be further inclined towards options outside the current criminal justice system.
- Service like RainLily, will be picking up cases that are less likely to report to the authority.
- Breakdown into the on-going efforts in establishing more one-stop crisis centres in public hospital that incorporate medical, counselling, and reporting services.

Factors behind politically-motivated Sexual Violence

- To shame victims & the whole community
- To show to the public & protestors the consequences of being politically active and rebellious.
- To intimidate as sexual violence itself is already a showcase of power and showing the weaknesses of the victims.



Victims have become the **“Site for Acting out Superior Masculinity”**

Stop Police Brutality

Police denying accusations & discrediting the victims by pointing out victims are

- accusing behind the masks
- they did not make a formal complaint via existing channels.



Demanding for an Independent Investigative Committee

Global Signature Campaign

UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women urged to examine Gender-based Violence Committed by the Hong Kong Police Force in the Anti-Extradition Legislative Amendment Bill Movement

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<https://rainlily.org.hk/glosign>

