

Five alleged hackers arrested in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, CHINA: Hong Kong police said they had arrested five people over hacking allegations, days after the online "hacktivist" group Anonymous declared a cyber-war against the southern Chinese city.



Thousands of students protesting in Hong Kong were tear-gassed by police last week. Then hacking group Anonymous threatened to sabotage "all government websites" and now five hackers have been arrested and detained. Image: [Latest News](#)

Last week Anonymous threatened online sabotage against the police and government, citing the poor treatment of pro-democracy protesters who have occupied some of the city's main streets for the past week.

The hacking group made the threat after police used tear gas on crowds of protestors.

Police Senior Superintendent Hui Chun-tak told reporters that five people between the ages of 13 and 39 were arrested for "accessing a computer with criminal or dishonest intent".

The sit-ins for free elections by the protesting students drew tens of thousands of people dwindled after police threatened more severe action.

The demonstrators are demanding free and open elections to select the former British colony's next leader in 2017. China's Communist authorities insist that only pre-approved candidates will be eligible to run, a system critics dismiss as "fake democracy".

Anonymous said in a video posted on YouTube: "If you continue to abuse, harass or harm protestors, we will continue to deface and take every web-based asset of your government off line."

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