

# Hong Kong police arrest six people under new security law

**Chow Hang-tung, a prominent barrister, among those held over social media posts before Tiananmen Square anniversary**

Hong Kong police have arrested six people, marking the first time that the city's new national security law, known as Article 23, has been used against suspects since it was implemented in March.

The six people, aged between 37 and 65, are accused of publishing messages with seditious intent ahead of an "upcoming sensitive date", according to a police statement.

One of the women arrested is now in prison. Local media identified her as Chow Hang-tung, a prominent barrister and human rights activist who has been jailed on other charges.

The police said the homes of the five other people arrested were searched, and that electronic devices were seized. "Those who intend to endanger national security should not imagine that they can avoid police pursuit anonymously online," the police said.

Chow is the former vice-chair of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, a pro-democracy organisation that was disbanded in 2021 during the crackdown on pro-democracy voices in the city.

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