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Ms Maria Bartiromo
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FOX Business Network

Dear Maria,

Mornings with Maria – 12 November 2019

On the 12 November “Mornings with Maria” you featured an interview with Rose Tang relating to the protests in Hong Kong.

For the record, we must point out that much of what Ms Tang stated bears no resemblance to the actual situation in Hong Kong. There is no “massacre” unfolding in Hong Kong (as she stated) and to suggest so is a blatant lie. Tang’s comments about suicides, very mysterious disappearances of people, bodies floating in the harbor etc are a disingenuous, random assortment of unsubstantiated claims and social media chatter.

Tragically, there has been one death - a 70-year-old cleaning contractor who died after he was hit in the head by a brick hurled by protesters. Another man who disagreed with protesters was set alight and remains in critical condition.

Police do not initiate action against protesters. Police only respond when protesters take part in illegal activities that have included blocking roadways, setting barricades, committing arson, vandalizing private and public property, assaulting bystanders, hurling bricks, and throwing petrol bombs. In recent days, protesters used bows and arrows to attack Police. A Police officer is recovering in hospital now after being shot by an arrow that pierced his leg. Law enforcement agencies the world over – including the United States – would not tolerate such blatant disregard for the law, attacks against Police and threats to life and property.

Hong Kong’s most pressing task now is to stop the violence, to restore law and order and to create an atmosphere conducive to dialogue and a peaceful resolution to all the grievances.

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