

By post & email April 30, 2020

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Dear Editor,

The article "Even Xi not immune to politics of corona" (25 April) by Rowan Callick about the recent arrests of certain people for organising and participating in unauthorised assemblies in Hong Kong ignored the fact that the arrests have everything to do with upholding the rule of law.

In Hong Kong, as in Australia, everyone is equal before the law and the Police are duty bound to handle every case in a fair, just and impartial manner. Cases will not be handled any differently owing to the political beliefs or background of the persons involved. No one can break the law without facing consequences and the arrests were made based on evidence from investigations and in accordance with Hong Kong law.

Like elsewhere in the world, the Hong Kong government is devoting most of its time and energy to combating Covid-19. At the same time, we must also uphold the rule of law which is one of the fundamental pillars of Hong Kong's success.

Yours sincerely,

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