

(By email)

Letters Editor,
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Sir or Madam,

Several articles published over the last few days include many mistaken assumptions and misunderstandings. I draw your particular attention to the following: “Hong Kong: what are the implications of China's anti-sedition laws?” and “Chinese parliament approves controversial Hong Kong security law” (May 28); “Hong Kong crisis: riot police flood city as China protests build” (May 27); “The Guardian view on Hong Kong's future: China's doublespeak” (May 26); “Beijing has reneged on its promise. Who will support Hong Kong?” (May 23); “The beginning of one country, one system?” (May 23); and “Fear and fighting spirit in Hong Kong as China 'rams through' security law” (May 22).

All of these articles ignore the constitutional reality that Hong Kong is an inalienable part of China. As such, it cannot and must not become a base for subversive activities or organisations seeking to destabilise our country.

Every country has a right, and indeed a duty, to protect national security and sovereignty, and the Central Government in Beijing has every right to propose such a law for Hong Kong. The decision by the National People's Congress to enact the national security law will establish and improve the legal framework and enforcement mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to safeguard national security. Only when national security is assured can “One Country Two Systems” be fully and smoothly implemented. Then Hong Kong can enjoy greater stability and prosperity, and the interests of all stakeholders, the international community included, can be better protected.

The proposed law will only target acts of secession, subversion, terrorist activities as well as activities interfering with Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's internal affairs by foreign or external forces. The vast majority of law-abiding Hong Kong residents, including overseas investors, have nothing to fear. Hong Kong's freedoms will be preserved and Hong Kong's core values in terms of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary, and the rights and freedoms enjoyed its people will not be affected.

Yours sincerely,

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