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## Hong Kong commercial centers paralyzed as protesters, police exchange petrol bombs and tear gas

HONG KONG (Reuters) - Hong Kong police fired tear gas and water cannon on Saturday and pro-democracy protesters threw petrol bombs in the latest in a series of chaotic clashes that have plunged the Chinese-ruled city into its worst political crisis in decades. Police fired round after round of tear gas and protesters took cover behind umbrellas between the local headquarters of China's People's Liberation Army and the government. Protesters also threw bricks dug up from pathways at police. Many shops and restaurants in protest areas popular with tourists were shuttered, while curious visitors peered out from windows of some luxury hotels overlooking the demonstrations. Protest numbers had dwindled by the early hours of Sunday, with just a few hundred demonstrators and some riot police visible. The water cannon unleashed blue-dyed water, to make it easier for police to identify protesters.

Exclusive: Messaging app Telegram moves to protect identity of Hong Kong protesters  
Riot police then marched on foot toward the neighboring Admiralty district, followed by 20 police cars, where protesters had thrown fire bombs from flyovers, some landing close to police. Others shone blue and green lasers at police lines. There were unconfirmed reports of an off-duty policeman being wounded.

In the neighboring Wanchai bar and restaurant district, police fought running battles with protesters, some beating them with truncheons, according to Reuters witnesses. There were several arrests. "We have to keep protesting, we cannot let China take back Hong Kong now," said Evelyn, a 25-year-old asset manager, chanting "gangster" at police outside a subway station across the harbor from the central business area in Kowloon district. Asked what she would do if authorities did not respond to protesters' demands, she said: "Maybe I will leave Hong Kong. I absolutely cannot live under Chinese rule." The protests, which at one point blocked three key roads, came on the fifth anniversary of a decision by China to curtail democratic reforms and rule out universal suffrage in Hong Kong, a former British colony that was returned to China in 1997.

"The behaviors of the radical protesters gravely breach the public peace and pose a serious threat to the safety of police officers on duty and members of the public at the scene," the government said in a statement.

The People's Liberation Army on Thursday rotated its troops in Hong Kong in what it said was a routine operation. Their Hong Kong HQ was the former base of the British military garrison.

Senior Chinese officials have warned that if the turmoil persists, "the central government must intervene".

Police were targeting MTR subway trains to make arrests, with TV footage showing people being beaten as they cowered on the floor behind umbrellas. Some rail lines were closed.

A demonstrator is detained by police officers during a protest in Hong Kong, China August 31, 2019. REUTERS/Kai Pfaffenbach



**HAND SIGNALS**  
Thousands took to the streets of the Asian financial hub for a largely peaceful, meandering rally in the afternoon rain. Many of them joined a "Christian march" from Wanchai and congregated next to the Legislative Council, which was stormed by activists in an earlier protest.

Other protesters, many wearing black and face masks, marched in the bustling tourist area of Causeway Bay. The crowds grew after dusk in Wanchai, where demonstrators built roadblocks and banged iron sticks. Firemen battled a huge blaze outside a Methodist church in the main Hennessy Road where water cannon moved in. It was the same pattern all evening. Police advanced steadily, protesters retreated. Pedestrians yelled out "black cops", "gangsters" and "get fucked" as police passed. There were also standoffs in North Point and Fortress Hill, to the east of Causeway Bay, and police fired tear gas at fire-bomb throwing protesters over the harbor in Tsim Sha Tsui.

"I was at home but when I saw them beating and arresting anyone they saw on the train I rushed down," said Joanna Wong, one of several hundred people shouting abuse at riot police blocking one subway station. "I will keep protesting even if I go to jail," she said, her voice shaking with emotion. Some people in cars passing through one protest area honked their horns in support of protesters. The protests have gone on for three months, sometimes turning violent, and have targeted the airport, the legislature and the Liaison Office, the symbol of Chinese rule.

Police arrested a number of prominent pro-democracy activists and three lawmakers on Friday, seeking to rein in a movement that began with anger over planned legislation allowing extraditions to mainland China, where courts are controlled by the ruling Communist Party.

It soon broadened into calls for democracy amid fears China is squeezing Hong Kong's freedoms.

But the latest protests have no leaders. The slogan is "be like water", meaning be flexible. Marchers on Saturday were marching here and there, wherever streets took them, communicating with different hand signals and chanting "stand with Hong Kong" and "fight for freedom".  
**BANNER VANDALIZED**  
China denies the charge of meddling in Hong Kong, which it says is an internal affair. It has denounced the protests and warned of the damage to the economy. China is eager to quell the unrest before the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China on Oct. 1 but protesters vandalized a long red banner celebrating the event to cheers from the crowd.

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# Goldman bumps up no-deal Brexit odds after May resignation

LONDON (Reuters) - Goldman Sachs raised its probability of a no-deal Brexit to 15% from 10% on Friday as Prime Minister Theresa May's resignation potentially opened the way for a more hardline politician to lead the UK to exiting the European Union.

Goldman Sachs economist Adrian Paul said ratification of a Brexit deal would no longer be possible in the second quarter. "We pencil in an orderly EU withdrawal in late 2019 or early 2020, but our conviction is low," he wrote.

The new Prime Minister will face the same constraints May grappled with in negotiating a deal, Paul added, saying they will eventually return to parliament with a close variant of the current withdrawal agreement.

"We revise up our probability of 'no deal'... not because this Parliament (or indeed the next) is likely to coalesce in favor of its pursuit, but because the recent performance of the Brexit Party and the Eurosceptic credentials of the next Prime Minister may strengthen the case for including 'no deal' on the ballot in a second referendum to unlock the impasse."



FILE PHOTO: A Goldman Sachs sign is displayed inside the company's post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York, U.S., April 18, 2017. REUTERS/Brendan McDermod/File Photo

## Tesla blames misprinted label for China customs hiccup

BENGALURU/SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Tesla Inc said on Tuesday that China's customs authorities have accepted the electric carmaker's plan to resolve problems with the clearance of its Model 3 sedans that centered around misprinting of labels.

Shares in Silicon Valley billionaire Elon Musk's company fell more than 5 percent in early trading after Chinese media reported Shanghai customs had suspended clearance for a batch of Tesla's cars. They were last down 1.3 percent at \$281.73.

"We have already reached a resolution with Chinese customs, and we are working closely with them to resume clearance procedures on these vehicles," a Tesla spokesperson said in a

statement. "Sales of Model 3 in the country are not impacted, and we continue to deliver Model 3 vehicles that have already been processed." Making inroads into China, the world's largest electric vehicle market, is crucial for the Tesla as it seeks to offset softening demand in the United States and convince investors of its ability to become consistently profitable.

"Selling into China has clear hurdles and this is a reminder of the pitfalls when betting on growth in the region," Wedbush Securities analyst Daniel Ives said. Musk has played up the support Tesla is getting from Chinese authorities as the

company invests in the country's first wholly foreign-owned car plant in Shanghai, due to come online later this year.

Until then, Tesla has to import U.S.-made cars with substantial customs duties, putting it at a disadvantage against locally-made, government-subsidized electric vehicles from rivals such as Nio Inc, Byton and XPeng Motors.

Financial publication Caixin had first reported about China's customs authorities blocking the cars.

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# Editor's Choice



Damage is seen on the bell tower of Church of the Pantanassa at the Monastiraki Square following an earthquake in Athens, Greece, July 19, 2019. REUTERS/Alkis Konstantinidis TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Women pray outside the Kyoto Animation building which was torched by arson attack, in Kyoto



Formula One F1 - Belgian Grand Prix - Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot, Belgium - August 31, 2019 Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton during practice REUTERS/Francois Lenoir TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Relatives of the victims of a mob lynching incident speak to a police officer as they mourn outside a hospital in Chapra



Swimming - 18th FINA World Swimming Championships - Women's Team Free Combination Preliminary - Yeomju Gymnasium, Gwangju, South Korea - . Team Brazil competes. REUTERS/Antonio Bronic TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro attends the ceremony marking his 200 days in office at the Planalto Palace in Brasilia



Attendees sit and eat at the 2019 NYC Diner en Blanc dining event in New York

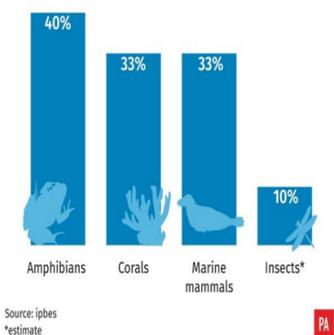


Boys take a rest after swimming at Qargha lake in Kabul, Afghanistan

Wildlife and habitats are declining at an “unprecedented” rate worldwide which directly threatens human beings, a major new study has warned.

Up to a million species of plants and animals are at risk of extinction, a greater number than ever before in human history.

**Species threatened with extinction**



Many could vanish within decades, the UN-backed global assessment reveals. Scientists warn that the natural world is deteriorating faster than ever as a direct result of human activity, eroding “the very foundations” of economies, livelihoods, food, health and quality of life worldwide.

A huge transformation is needed across the economy and society to protect and restore nature, which provides people with food, medicines and other materials, crop pollination, fresh water, and quality of life.

Without such “transformational change”, the damage will continue or worsen up to 2050 and beyond, posing a direct threat to human well-being around the world, the study said.

It will also undermine existing global efforts to tackle poverty and hunger, improve health and curb climate change.

The experts warned that “vested interests” would oppose changes to the status quo, from which they benefit through things such as subsidies or a lack of regulation, but this opposition could be overcome for the public good.

The three-year global assessment on the state of nature from the Intergovernmental

*Worldwide Losses At ‘Unprecedented’ Rate*  
**UN Study Warns: Nature In Decline**



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tal Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) has involved more than 450 experts from 50 countries.



**Loss of pollinators such as bees is putting billions of pounds of crops at risk (Owen Humphreys/PA)**

It looked at changes to the natural world over the past five decades, during which time the human population has doubled and demand for energy and materials has increased significantly, and sets out scenarios for the future.

Habitats, wild animals and plants and even domesticated breeds are in decline or vanishing as a direct result of human activity, and the rate at which species are becoming extinct is accelerating.

The biggest cause of wildlife losses is change to the way land or marine environments are used, followed by direct exploitation of animals and plants, climate change, pollution and invasive species.

Three-quarters of the world’s land has been “significantly altered” by human activity, with forests cut down and grassland ploughed up for crops or livestock and the spread of cities, industry and infrastructure such as roads.



**Habitat is being destroyed by human activity (Emily Beament/PA)**

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The assessment outlines a series of scenarios for the future, and found that major changes are required to protect nature and benefit people.

These include a shift away from concentrating on economic growth, bringing in wildlife-friendly farming, restoring habitats such as native forests, cutting food waste, creating marine protected areas and effective quotas for fishing, reducing

pollution and creating more green space in cities.

It is hoped the evidence in the report will help form policies and action and provide the basis for new global targets to protect nature which will be negotiated at a UN meeting in China in 2020. (Courtesy https://www.irishexaminer.com/)

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**5G Internet Has Become A Policy Minefield For Cities While Health Concerns, Aesthetics And FCC Bullying Pose New Challenges Cities Are Saying No To 5G**



Overview

The next generation of wireless internet needs lots of new equipment in public spaces. The federal government just limited what cities can do about that, and mayors say they're prepared to fight back.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

In October of last year, four U.S. cities got their first taste of the next generation of wireless internet. Verizon began rolling out its 5G residential service in Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, and Sacramento, bringing this superfast wireless broadband to customers for the first time. But it arrived just as local governments found their hands tied at governing how these networks—and all the equipment they require—will fit into their communities.

That's because, about the same time, the Federal Communications Commission restricted cities' ability to regulate 5G infrastructure. Under the new rules, local governments face tight deadlines to approve or reject the installation of this new cellular equipment. The rules also put limits on how much money cities can charge wireless firms for the privilege of putting hardware in public rights of way. This is no small move. The 5G buildup will require massive amounts of new gear, and the installation and approval

process has already proven contentious in many places. The U.S. Conference of Mayors was quick to criticize the FCC's move as a breach of local authority and suggest it will turn to the courts for resolution.



"The [FCC] has embarked on an unprecedented federal intrusion into local (and state) government property rights that will have substantial and continuing adverse impacts on cities and their taxpayers," U.S. Conference of Mayors CEO Tom Cochran said in statement. "The Conference and its members now look to the federal courts to review and rectify this unlawful taking of local property."

The dispute comes down to the "small cell" equipment required for much of 5G and who gets to say where it goes. Small cell sites can be as compact as a pizza box and are typically installed on utility poles or buildings. 5G technology, in turn, delivers wireless internet access at least five times faster and more responsive than today's 4G networks—but 5G's best performance limits it to the shortest range.

While a 4G cell site might cover a dozen city blocks, 5G's fastest, millimeter-wave frequencies might need one site for each block.



An Accenture study commissioned by the wireless trade group CTIA estimated in March that there would be 769,000 small-cell deployments in the U.S. from 2018 to 2026. In a separate report, CTIA estimated that the U.S. had 323,448 cell sites in service at the end of 2017.

"What we have is a lot of small cells getting deployed in numbers that localities have never seen before," Wireless Infrastructure Association president and CEO Jonathan Adelstein said.

For an example of a more amicable approach to 5G, look to Sacramento. Early on, the city formed a public-private partnership to help Verizon build a network that would support its own smart-city services. (Courtesy <https://www.citylab.com>)

**Health Issues – Does 5G Pose Health Risks?**

So what are the health concerns of 5G, and is there any evidence to back them up?



diation all the time - from television and radio signals, as well as from a whole range of technologies, including mobile phones, and from natural sources such as sunlight.

**What's different about 5G?**

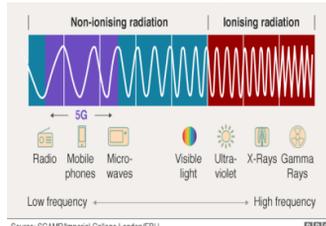
5G uses higher frequency waves than earlier mobile networks, allowing more devices to have access to the internet at the same time and at faster speeds.

These waves travel shorter distances through urban spaces, so 5G networks require more transmitter masts than previous technologies, positioned closer to ground level.

**What are the concerns?**

The electromagnetic radiation used by all mobile phone technologies has led some people to worry about increased health risks, including developing certain types of cancer.

**Where 5G fits in the electromagnetic spectrum**



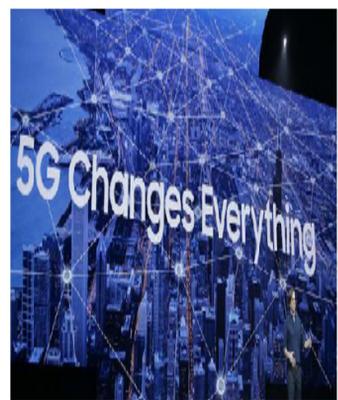
Cities and towns throughout Northern California are issuing ordinances that would exclude new 5G cell sites from residential areas, citing supposed health concerns. Residents of Portland, Ore., and Whitefish, Mont., have also cited these beliefs while lobbying for restrictions. Legislators in four states including New Hampshire have proposed bills that would mandate further study of health effects or else urge Congress to do so, and Congressman Thomas Suozzi (D., N.Y.) wrote to the FCC echoing these concerns.

In 2014 the World Health Organization (WHO) said that "no adverse health effects have been established as being caused by mobile phone use".

However, the WHO together with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified all radio frequency radiation (of which mobile

signals are a part) as "possibly carcinogenic".

It has been put in this category because "there is evidence that falls short of being conclusive that exposure may cause cancer in humans".



Eating pickled vegetables and using talcum powder are classed as having the same level of risk.

Alcoholic drinks and processed meat are classed as higher risk.

A toxicology report released in 2018 by the US Department of Health, and pointed to by those expressing safety concerns, found that male rats exposed to high doses of radio frequency radiation developed a type of cancerous tumour in the heart.

For this study, rats' whole bodies were exposed to radiation from mobile phones for nine hours a day every day for two years, starting before they were born. No cancer link was found for the female rats or the mice studied. It was also found that rats exposed to the radiation lived longer than those in the control group. The WHO says electromagnetic frequency exposures below the limits recommended in the ICNIRP guidelines do not appear to have any known consequence on health. (Courtesy [bbc.com](http://bbc.com))

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