

Unidentified flinching object: In Hong Kong protests, police wage assault on facts | The Washington Post

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HONG KONG — The “yellow object” lying on the ground had a distinct shape, evident in the [video footage](#) that surfaced later. Certainly, a good portion of it was bright yellow. It appeared to have arms. And two protrusions that resembled legs. Someone had dressed the object in dark-colored shorts.

As Hong Kong police officers swarmed over the object and roughed it up in a dark alley, it appeared to squirm.

In a city grown [accustomed to clashes](#) between demonstrators and police as the government responds to months of protests with tear gas and [mass arrests](#), the incident on Saturday and the official response to it illustrated a breakdown in the relationship between the police force and the public.

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