

Chinese army presence in Hong Kong

Fears are growing in Hong Kong that Beijing could send in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to quell unrest following weeks of anti-government protests in the city

HONG KONG GARRISON

Troops: 8,000-10,000 estimated to be stationed in Hong Kong, but many are located across border in Shenzhen, where it is cheaper to house them

★ PLA barracks ● Other facilities



Garrison Headquarters: British-built, flanks key government offices and legislature building – key target of recent protests

■ **Basic Law:** Local constitution states that soldiers stationed in city “shall not interfere in local affairs” but Hong Kong government can request assistance from garrison to maintain public order

■ **Basic Law also allows standing committee of National People's Congress to declare state of emergency in Hong Kong if turmoil “endangers national unity or security”**