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Hong Kong descends into chaos again

By Kelvin Chan
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong streets descended into chaotic scenes following an unauthorized pro-democracy rally Sunday as protesters set up roadblocks and torched businesses and police responded with tear gas and a water cannon.

Protesters tossed firebombs and took their anger out on

shops with mainland Chinese ties as they skirmished late into the evening with riot police, who unleashed numerous tear gas rounds on short notice, angering residents and passers-by.

Police had beefed up security measures ahead of the rally, for which they refused to give permission, the latest chapter in the unrest that has disrupted life in the financial hub since early June.

Some 24 people were hurt and treated at hospitals, including six with serious injuries, the Hospital Authority said.

Police did not give an arrest figure. One person was seen being handcuffed and taken away to a police van.

As the rally march set off, protest leaders carried a black banner that read, "Five main demands, not one less," as they

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Protestors set a fire on a street to prevent police from approaching Sunday in Hong Kong. [VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Former salvage yard to become business, entertainment venue



Property owner CCSIP Properties Inc. is requesting a special-use permit for a planned development in Belvidere's Central Business District, seen here on Wednesday at 300 South Main Street. [SCOTT P. YATES/RRSTAR.COM STAFF]

By Ken DeCoster
Staff writer

BELVIDERE — A longtime eyesore in the heart of the city's downtown is being transformed into a center for live entertainment and small businesses.

CCSIP Properties of Garden Prairie is requesting a special use permit to convert a former salvage yard at 300 South Main Street into a container park.

Container parks are comprised of large metal shipping containers that have been

retrofitted to house a variety of uses including retail, farmer's markets and festivals.

"There will be a central pavilion, an entertainment stage area, restrooms and areas available for pop-up retail spaces including restaurants," CCSIP Properties Executive Vice President Heather Steines said. "We anticipate the space will be used in a rental capacity as well as an extension of Belvidere's festivals and any new events."

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Property owner CCSIP Properties Inc. plans to have a central pavilion, an entertainment stage area, restrooms and areas for pop-up retail space, including restaurants at this space at 300 South Main Street in Belvidere. [SCOTT P. YATES/RRSTAR.COM STAFF]

Trump scraps plan to host G-7 at resort

By Zeke Miller and Jill Colvin
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Responding to stinging criticism, President Donald Trump has abruptly reversed his plan to hold the next year's Group of Seven world leaders' meeting at his Doral golf resort in Florida.

"I think he knows," his acting chief of staff said Sunday, "people think it looks lousy."

Trump announced a rare backtrack Saturday night after facing accusations that he was using the presidency to enrich himself by hosting the international summit at the private resort owned by his family.

"Based on both Media & Democrat Crazy and Irrational Hostility, we will no longer consider Trump National Doral, Miami, as the Host Site for the G-7 in 2020," Trump tweeted. He said his administration "will begin the search for another site, including the possibility of Camp David, immediately."

The striking reversal raises further doubts about the position of the Republican president's top aide, Mick Mulvaney, who held a news conference Thursday announcing the choice of Doral for the summit. He insisted his staff had concluded it was "far and away the best physical facility." Mulvaney said the White House reached that determination after visiting 10 sites across the country.

Mulvaney on Sunday claimed that Trump was "honestly surprised at the level of pushback"

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