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Chinese Media Spread Fake News That Western Man Arrested in Hong Kong Is CIA Agent

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Footage of a man who appeared to be an [American](#) being placed under [arrest](#) inside a [Hong Kong](#) subway station on the evening of Aug. 31 has gone viral amid growing allegations of police brutality, during another weekend in a city rocked by protests.

Since then, Chinese media has spread reports that the man is suspected of being a CIA “commander” in Hong Kong, in line with Chinese propaganda that the protests have been incited by “foreign forces.”

“What charge is this? Otherwise, it is unlawful!” the man, wearing a T-shirt and cargo shorts, shouts in one video as he is escorted away by riot police at the Lai King subway station.

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