stalemate /ˈsteɪlmeɪt/ noun

a situation in which it seems impossible to settle an argument or disagreement, and neither side can get an advantage

***Fairfax fends off Rinehart approach:***

**TONY JONES, PRESENTER: Well the battle between Fairfax and Gina Rinehart is again at a stalemate after the board tonight rejected the mining magnate's request for seats.**

***Neither side prepared to budge in HK:***

**So now we have one very big stalemate, both sides not taking a backwards step and there's some sort of reckoning to come, you'd have to think.**