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A1: Ex-policeman guilty of Occupy assault

A retired Hong Kong senior police officer accused of striking a bystander with a baton during the 2014 Occupy protests has pleaded not guilty in court, while his lawyer said a local newspaper had committed contempt of court by ridiculing the former superintendent.

On Friday, Frankly Chu denied one count of assault occasioning actual bodily harm in West Kowloon Court.

The charge, which carries a maximum jail sentence of three years, came after prosecutors alleged that he hit passer-by Osman Cheng Chung-hang with his baton in Mong Kok on November 26, 2014 during the 79-day pro-democracy sit-in.

After prosecutors asked him to make a plea on Friday, Chu, appearing before Acting Principal Magistrate So Wai-tak, replied: "Not guilty."

A2: Customers in dark over use of data in loyalty schemes

Retailers love to offer membership and rewards programmes to lure and retain consumers but Hong Kong's privacy chief on Monday warned that many shops fail to provide customers with transparency, choices and control over the use of personal data.

Releasing a report on personal data collection by customer loyalty and rewards programmes, Privacy Commissioner Stephen Wong Kai-yi called on retail firms to thoroughly explain to customers their privacy policies and practices, respect customers' right to privacy and give them control over their own personal data.

He also advised individuals to read a programme's privacy policy carefully to understand the possible use and sharing of their data, and assess the related privacy risks before joining such programmes.

The report examined 30 customer loyalty and rewards programmes from six sectors - retail, hotel, catering, airline, cinema and petrol - in late May 2017. The programmes were picked due to their popularity in the local market and potential to collect substantial amounts of personal data from a large number of individuals.