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C1: Activist admits attacking policeman during riot

A high-profile Hong Kong political activist admitted in court on Monday that he assaulted a policeman during violent clashes in one of the city's busiest districts in February 2016.

Edward Leung Tin-kei admitted one count of assaulting a police officer at the High Court. One of his five co-defendants, Wong Ka-kui, pleaded guilty to taking part in a riot. Both were remanded in custody after the hearing.

But Leung and the four others denied a string of other charges accusing them of taking part in riots and unlawful assemblies.

"I plead not guilty," the bespectacled activist, clad in a dark suit, said in the dock when asked to make a plea for charges other than the assault.

A1: China listens for US submarines from bottom of the ocean

China has planted powerful listening devices in two strategic seabeds deep in the waters near Guam, America's biggest military base in the Western Pacific.

The cutting-edge acoustic sensors – some of which have a listening range of more than 1,000km – are being used for scientific research such as studying earthquakes, typhoons and whales, according to the Chinese government.

But security experts say the sensors can also track the movement of submarines in the South China Sea and intercept underwater signals between the submarines and their command base.

The high-end surveillance devices have been in operation since 2016, though the information was released by the Chinese Academy of Sciences only this month.