He may get his wish in key states
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Hong Kong's new national security unit on Tuesday arrested three pro-democracy activists, including Tony Chung Hon-lam, a leading figure of a now-defunct political group that had called for independence.

Mr Chung, 19, was near the US consulate where he reportedly intended to seek asylum when he was apprehended by police officers.

Yannis Ho and William Chan, who were previously involved in the same group, Studentlocalism, were arrested in the afternoon.

Hong Kong police said in a statement that the trio were arrested for inciting secession in breach of a sweeping national security law in posts made on Studentlocalism's social media accounts.

"Most laws in the real world apply to the online world, " police said. "If anyone breaks the law that person shall be held criminally responsible. The public should by no means defy the law. "

In late June, Studentlocalism halted operations in Hong Kong with plans to move overseas before the national security law came into effect. The law, which criminalises acts deemed by Chinese authorities as secession, subversion, terrorism and foreign collusion, was imposed by the ruling Communist Party to restore order in Hong Kong after months of mass pro-democracy protests.

Four activists are believed to have entered the US consulate on Tuesday, reported the South China Morning Post, a newspaper in Hong Kong. The US embassy in China has not commented.

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