Activists were arrested when they tried to take soil from a site in Tin Shui Wai where they said illegal dumping had taken place. They said they planned to leave bags of soil at the entrance to government headquarters to protest against inaction in respect of illegal dumping.

There was so much soil at the site that it was practically a hill. The activists said it was both unsightly and dangerous. Lawmaker Lee Cheuk-yan went to support the protesters, and was forcibly removed by police officers when he yelled at them.

The protest was carried out under the slogan “以泥還泥” (yi3 ni2 hai2 ni2) — literally “soil for soil,” which is clearly a word play with the idiom “以牙還牙” (yi3 ya2 hai2 ya2) — a tooth for a tooth, or “以眼還眼” (yi3 yan3 hai2 yan3) — an eye for an eye.