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TV on buses

Irate commuters in Hong Kong are screaming mad at bus operators for disturbing their peace and quiet with noisy TVs churning out endless music videos and advertisements. At least two companies, Kowloon Motor Bus (KMB) and Citybus, which together run the majority of the territory's bus routes, have been offering multi-media broadcasting on their vehicles since early this year. Television monitors are fitted both on the upper and lower floors of double-decker buses and will be installed in some mini-buses soon. Some commuters say Hong Kong is already noisy and stressful enough without adding to the racket, and a protest group has been formed. The Mass Transit Railway (MTR) has already bowed to public pressure and withdrawn plans to fit screens in subway carriages, but so far bus operators have shown no signs that they will cave in. Bus operators defended the new service, saying advertising revenues could help ease the pressure for fare increases.

Can you measure without a meter?

Noise pollution is a punishable offence under the Indian Environmental Protection Act 2000. But how will the Mumbai police verify any complaint if none of the 76 police stations possess a noise meter? "We get around 15 calls a day. During festivals, the number is doubled. Most complaints are against loudspeakers," said Sub-inspector More, attendant at the police hotline for noise pollution. "For the last three years, I have been trying to convince the Mumbai police to get a noise meter", said Professor Laxmi Vyas, consultant for noise pollution.