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## Missing man in Kwun Tong located

A man who went missing in Kwun Tong has been located by Police.

Wong Hok-kwan, aged 85, went missing after he was last seen at a minibus stop on Kwun Tong Road on April 25 afternoon. His family made a report to Police on the same day.

Police located the man in Fuk Tsun Street, Mong Kok yesterday afternoon (April 26).

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## Hong Kong Customs makes record cocaine seizure in town (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs seized a total of about 250 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$240 million in To Kwa Wan, Yau Ma Tei and Tsim Sha Tsui on April 25. This is a record in-town seizure of suspected cocaine by the Hong Kong Customs.

During an anti-narcotics operation in To Kwa Wan in the evening on April 25, Customs officers intercepted a man and found about 52 kilograms of suspected cocaine inside his rucksack and suitcase. The 24-year-old man was then arrested.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers escorted the arrested man to a residential premises nearby and a hotel room in Yau Ma Tei, where about 49 kilograms and 119 kilograms of suspected cocaine were further seized respectively.

Customs officers also arrested another 44-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in Tsim Sha Tsui. He was escorted to a residential unit nearby where about 30 kilograms of suspected cocaine were seized.

Investigation is ongoing.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).



## Missing man in Tsim Sha Tsui located

A man who went missing in Tsim Sha Tsui has been located.

Ali Abdul Kader, aged 43, went missing after he was last seen on Nathan Road on April 24 morning. Staff of his hostel made a report to Police on April 25.

The man returned to the hostel in Nam Cheong Street, Cheung Sha Wan last night (April 26).