<u>China's procuratorates secure return</u> <u>of 43 fugitive suspects</u>

China's procuratorates secured the return of 43 fugitive suspects from abroad in the first 11 months of 2016, the Supreme People's Procuratorate (SPP) revealed on Thursday.

The suspects, who returned from 19 countries and regions, include 15 on a list of China's top 100 fugitives in an Interpol "red notice," said Song Hansong, an anti-corruption official with the SPP.

A total of 548 million yuan (80 million U.S. dollars) of funds are involved in the cases.

Among them was China's most-wanted graft fugitive Yang Xiuzhu, who had been on the run for 13 years. She finally returned to China on Nov. 16, 2016 and turned herself in to authorities.

The return of these fugitives is a great deterrent to other fugitives, Song said.