

# Correctional officers combat illicit activities of persons in custody

â€‹The Correctional Services Department (CSD) today (Feb 1) took actions to combat illicit activities of persons in custody at Stanley Prison.

The management of Stanley Prison stepped up measures to combat illicit food transaction activities perpetrated by persons in custody of the institution kitchen prior to Lunar New Year with a number of persons in custody disciplined. While intelligence revealed that the series of crackdown had successfully intercepted the plot for supplying illicit food from the kitchen, some persons in custody, who were thereby unable to acquire the illicit food today, were aggrieved and had started a fight with another group of persons in custody who broke the promise of supplying the illicit food inside a dining hall at 9am today. A total of ten male persons in custody aged between 26 and 56 from both parties were involved in the fight. Correctional officers immediately stopped the fight and summoned reinforcement. As the fight persisted upon the arrival of reinforcing staff and repeated warnings given were to no avail, OC foam was used to subdue the persons in custody concerned. During the incident, a correctional officer and a person in custody sustained injury to their hand and eye respectively. After examination and treatment by the Medical Officer of the institution, they did not need to be referred to outside hospital. The remaining persons in custody did not sustain any injury. The ten persons in custody involved have been segregated for investigation.

In view of the triad affiliation of the persons in custody involved and in order to forestall any undue influence towards other areas of the institution, the CSD had deployed the Regional Response Team, staff of the Security Section and Dog Unit to Stanley Prison to support the management to crack down on illicit activities by the persons in custody and at the locations concerned. The operation is still underway.

The CSD is committed to ensuring a safe and secure custodial environment, and will spare no efforts and take every measure to combat any form of illicit activities to ensure the stability of the institution.

Stanley Prison is a maximum security institution for the detention of male adult convicted and remand persons in custody.