

Correctional officers stop fighting among persons in custody

Correctional Officers at Shek Pik Prison on Lantau Island stopped a fight among persons in custody today (January 4).

At 1.20 pm today, nine male persons in custody aged from 24 to 38 engaged in a fight inside workshop. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the fight and called for reinforcements.

Two correctional officers sustained minor injuries to the head and knee respectively during the process of stopping the fight. The officer who sustained a knee injury was referred to a public hospital for further treatment after examination and treatment provided by the institution Medical Officer. One of the persons in custody also sustained injuries to his head and was referred to a public hospital for further treatment after treatment by the institution Medical Officer. After examination and treatment provided by the institution Medical Officer, the others involved did not need to be sent to public hospital. The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) immediately deployed reinforcements including a Regional Response Team, officers of the Security Section and a Dog Unit to conduct a search operation on a targeted location and persons in custody at Shek Pik Prison. At the moment, the aforementioned persons in custody suspected of being involved in the fight have been removed from association with one another and are under investigation. The atmosphere at Shek Pik Prison is currently stable. The CSD will continue to closely monitor any developments and the activities of the persons in custody concerned.

Shek Pik Prison is a maximum security institution for the detention of male adult persons in custody.