

# Correctional Services Department combats illicit activities

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) today (April 3) launched an operation at Stanley Prison to combat illicit activities by persons in custody.

Recently, the management of Stanley Prison received intelligence that some persons in custody planned to organise illicit activities and incited fellow persons in custody to act against the management. Earlier, correctional officers encountered verbal provocation by some persons in custody when investigating a fighting incident inside a dining hall.

Following assessment and detailed planning, the CSD deployed a regional response team, officers of the Security Section and a dog unit this morning to reinforce Stanley Prison to combat illicit activities and conduct a search on target locations and persons. During the operation, seven persons in custody who were suspected of inciting fellow persons in custody to engage in collective illicit activities or were in possession of unauthorised articles were removed from association for investigation. The atmosphere at Stanley Prison is currently stable. The CSD will continue to closely monitor developments and the activities of persons in custody concerned.

In order to assist persons in custody to rehabilitate in a safe and orderly environment, the CSD spares no effort in combating illicit activities of all kinds in its institutions.

Stanley Prison is a maximum security prison for the detention of male adult persons in custody including those who committed serious offences.