

Heads of disciplinary forces strongly condemn domestic terrorism behaviour

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Mr Hermes Tang; the Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Woo Ying-ming; the Director of Fire Services, Mr Joseph Leung; the Director of Immigration, Mr Au Ka-wang; and the Controller of the Government Flying Service, Captain Wu Wai-hung, issued the following statement today (July 3):

The enactment of the National Security Law last year has halted chaos and restored order in Hong Kong, and the society has gradually stabilised. However, criminals by whatever means keep trying to undermine the overall security of Hong Kong.

We strongly condemn the terrorist attack in which a police officer on duty was attacked with a knife on July 1, and later some people even glorified the act of the attacker as heroism on social media. We fully support the Police's resolute enforcement actions and would like to thank the police officers for their commitment to duties. We also wish the injured police officer a speedy recovery and extend our regards to his family members.

Online comments glorified the suspect's cold-blooded act of violence, incited hatred and further advocated terrorist activities. This not only directly encourages more people to replicate the suspect's brutal and unlawful acts, it also condones the emergence of domestic terrorism and puts Hong Kong's public safety and order at risks. Such influence can be catastrophic.

The disciplinary forces will stay united to keep up our commitment and fully co-operate with the Police's enforcement actions. We will continue to do our utmost in combating domestic terrorism, thereby ensuring the safety of Hong Kong citizens, maintaining the public peace and safeguarding the national security.