

# HKSAR Government supports Police in putting persons at large alleged to have violated National Security Law on wanted list

A spokesman for the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) today (July 3) said that the HKSAR Government supports the National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force (NSD) in taking actions in accordance with the law, pursuant to arrest warrants issued in respect of eight persons who have absconded overseas and allegedly committed offences under the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the HKSAR (National Security Law), to list those persons at large as wanted persons.

"The HKSAR Government steadfastly safeguards national sovereignty, security and development interests, and unswervingly, fully and faithfully implements the top principle of 'one country, two systems'. It is the constitutional responsibility of the HKSAR to safeguard national security, and it is the common responsibility of all the people of China, including the people of Hong Kong, to safeguard the sovereignty, unification and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of China. The HKSAR Government shall proactively prevent, suppress and impose punishment for any act and activity endangering national security in accordance with the National Security Law and other relevant laws," the spokesman said.

"Endangering national security is a very serious offence. The HKSAR Government will fight against it in full force and pursue the liability of these persons to the end. The eight persons concerned who have fled overseas are alleged to have continued to commit offences under the National Security Law that seriously endanger national security. The Police have the responsibility to take all necessary measures in accordance with the law to arrest the persons related to the cases and bring them to justice."

"The fugitives should not have any delusion that they could evade their legal liabilities by absconding from Hong Kong. They ultimately have to bear responsibility and face the sanctions of the law for their serious illegal acts endangering national security," the spokesman emphasised.