

Judiciary strongly condemns attempted attack at Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

Earlier today (November 4), a man involved in an attempted knife attack at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts was swiftly subdued by on-site police officers. No judicial officers or court staff were harmed during the incident. The individual has been arrested, and investigations are ongoing.

The Judiciary strongly condemns any attempts to attack judges or judicial officers, as such acts are a direct affront to the rule of law, a disregard for law and order, and a serious threat to the safety of judges and judicial officers as well as all court users.

The Judiciary stresses that judges and judicial officers faithfully discharge their constitutional duties in strict accordance with their judicial oath, upholding the law and administering justice without fear, favour, self-interest, or deceit. Their decisions are made independently and professionally, based on legal principles. For those dissatisfied with a verdict or sentence, the proper recourse is through the established appeals process.

Having reviewed the existing security arrangements at Magistrates' Courts buildings, the Judiciary will progressively implement enhanced security measures, including security screenings and increased manpower, starting tomorrow. The Judiciary will also continue working closely with the Police to strengthen patrols and other safety measures, ensuring the protection of judges and judicial officers, court staff as well as court users.