

Man arrested and charged by Police National Security Department

The National Security Department (NSD) of the Hong Kong Police Force arrested a 36-year-old man in Eastern District yesterday (January 21), on suspicion of committing "knowingly publishing publications that had a seditious intention" in contravention of Section 24 of the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance.

The investigation revealed that the arrested man was suspected of repeatedly publishing posts with seditious intentions on social platforms, with content provoking hatred towards the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Judiciary, calling for sanction against government officials as well as inciting violence.

NSD this morning (January 22) officially laid charge against the man with one count of "knowingly publishing publications that had a seditious intention". The case will be mentioned at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts this afternoon.

Police remind members of the public that "knowingly publishing publications that had a seditious intention" is a serious crime. Offenders shall be liable to imprisonment for seven years on first conviction. Members of the public are urged not to defy the law.