

Man charged by Police National Security Department

The National Security Department (NSD) of the Hong Kong Police Force today (June 25) charged a man with three counts of "doing with a seditious intention an act or acts that had a seditious intention" and two counts of "destroying or damaging property".

NSD arrested a 29-year-old man in Tseung Kwan O on June 23, for "doing with a seditious intention an act or acts that had a seditious intention", contravening Section 24 of the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance.

Police investigation revealed that the arrested man was suspected of writing words with seditious intention on multiple occasions on the back of bus seats on different public buses in March and April. The contents provoked hatred towards the Central Authorities and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

The case will be mentioned at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts this afternoon.

Police remind the public that "doing with a seditious intention an act or acts that had a seditious intention" and "destroying or damaging property" are serious crimes. Offenders shall be liable upon conviction to imprisonment for seven years or 10 years respectively. Members of the public are urged not to defy the law.