

Police arrested four men in suspected connection with arson cases

Police yesterday (June 7) arrested four men in suspected connection with two arson cases happened respectively in Wan Chai in the small hours of yesterday and in Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

At about 3.34am yesterday, officers from a patrolling police vehicle spotted a man holding an ignited glass bottle at the junction of Arsenal Street and Lockhart Road. When the police vehicle slowed down, the man threw the glass bottle towards the police vehicle. The ignited glass bottle landed next to the police vehicle. The man then boarded a black private car and fled.

At about 3.50pm yesterday, a man threw an ignited glass bottle towards the outer wall of Happy Valley Police Station. The glass bottle landed on ground and got on fire. The man then boarded a black private car and fled.

After the incidents, officers of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Bureau seized fragments of the glass bottles at scenes to conduct further examinations.

Officers later found a private car on King's Road, North Point, in suspected connection with the cases. A 24-year-old man was arrested at a building nearby for arson.

Officers later arrested three men, aged between 22 and 60, in suspected connection with the cases.

The four arrestees are being detained for further enquiries.

Officers of Organized Crime and Triad Bureau are actively investigating the two cases. Police do not rule out the possibility that more arrests will be made.

Police strongly condemn the unlawful behaviours and reiterate that no violent acts will be tolerated. Resolute enforcement actions will be taken against any illegal acts to preserve public order and safeguard public safety.

Anyone who witnessed the incidents or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 2527 7887 or 6148 2110.