

# Security Bureau leads Police to pursue legal liability of people who violated National Security Law

The Security Bureau today (July 3) expressed its full support to the National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force in its effort to bring to justice people who have absconded overseas and allegedly committed offences under the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (National Security Law).

"The Police have been steadfastly making tireless efforts in taking all necessary measures to prevent, suppress and impose punishment for acts and activities endangering national security in accordance with the law, based on the principle that 'laws are observed so as to bring offenders to account', with a view to safeguarding national security. As the National Security Law has extraterritorial effect, the Police have the responsibility to pursue the liability of those who have allegedly committed offences under the National Security Law outside Hong Kong. The eight persons have fled overseas, and have continued to commit offences under the National Security Law that seriously endanger national security. The application by the Police to the court for arrest warrants in accordance with the law and putting the eight persons on the wanted list is fully justified and no one can deny that," a spokesman for the Security Bureau said.

The spokesman also made an appeal to members of the public. "The fugitive offenders who have fled overseas have repeatedly promoted law-defying ideas through both physical and online channels, and incited members of the public to support, subsidise or even take part in the illegal activities of those people or and their accomplices. The Security Bureau, together with the law enforcement agencies, will continue to strive to take all necessary measures in accordance with the law to stop those absconders from continuing to conduct activities endangering national security, including cutting off their crime proceeds and their funding sources, identifying their accomplices in Hong Kong and holding them accountable. Members of the public should be careful not to be abetted by these absconders and their accomplices to avoid bearing criminal responsibilities."