<u>Stringent actions to be taken against</u> <u>misconduct of police officers</u>

The Police management is highly concerned about the recent criminal offences involving police officers and cases are established for investigation with a number of officers involved arrested. Among them, officers in connection with serious offences have been or will be interdicted.

Police are furious and disappointed about officers suspected to have breached the law and discipline. The incidents have impaired public confidence in the Police and are very unfair to other officers who have all along dedicated to their duty.

Police attach utmost importance to the discipline and integrity of police officers. All police officers, irrespective of their ranks, must abide by the law at all times. Police management resolutely adopts a zero tolerance attitude to any acts of breach of the law or discipline by police officers. Supervisors are required to carry out stringent supervisory responsibilities. Police are committed to handle all cases of breach of discipline or the law in a serious and impartial manner.

Police have all along attached great importance to the integrity management of police officers. The Complaints and Internal Investigations Branch formulated the Integrated Integrity Management Framework years ago to promote integrity and honesty among officers as well as to regulate their discipline and conduct. To avoid similar incidents, the Police management is reviewing the internal management strategy of the Force.

Police reiterate that no bad element in the Force can be tolerated. If an officer is suspected to have breached the law or committed a breach of discipline, Police will conduct serious investigation according to the established mechanism and take appropriate actions accordingly.