

Joint operation by Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR and Police National Security Department

The Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (OSNS) and the National Security Department (NSD) of the Hong Kong Police Force, pursuant to the Hong Kong National Security Law, the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance and the Safeguarding National Security (Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) Regulation, conducted a joint operation today (June 12) in respect of a suspected case of "collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security".

In the case, six persons and an organisation were suspected of having committed the offence of "collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security" under Article 29 of the Hong Kong National Security Law between November 2020 and June 2024. The OSNS, with the approval from the Director of the OSNS, requested assistance and support from the NSD, including arranging interviews with the persons involved in the case for the OSNS, pursuant to section 3 of the Safeguarding National Security (Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) Regulation.

The NSD, with warrants issued by the court under Schedule 1 of the Implementation Rules for Article 43 of the Hong Kong National Security Law, searched the places of residence of the six persons and the office of the organisation involved in the case in a commercial building in Kwai Chung district and seized exhibits, including bank documents, devices, etc., for further investigation. The NSD also conducted interviews with the persons involved in the case and, pursuant to Schedule 2 of the Implementation Rules for Article 43 of the Hong Kong National Security Law, required the persons involved in the case, by notices issued by the court, to surrender their travel documents. The case is still under investigation, and the NSD will continue to provide assistance and support to the OSNS in accordance with the law.