



Police statement on ICAC allegation

Regarding the press response by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) on the arrest of three Police officers including a Senior Superintendent, Police issued the following statement today (May 19):

ICAC stated that a senior Police officer is alleged to have accepted advantages to provide tip-offs on impending police operations against entertainment establishments in Tsim Sha Tsui and Mong Kok. This allegation is very serious and detrimental to the reputation of the Hong Kong Police Force.

There were several similar ICAC arrest operations and allegations made against police officers last year in which no result has been made known up to this moment. Officers in the Force are deeply concerned about the fact that despite serious allegations having been made, no corresponding criminal prosecutions have been instituted to date.

The Force fully supports ICAC in their fight against corruption and will continue to render whatever assistance required in respect of operations involving police officers. However, we believe that ICAC should be more circumspect in the release of information relating to specific allegations which have yet been clarified. With regard to the several cases which occurred last year, ICAC should provide the public and the Force with a clear update as soon as possible.

Police will liaise with the ICAC with a view to clarifying the specific allegations contained in the ICAC press response. Should there be sufficient substance in the allegations, Police will co-operate closely with the ICAC in working out any preventive measures.

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