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Hi all

Please see below an urgent media enquiry from s 47F(1) / The Australian regarding Hong Kong arrest warrants for Australian citizens.

MLS would be grateful for a draft response to this enquiry ASAP. s 47C(1)

s 47E(d)

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Hong Kong arrest warrants on Kevin Yam and Ted Hui

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I've cc'ed DFAT media as well in case they are better placed to answer.

The Hong Kong police force has just announced arrest warrants on people including Australian citizen Kevin Yam s 47F(1) and Ted Hui, s 47F(1) and is applying for citizenship through the asylum category.

The HK police say their alleged offences were breaches of the National Security Law. Kevin has been accused of collusion. Ted has been accused of incitement to subversion, incitement to secession and collusion. A HKD 1 million bounty has been put on each of them.

<https://twitter.com/XinqiSu/status/1675765192544616451>

s 47E(d)

**Request for comment:**

Would the Foreign Minister or DFAT please comment on their situation? Has the Australian government been asked to extradite them?

This has just broken. I will get it online once I have spoken to them. Please let me know if you can comment, the sooner, the better. It will need to be within two hours to make the print deadline, but I can add later to the online story.

s 47F(1)

Best,

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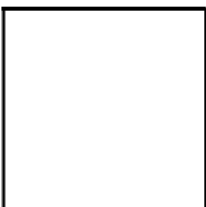
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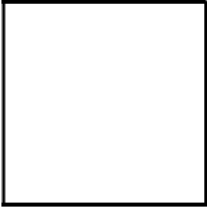
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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii), appreciate the update.

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For your (and this group's) visibility and further to your advice, s 47F(1) /FMO has advised that FMO has provided the following response to the ABC/Australian/AFR and Guardian:

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Comments tonight from FM:

The Australian Government is deeply disappointed by reports of Hong Kong authorities issuing arrest warrants for democracy advocates, including those in Australia.

We have consistently expressed concerns about the broad application of the National Security Law to arrest or pressure pro-democracy figures and civil society.

The Government will continue to speak out on issues that matter to Australians, including human rights.

Freedom of expression and assembly are essential to our democracy, and we will support those in Australia who exercise those rights.

Australia remains deeply concerned by the continuing erosion of Hong Kong's rights, freedoms and autonomy.

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks again,

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Hi MLS colleagues,

s 47C(1)

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'DFAT is aware of the arrest warrants issued under the National Security Law. We are monitoring the situation as it develops both in Canberra and through our Consulate-General in Hong Kong.'

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s 47E(d)

Many thanks,

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We've received a fourth enquiry from s 47F(1) /The Guardian – please see attached. s 47C(1)

Thanks

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Goodness! We're still progressing the points through divisional SES. Will keep you posted, but probably on the other distro. Cheers. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks for the advice <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>. For your awareness, the FMO have now received a third enquiry on this issue, from the ABC.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) (MLS duty officer)

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Hi, all. There are a number of emails going around with different distros. The state of play in relation to these arrest warrants in Hong Kong is:

- s 47C(1)
- There is a media enquiry from s 47F(1) /Australian.
- There's a second enquiry from AFR.

Cheers. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>, thank you for the advice.

For your awareness, we've just received a second media enquiry on this issue from <sup>s 47F(1)</sup> /Nine – attached for reference.

Kind regards

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Media colleagues,

I've spoken to s 22(1)(a)(ii) Dir CHX in EEB/EAD s 47C(1)

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Hi all

Please see below an urgent media enquiry from s 47F(1) / The Australian regarding Hong Kong arrest warrants for Australian citizens.

MLS would be grateful for a draft response to this enquiry ASAP. s 47C(1)

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Kind regards

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Hong Kong arrest warrants on Kevin Yam and Ted Hui

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) ,

I've cc'ed DFAT media as well in case they are better placed to answer.



The Hong Kong police force has just announced arrest warrants on people including Australian citizen Kevin Yam s 47F(1) and Ted Hui, s 47F(1) and is applying for citizenship through the asylum category.

The HK police say their alleged offences were breaches of the National Security Law. Kevin has been accused of collusion. Ted has been accused of incitement to subversion, incitement to secession and collusion. A HKD 1 million bounty has been put on each of them.

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**Request for comment:**

Would the Foreign Minister or DFAT please comment on their situation? Has the Australian government been asked to extradite them?

This has just broken. I will get it online once I have spoken to them. Please let me know if you can comment, the sooner, the better. It will need to be within two hours to make the print deadline, but I can add later to the online story.

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Best,

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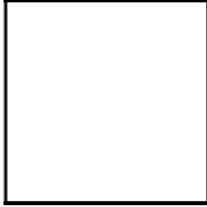
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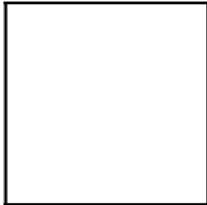
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**Title:** Hong Kong: National Security Law: Arrests warrants with HKD1 million reward for activists based overseas

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### Summary

On 3 July, Hong Kong national security policy announced arrest warrants and HKD1 million (AUD192,000) reward for eight self-exiled activists including former law maker Ted Hui (accused of inciting subversion, inciting secession and foreign collusion) and lawyer Kevin Yam (foreign collusion), both in Australia. Others include s 47F(1)

This is the first time a monetary reward has been applied to a National Security Law arrest warrant against people overseas.

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On 3 July, Hong Kong national security policy announced arrest warrants under the National Security Law (NSL) and HKD1 million (AUD192,000) reward on eight self-exiled activists, including former law maker s 47F(1) Others include s 47F(1) s 47F(1)

2. This is the first time a monetary reward has been applied to an NSL arrest warrant against people overseas. For each warrant, the reward will be paid for supplying information that leads to the arrest and satisfactory prosecution of the wanted persons.

3. **Allegations against Kevin Yam** - Collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security.

*In November and December 2022, YAM Kevin met foreign government officials to instigate "sanctions" to be imposed by foreign countries against officials of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") Government. In May 2023, in a hearing held by a foreign official organisation, YAM also requested foreign countries to impose "sanctions" against members of the Judiciary and prosecutors of the HKSAR.*

4. **Allegations against Ted Hui** - Incitement to secession; Incitement to subversion; Collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security. *Since March 2021, HUI Chi-fung, jointly with others, has initiated the "2021 Hong Kong Charter" and repeatedly advocated "Taiwan independence", "Hong Kong independence" and the overthrow of the basic system of the PRC established by the Constitution of the PRC*

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*through social media platforms. Between January 2021 and December 2022, HUI published posts on social media to request foreign countries to impose “sanctions” and engage in other hostile activities against the PRC and the HKSAR.*

5. s 47F(1)

6. Post will report further, s 33(a)(iii)

7. We note that Australia's travel advice for Hong Kong was updated on 23 June warning travellers about possible extraterritorial application of the NSL.

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## Summary

On 3 July Hong Kong National Security Police announced arrest warrants under the NSL and HKD1 million bounty for eight self-exiled activists. We, along with the UK and US made public comments critical of the arrest warrants and raised our concerns over the continuing erosion of Hong Kong's rights, freedoms and autonomy. s 33(a)(iii)

Local media widely reported statements by Foreign Minister Penny Wong.

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Cable summarises media and official reactions to the arrest warrants issued under the National Security Law (NSL) against eight individuals overseas (s 47E(d)) and related statements made by the Foreign Minister and other likeminded governments.

### Reactions to Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong

2. Foreign Minister Wong's media statements on 3 July, initially reported by the ABC, the Australian and the AFR, were picked up widely by local media including in the South China Morning Post (SCMP), Mingpao, Sing Tao, Now TV, AM730, Commercial Radio, Metro Radio and RTHK.

3. [Foreign Minister Wong](#) and [Home Affairs Minister Claire O'Neil's](#) respective tweets on 4 July have as yet not been reported by media.

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4. US State Department Spokesperson Matthew Millar in a [statement](#) and [tweet](#), said the extraterritorial application of the NSL was a dangerous precedent that threatened human rights and freedoms around the world and called on the Hong Kong government to repeal the warrants and stop international assertion of the NSL.

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5. In a [tweet](#), UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said the warrants were a further example of the authoritarian reach of China's extraterritorial law. In a [statement](#) published later, Cleverly said the UK would not tolerate any attempt by China to intimidate or silence individuals in the UK. He said the NSL breached the legally binding Sino-British Joint Declaration and called for its repeal. UK Minister of State for Security Tom Tugendhat also [tweeted](#), calling the warrants interference in UK internal affairs, and the group had the protection and support of the UK Government.

6. A number of UK, US and EU parliamentarians have expressed concern over the arrest warrants on social media. [The Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China](#) (a group of cross-government legislators from a range of countries including Australia) said the warrants represented a "dangerous escalation in Beijing's global war on dissent". The statement called on members' governments to protect the eight, and "address growing transnational repression" from Hong Kong and China, including using targeted sanctions.

### **Hong Kong Government (attached)**

7. On 3 July following the initial announcement by Hong Kong's National Security Police, the Hong Kong Government and Security Bureaus published press releases (attached) announcing support for the arrest warrants saying the police had a responsibility to "take all necessary measures" to arrest the eight.

8. In a press conference on 4 July, Chief Executive John Lee said the arrest warrant and attached bounties sent a strong message to anyone who violates the NSL that they would be "pursued for life". Lee called on members of the public, including family and friends of the eight, to come forward with information that would aid in the arrests.

9. Lee dismissed international statements by the US, UK and Australia, as made for domestic political gain, and that the views of overseas politicians and officials would not affect his "strong belief" in upholding national security.

10. Also on 4 July, the Security Bureau called out alleged double standards from the UK, US and Australia, as the national security laws of those countries also had extraterritorial provisions and said "no country should shelter criminals".

11. Pro-Beijing political parties the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB) and the Federation of Trade Unions (FTU) have also publicly supported the arrest warrants.

### **Chinese mainland officials (attached)**

12. On 3 July the Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government of the PRC in the Hong Kong SAR, expressed its support for the arrest warrants, and said the eight had long colluded with external forces to engage in anti-China and disruptive conduct in Hong Kong. Their efforts had only intensified after fleeing Hong Kong. The warrants were justified to safeguard national security.

13. On 4 July the Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Commissioner in Hong Kong accused the US and UK of interference in law enforcement activities of Hong Kong, and of double standards for conducting their own international law enforcement and using illegal sanctions to "suppress dissidents".

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14. The statement said the eight had long been engaged in anti-China activities, and undermined Hong Kong and China's national security. They had then fled overseas, and among other crimes, continued to "incite external forces to intervene and sanction Hong Kong". The warrants were lawful and legitimate, and reflected consensus of Hong Kong and Chinese society. Australia was not mentioned in this statement.

15. The Chinese Embassy in London issued a statement accusing British politicians of harbouring wanted criminals, interfering in China's internal affairs, and using "anti-China disruptors" in Hong Kong to endanger China's sovereignty and security.

**State-backed media**

16. State-backed media has run a series of articles examining the alleged crimes committed by the eight, and explaining why the arrest warrants under the NSL were justified. State media also responded to criticism of the NSL, with China Daily Hong Kong accusing Western governments of "financing, supporting and instigating subversive forces in Hong Kong".

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Persons wanted for alleged contravention of Hong Kong National Security Law

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The National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force today (July 3) said that earlier the court had approved to issue arrest warrants regarding eight persons who have absconded overseas and allegedly contravened the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Hong Kong National Security Law) and the persons at large are wanted by the Police.

A total of eight persons, namely male Yam Kevin, male Yuan Gong-yi, female Kwok Fung-ye, male Kwok Wing-hang, male Hui Chi-fung, male Mung Siu-tat, male Lau Cho-dik and male Law Kwun-chung, who have fled overseas, are alleged to have continued to commit offences under the Hong Kong National Security Law that seriously endanger national security, including "incitement to secession", "subversion", "incitement to subversion" and "collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security". Thus, Police applied to the court for the arrest warrants in accordance with the law and put the persons on the wanted list. (See Annex for the legal basis and basic facts for putting the persons on the wanted list)

Given the great importance which Police attach to the cases concerned, a reward of \$1 million dollars in respect of each wanted person is being offered by Police to any member of the public who can provide information on the wanted persons and the related crimes.

The police spokesman pointed out, "Endangering national security is a very serious offence. This kind of acts or activities may lead to extremely serious consequences. According to Article 37 of the Hong Kong National Security Law, the Hong Kong National Security Law applies to a person who is a permanent resident of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Region) or an incorporated or unincorporated body such as a company or an organisation which is set up in the Region if the person or the body commits an offence under the Hong Kong National Security Law outside the Region. Besides, according to Article 38 of the Hong Kong National Security Law, the Hong Kong National Security Law also applies to offences under the Hong Kong National Security Law committed against the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region from outside the Region by a person who is not a permanent resident of the Region. Thus, Hong Kong Police Force have the responsibility to pursue the legal liabilities of the persons who are alleged to have committed an offence under the Hong Kong National Security Law outside the Region in accordance with the law."

Police also pointed out that no matter in what ways, including through the internet, it is illegal for any person to aid, abet or provide pecuniary or other financial assistance or property to other persons for committing offences which endanger national security, contravening the Hong Kong National Security Law. Police urge members of the public to abide by the law and Police will strictly enforce the law.

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HKSAR Government supports Police in putting persons at large alleged to have violated National Security Law on wanted list

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A spokesman for the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) today (July 3) said that the HKSAR Government supports the National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force (NSD) in taking actions in accordance with the law, pursuant to arrest warrants issued in respect of eight persons who have absconded overseas and allegedly committed offences under the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the HKSAR (National Security Law), to list those persons at large as wanted persons.

"The HKSAR Government steadfastly safeguards national sovereignty, security and development interests, and unswervingly, fully and faithfully implements the top principle of 'one country, two systems'. It is the constitutional responsibility of the HKSAR to safeguard national security, and it is the common responsibility of all the people of China, including the people of Hong Kong, to safeguard the sovereignty, unification and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of China. The HKSAR Government shall proactively prevent, suppress and impose punishment for any act and activity endangering national security in accordance with the National Security Law and other relevant laws," the spokesman said.

"Endangering national security is a very serious offence. The HKSAR Government will fight against it in full force and pursue the liability of these persons to the end. The eight persons concerned who have fled overseas are alleged to have continued to commit offences under the National Security Law that seriously endanger national security. The Police have the responsibility to take all necessary measures in accordance with the law to arrest the persons related to the cases and bring them to justice."

"The fugitives should not have any delusion that they could evade their legal liabilities by absconding from Hong Kong. They ultimately have to bear responsibility and face the sanctions of the law for their serious illegal acts endangering national security," the spokesman emphasised.

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

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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."

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Transcript of remarks by CE at media session before ExCo (with video)

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Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, at a media session before the Executive Council meeting today (July 4):

Reporter: The Police obtained the warrants for the eight people. What's the actual practical benefit for the very high profile announcement because you can't capture them if they're not in Hong Kong? And what would it do to Hong Kong's image that you're trying to rebuild, given there are so many reactions from other governments already? And will...in contact or interacting with these people, face legal consequences, such as maybe sharing the posts or whatsoever? About the timing, is it related to the open letter issued by foreign organisations asking Washington to not let you attend the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) summit because they issued the letter on June 30 and it came out just days later? Thank you.

Chief Executive: Well, the Police's action to use all possible legal means to arrest the wanted persons, who are suspected to have committed serious offences that endanger national security, is the execution of the duties, of an important duty, that is imposed on them. They should do it because these are suspected criminals who have violated serious offences. They should do it because we cannot allow people to just go away without taking the responsibility to face justice, to face the law. The Police should do it because that is a strong message to everybody that any act that endangers national security will not be tolerated, and serious action will be taken against that. The Police should do it because that's the message not just to Hong Kong, but to those who try to endanger our national security. We want them to know that we will not sit and do nothing.

I am in support of the Police's action. It's not just that this is an important duty they should do. But it is to try to get as much assistance as possible from law-abiding citizens. A lot of them feel a strong responsibility to protect national security, and I think they will be very pleased to provide information to the Police. And that law-abidingness is important.

I also want to tell the criminals that, well, the only way to end their destiny of being an abscondee who will be pursued for life is to surrender.

I have strong faith in the Police's ability to do what they can to carry out their duties, and we'll be pursuing the abscondees' criminal responsibilities for life until they surrender themselves.

As regard the action, I think the Police should take action as they consider appropriate, particularly considering the whole operational requirements. Our action is to tell everybody that endangering national security is not something we will tolerate. We'll do whatever legally to pursue the responsible person. How overseas politicians or officials say will not, in any way, change our strong belief in the need to uphold our protection of national security. I know that they have been doing things for their own political reasons, for their own political gains.

The way we are handling national security cases is in conformity with the practices that will be taken for pursuing criminals that have absconded for their national security offences. Extraterritorial power exists in many countries' national security law. Hong Kong's National Security Law is one of the many such laws, as in other countries, that will have the same power of taking extraterritorial action against criminals who have contravened their country's law in this regard.

I am not in any way troubled by any attempt to sabotage our action, because I have strong faith that Hong Kong Police will be able to do what they can. I'm not afraid of any political pressure that is put on us because we do what we believe is right. And safeguarding national security is the duty of the people of respective countries, particularly I, as the Chief Executive, have the constitutional duty to safeguard national security.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

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**UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION****Security Bureau strongly opposes and condemns the unreasonable attacks by some countries over the National Security Department's action**

A spokesperson for the Security Bureau stated that the actions taken by the National Security Department of the Hong Kong Police Force were fair, reasonable and lawful. Endangering national security is a serious crime, and no country will stand idly by with acts and activities that endanger national security. It is a common practice of the Hong Kong police and other law enforcement agencies to disclose the information of fugitives wanted for serious crimes and to ask the general public to assist in arresting fugitives and bringing them to justice. It is also in line with international practice.

The spokesperson stressed: "The national security laws of many countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia, also have extraterritorial effects. The extraterritorial effect of the "Hong Kong National Security Law" (NSL) is in line with the principle of "protective jurisdiction" in international law and international practice. Certain countries ignored that the NSL also have extraterritorial effects, shamelessly criticised and smeared the NSL's extraterritorial effects as well as the Police action. This is obviously a typical act of double standards."

The spokesperson added: "No country should shelter criminals. It is not uncommon for wanted people to flee to other places and be suspected of continuing to engage in behaviours and activities that endanger national security. It is outrageous. Relevant countries are attempting to justify for these people with different excuses, completely disrespecting the rule of law, and their intentions and actions are despicable. The Hong Kong SAR government will seize any opportunity to bring fugitives to justice in accordance with the law and will not allow them to go unpunished."

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**UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION****Statement of the National Security Office in Hong Kong: Firmly support the Hong Kong police in arresting anti-China disruptors in Hong Kong according to the law**

3 July 2023

The National Security Office in Hong Kong issued a statement on July 3, expressing its firm support for the Hong Kong police to arrest eight anti-China rioters in Hong Kong, including Kevin Yam, Anna Kwok, Dennis Kwok, Ted Hui, Mung Siu-tat, Finn Lau and Nathan Law, and take all necessary measures to pursue their legal responsibilities, emphasising that overseas is not an extrajudicial place where anti-China disruptors in Hong Kong endanger national sovereignty, security, and development interests. prosecution and punishment.

The statement pointed out that Kevin Yam and others have been colluding with external forces for a long time to engage in anti-China and disruptive activities in Hong Kong. After fleeing overseas, they intensified, recruited pro-Hong Kong independence figures, gathered "speculation teams", begged foreign countries to impose sanctions or other hostile actions against Hong Kong and related persons. They continued to incite secession and subversion of state power in an attempt to bring chaos to Hong Kong again. These vicious behaviour seriously violated the Hong Kong National Security Law, severely impacted the bottom line of "one country, two systems", damaged Hong Kong's fundamental interests, endangered national sovereignty, security and development interests, aroused great indignation in Hong Kong society, and are strongly demanded that he be brought to justice to demonstrate the rule of law dignity. Justice will never be late, let alone absent. The Hong Kong police are arresting the eight criminals who fled from the anti-China chaos in Hong Kong in accordance with the law. It is a just move to resolutely safeguard national security, maintain constitutional order and safeguard dignity of the rule of law. It is a legitimate move to consolidate Hong Kong's achievements from chaos to governance and move towards prosperity and prosperity. It is a just move to resolutely safeguard national security. It is consistent with the spirit of the rule of law and common practice in various countries and regions.

The statement emphasised that the legal network is extensive, and it is not missing, and it must be investigated even if it is far away. Any person suspected of committing crimes endangering national security, no matter where he is or how long he has been absconding, will eventually be unable to escape legal punishment. Spokesperson believes that Hong Kong will be able to implement the National Security Law in a comprehensive, accurate and uncompromising manner, give full play to the power of the law, punish criminals who seriously endanger national security in accordance with the law, and protect the legal rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents and foreign companies in Hong Kong. The National Security Office in Hong Kong resolutely fulfills its statutory duty of maintaining national security, firmly supports the Hong Kong police in taking actions in accordance with the law, relentlessly cracks down on the culprits who have escaped from the anti-China chaos in Hong Kong, and jointly maintains the hard-won good situation in Hong Kong, fully escorting the practice of "one country, two systems" as steady and far-reaching.

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**Commissioner's Office: those who sell out Hong Kong for vainglory will be held accountable and Hong Kong's law enforcement brooks no vilification**

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The spokesperson for the Commissioner's Office of the Chinese Foreign Ministry in the HKSAR strongly disapproved and firmly rejected the irresponsible comments made by politicians from the US State Department, some congressional organizations, the US Consulate General in Hong Kong, and the British Foreign Secretary, who smeared Hong Kong police's effort to bring to justice eight leading anti-China agitators who have absconded overseas, including Kevin Yam, slandered the National Security Law for the HKSAR, and meddled with the rule of law and law enforcement in the SAR.

The spokesperson pointed out that Kevin Yam and other seven suspects have long been engaging in anti-China activities, incited or even attempted to split the country and subvert state power by force, colluded with external forces to "sell out Hong Kong for vainglory" and sought their own political gains at the cost of the 7.5 million Hong Kong citizens. After fleeing overseas, they continued to spread political rumors related to China and Hong Kong and the narrative of "Hong Kong independence", and called on external forces to intervene or even sanction Hong Kong, which challenged the authority of the national security law and the bottom line of the principle of "one country, two systems", and seriously endangered national sovereignty, security and development interests. Their actions are shameful and they must be held accountable.

The spokesperson said that laws must be enforced, and law-breakers held to justice. It is in line with international law and global practice for Hong Kong police to enforce laws against overseas anti-China criminals according to the provision of "protective jurisdiction". It is a natural action to safeguard the rule of law and social justice in Hong Kong, a legitimate action to fulfil Hong Kong's constitutional responsibilities and implement the national security law, and a necessary action to consolidate the achievements of Hong Kong's transformation from chaos to stability and to ensure the long-term stability of Hong Kong. The action of Hong Kong police reflects the consensus and aspirations of Hong Kong society.

The spokesperson pointed out that some foreign politicians point a finger at Hong Kong for proper law enforcement to safeguard national



security, but never mention the fact that their own national security legislation is rigorous and that they abuse the concept of national security very often. They criticize the “protective jurisdiction” provision, a global common rule, in the National Security Law for the HKSAR, but impose long-arm jurisdiction and illegal unilateral sanctions to suppress dissidents, which only further exposes their hypocrisy and double standard.

The spokesperson reiterated that safeguarding national sovereignty, security, and development interests is the paramount principle of “one country, two systems”. Actions for safeguarding national security are natural and necessary and brook no external interference. We advise the leading anti-China agitators who have absconded overseas stop the wishful thinking of borrowing the strength of foreign influence and getting immunity. We urge external forces to immediately stop protecting criminals or cultivating pawns to disrupt Hong Kong and contain China!

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**UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION****Spokesperson of the Chinese Embassy in the UK response to a reporter's question on the UK's erroneous remarks in relation to Hong Kong**

Q: On July 3, the British Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cleverley and other politicians through social media, in relation to an arrest warrant from the Hong Kong SAR against eight anti-China rioter fugitives, claimed that they would protect these wanted people. What is the comment of the Chinese Embassy in the UK?

A: British politicians are openly sheltering wanted criminals. This is a gross interference into the rule of law in Hong Kong and China's internal affairs. China expresses its strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition.

A small group of anti-China and Hong Kong culprits who participated in the "revisionists storm" fled overseas, where they continued to incite secession, and engaged in activities that disrupted Hong Kong, causing great public outrage. The Hong Kong SAR government's arrest and punishment of them in accordance with the Hong Kong National Security Law and other local laws is not only constitutional and legal, but also in line with public opinion. It is a just move to maintain the rule of law in Hong Kong and an inevitable move to safeguard national sovereignty and security.

We urge those British politicians to stop interfering in China's internal affairs and Hong Kong affairs, and stop using these anti-China disruptors in Hong Kong to endanger China's sovereignty and security. The determination of the Chinese people to oppose foreign interference and safeguard their own interests is as firm as a rock and will not be shaken!

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## Federation of Trade Union (FTU) - pro-Beijing political party

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FTU fully supports the Police to warrant the right anti-China figures in accordance with the law



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【通緝反中亂港分子】工聯會全力支持警方依法通緝8名外逃反中亂港分子

工聯會全力支持香港警方根據法庭正式發出的拘捕令，通緝8名潛逃海外，涉嫌干犯香港國安法罪行的反中亂港分子，這是貫徹落實香港國安法、捍衛法治精神的正義之舉！

警務處國家安全處今日（7月3日）發出拘捕令通緝任建峰、袁弓夷、郭鳳儀、郭榮鏗、許智峯、蒙兆達、劉祖迪及羅冠聰等8人。警方指上述人士潛逃外地後，涉嫌繼續實施《香港國安法》定下的罪行，包括「煽動分裂國家罪」、「顛覆國家政權罪」、「煽動顛覆國家政權罪」及「勾結外國或者境外勢力危害國家安全罪」，嚴重危害國家安全。

工聯會全力支持維護國家安全，並呼籲全社會支持警方依法採取行動，早日將這些反中亂港分子繩之以法，彰顯正義！

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民建聯全力支持國安處嚴正執法  
2023年7月3日



警務處國家安全處今日表示已獲法院批准，就八名潛逃海外並涉嫌干犯《中華人民共和國香港特別行政區維護國家安全法》（香港國安法）罪行的人發出拘捕令，警方現正通緝在逃人士。民建聯全力支持特區政府和國安處嚴正執法，並認為國安處採取行動，是依法辦事，正義之舉。

必須留意的是，自落實香港國安法後，堵塞了香港維護國家安全法律上的缺失，社會得以回復平靜，更為香港進入「由治及興」新階段打好基礎；然而，不少由美西方長期培植操縱的反中亂港分子畏罪潛逃，更在海外肆意抹黑攻擊香港國安法和散播港獨思想。他們的所作所為對國家和香港構成了嚴重的國安風險，必須依法嚴正處理。

民建聯強調，維護國家安全就是維護香港居民的整體利益。香港今天的穩定來之不易，我們必須加倍珍惜，並須採取一切積極措施，為國家安全和香港繁榮穩定提供堅實保障。為此，我們全力支持特區政府依法辦事，將反中亂港分子繩之以法。

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Dear colleagues

Please see below a Foreign Minister transcript from her interview with Patricia Karvelas this morning.

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LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SENATE  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

## **TRANSCRIPT**

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**RADIO INTERVIEW**  
**INTERVIEW WITH PATRICIA KARVELAS**  
**ABC RN BREAKFAST**  
**TUESDAY, 4 JULY 2023**

**Subjects:** *Australia-Indonesia relations; AUKUS; Hong Kong national security law; Julian Assange; Special Envoy for the Pacific and Regional Affairs; Russia-Ukraine War.*

**PATRICIA KARVELAS, HOST:** Anthony Albanese's first bilateral meeting was with Indonesia's President Joko Widodo. As Australia formally reset relations with the Indo-Pacific. President Widodo is now in Australia, ahead of him hosting the ASEAN Summit next week, as the two countries form tighter security and economic ties. Penny Wong is the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and she joins us this morning. Minister, welcome back to the program.

**PENNY WONG, FOREIGN MINISTER:** Good morning, good to be with you.



**KARVELAS:** Just on some other issues, Foreign Minister. Hong Kong has issued "wanted" notices for eight activists including an Australian citizen, accusing them of national security offences.

Now, police there say they're not putting on a political show, nor disseminating fear. How would you describe Hong Kong's actions?

**FOREIGN MINISTER:** I have expressed publicly for some time on behalf of this country the concerns Australia has, deep concerns, about the national security laws in Hong Kong, and about their broad application. What I would say in relation to the events overnight, I want to be very clear, Australia has a view about freedom of expression, we have a view about people's right to express their political views peacefully, and people in Australia who do so in accordance with our laws will be supported. We will support those in Australia who exercise these rights.





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