

Press Release

**IPCC extends its scope of fact-finding Study on
the recent Public Order Events and appeals for information from all**

(Hong Kong – August 16, 2019) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) decided earlier (5 July) to take the initiative to conduct a fact-finding study (the “Study”) of the large-scale Public Order Events (POEs) that took place between 9 June and 2 July 2019. The Council held a special in-house meeting again today at which all attending Members unanimously passed the motion to extend the scope of the Study with a view to clarifying all relevant facts thus facilitating performance of its statutory function.

Dr Anthony Francis Neoh, QC, SC, JP, Chairman of the IPCC stated that, “The Council is very concerned about the series of clashes stemming from the proposed amendments to the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance and related legislation, as well as their impact on Hong Kongs stability and rule of law. As the situation is still evolving, the Council unanimously agreed at its meeting today to extend the scope of the fact-finding Study to cover POEs after 2 July and publish findings in phases. The Council will continue to aim for publication of the first phase report, covering the period from 9 June to 2 July, within six months, insofar as it is practicable to do so. To ensure the objectivity of the report, the Council also resolved to seek advice from overseas experts. Furthermore, the Council will also closely monitor the handling and investigation of Reportable Complaints by Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO), as stipulated in the IPCC Ordinance.”

The meeting also resolved to invite the Chairman of Legal Committee (LC) to join the Steering Group comprising the Chairmen of Serious Complaints Committee (SCC), Operations Advisory Committee (OAC) and Publicity and Survey Committee (PSC) to lead and supervise the work of the Special Task Force. Under the oversight of the Steering Group, the Special Task Force has commenced its collection and collation of relevant POEs information as well as holding several working meetings with the Police requesting for information about police actions related to the POEs. Through press releases, official web site, the media, media interviews and meetings with police staff associations, the Council has proactively appealed to its

stakeholders and the public for POEs related information to facilitate the Council to examine and clarify facts for the incidents. To date, the IPCC has received over 1,200 submissions containing more than 24,000 texts, photos, video clips and hyperlinks. The Steering Group and the Special Task Force also visited the Police Tactical Unit Headquarters yesterday (15 August) and observed a demonstration of the equipment and weapons used by Anti-riot Police officers when they are in action. The IPCC will continue to follow up and request the Police to provide the principles and guidelines for using these weapons, and if necessary to further demonstrate their use, as soon as possible.

Furthermore, Dr Neoh visited the UK with a Secretariat delegation in late July to meet with scholars from the Institute of Criminology of University of Cambridge, Keele University and Department of Social Policy of London School of Economics and Political Science, as well as representatives of two monitoring bodies, namely Independent Office for Police Conduct and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services, to discuss and exchange views on issues such as police's crowd control strategies and the compilation of study reports related to large-scale POEs. These visits covered the organisations and individuals involved in studying the 2011 riots in the United Kingdom.

As of 15 August, there were 166 Reportable Complaints and 253 Notifiable Complaints stemming from the POEs (refer to Annex for latest complaint figures). Since CAPO has already commenced investigation on POE related complaint cases, all work in association with Reportable Complaints are now being monitored by the SCC of the Council. To ensure all work is carried out on a fair and impartial basis right from the beginning, the Council has exercised its power conferred by section 37(1) (a) and (b) of the IPCC Ordinance by deploying Observers to observe all interviews and collection of evidence related to Reportable Complaints to be conducted by CAPO. As of 15 August, 83 observations have been completed by Observers achieving 100% attendance rate. Since early July, the Council has also published and regularly updated the latest figures of complaints and related classifications of allegations on its website for public and media viewing.

The IPCC appeals to all to continue provide information via the following channels to assist the Council in reconstructing and clarifying facts of the POEs as soon as practicable:

Hotline: 2862 8200

E-mail: taskforce@ipcc.gov.hk

Form: https://www.ipcc.gov.hk/doc/en/download/IPCC_Form.pdf

WhatsApp: 9871 9840

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**有關《逃犯條例》及相關法例擬議修訂的
大型公眾活動衍生的投訴警方個案 (截至 2019 年 8 月 15 日)**

No. of complaint cases against the Police stemmed from Public Order Events related to the proposed amendments to the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance and related legislation

(As at 15 August 2019)

概覽 Overview

	個案總數 Number of cases	投訴人數目 Number of Complainants
須匯報投訴 Reportable Complaints (RCs)	166	175
須知會投訴 Notifiable Complaints (NCs)	253	1807
總數 Total	419	1982

指控分項 Breakdown of allegations

指控 Allegations	須匯報投訴 Reportable Complaints	須知會投訴 Notifiable Complaints
毆打 Assault	22	9
捏造證據 Fabrication of Evidence	0	1
濫用職權 Unnecessary Use of Authority	23	45
恐嚇 Threat	3	0
行為不當 Misconduct	59	114
疏忽職守 Neglect of Duty	79	119
不禮貌 Impoliteness	31	9
粗言穢語 Offensive Language	9	4
粗魯無禮 Rudeness	6	15
總數 Total	232	316

接獲公眾人士提交的資料 Information from the public

接收資料總數 (包括電郵、電話、信件和其他電子平台): 逾 1,200 份, 包含圖片、文字檔、錄影片段及超連結等, 累積超過 24,000 份。

Number of information received (including emails, phone calls, letters and other electronic platforms): Over 1,200 submissions containing more than 24,000 photos, texts, video clips and hyperlinks.