

DoJ responds to media enquiries

In response to media enquiries on the Department of Justice's (DoJ) handling of cases in relation to the "anti-extradition amendment bill" incidents, a spokesman for the DoJ replied today (November 23) as follows:

Upon receipt of the evidence and the relevant documents from the law enforcement agencies, the prosecutors of the DoJ always handle the cases expeditiously, in accordance with the law and the Prosecution Code. Regarding the 2019 "anti-extradition amendment bill" incidents, related cases involving serious offences such as rioting and unlawful assembly are handled by the Special Duties Team of the Prosecutions Division. As of today, the team has received 1 215 cases from the Police, and legal advice has been given to 1 201 of them (98.8 per cent).

Nevertheless, the law enforcement agencies do not necessarily refer all their cases to the DoJ, and the reasons include: (1) the cases are still under investigation; (2) no follow-up action is necessary for the time being; (3) the evidence is considered insufficient to warrant referral of the cases to the DoJ; and (4) the cases have been handled by the law enforcement agencies in accordance with internal procedures.

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