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**The Tainan District Prosecutor's Office
conducted on the case of Mainland China
cargo ship "Hongtai"**

Regarding to the investigation of Tainan District Prosecutor's Office conducted on the case of Mainland China cargo ship "Hongtai" crew member damaging submarine communication cables within Taiwan's border, the ship's captain was applied to the Taiwan Tainan District Court for detention and prohibition of visitor's meeting, sending and receiving or seize the things received after being interrogated by prosecutors, while the rest of crew members were imposed with limitation on residence, restrictions on the exit from the border or the island, and monitoring by technical equipment.

Tainan District Prosecutor's Office was informed on February 25th of 2025 by the Coast Guard Administration that eight Mainland China crew members of a cargo ship named "Hongtai 58 " were suspected of sabotaging Taiwan's submarine communication cables called " Tai-Peng no. 3 ", which is located in the vicinity of Tainan Jiangjun Fishing Port of Taiwan's coastal waters. The cargo ship is said to be registered in the Republic of Togo. Upon the completion of interrogation conducted by prosecutors, cargo ship captain's suspicion in violation of Article 72 of Telecommunications Management Act (destruction of submarine cable) was signifi-

cant and there was also sufficient reason to support the concern for his absconding; destroying, fabricating or altering evidence; or colluding with accomplices or witnesses. Thus a apply for the detention and prohibition of visitor' s meeting, sending and receiving or seize the things received of the said cargo ship captain was filed to the Taiwan Tainan District Court, while it was not necessary to detain the rest of crew members and they were imposed with limitation on residence, restrictions on the exit from the border or the island, and monitoring by technical equipment. Our task force will continue to investigate and find out what actually happened and the cause of the damage regarding to this cargo ship "Hongtai 58" incident.