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EIGHT BUILDINGS DECLARED IN DANGEROUS CONDITION * * * * *

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) DECLARED EIGHT PRE-WAR BUILDINGS TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THEIR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON AUGUST 30 WERE POSTED TODAY.

THE BUILDINGS ARE:

NOS. 50, 52 AND 54 NEW MARKET STREET AND NOS. 164, 166, AND 168
WING LOK STREET

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THIS GROUP OF THREE AND FOUR-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS, WHICH ARE BACK TO BACK, HAD BEEN UNDER REGULAR SURVEILLANCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

+THEY ARE CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS SUPPORTING TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOFS AND ARE GENERALLY IN VERY POOR CONDITION,+ HE SAID.

THE OUTWARD MOVEMENT OF THE FRONT WALL OF THE NEW MARKET STREET PROPERTIES HAS BEEN NOTED IN RECENT INSPECTIONS. ALSO, THE EXPOSED PARTY WALL OF NO. 168 WING LOK STREET AND NO. 54 NEW MARKET STREET DISPLAYS SERIOUS WEAKNESSES.

+AS THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE, THE CLOSURE AND DEMOLITION OF THESE BUILDINGS ARE NECESSARY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NOS. 21 AND 23 KO SHING STREET

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE FOUR-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS HAD BEEN UNDER REGULAR OBSERVATION SINCE 1967.

THEY ARE CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS SUPPORTING, FOR THE MOST PART, TIMBER FLOORS.

+THE CLOSURE AND DEMOLITION OF THESE BUILDINGS ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE RECENT SERIOUS OUTWARD MOVEMENT OF THE REAR WALL OF THE KITCHEN BLOCKS,+ HE SAID.