



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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379 PEOPLE PROSECUTED FOR BREAKING FIRE SAFETY LAW

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A TOTAL OF 379 DOMESTIC DWELLERS, COMMERCIAL AND FACTORY PROPRIETORS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN MAY FOR BREAKING THE LAW ON FIRE SAFETY.

THE PROSECUTIONS RESULTED IN FINES AMOUNTING TO OVER \$145,800.

A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT MOST OF THE 379 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR OBSTRUCTING STAIRCASES AND MEANS OF ESCAPE AND FAILING TO COMPLY WITH FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

IN THEIR EFFORT TO REMOVE POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS, FIRE OFFICERS CONDUCTED MORE THAN 21,800 INSPECTIONS, RE-INSPECTIONS AND FOLLOW-UP VISITS DURING THE MONTH TO RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

MORE THAN HALF OF THESE INSPECTIONS WERE PROMPTED BY COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH RELATED TO BLOCKAGE OF MEANS OF ESCAPE.

AS A RESULT OF THE INSPECTIONS, 785 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED, REQUIRING THE HAZARDS TO BE REMOVED WITHIN A STIPULATED PERIOD.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THERE WERE 1,425 ROUTINE INSPECTIONS OF ESCAPE ROUTES, SOME 3,650 VISITS TO FACTORIES, AND 2,300 VISITS TO SCHOOLS, RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS, PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY, VENTILATION SYSTEMS AND FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS.

NEARLY 200 INSPECTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT ON VEHICLES USED FOR CARRYING COMPRESSED GASES AND INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, AND 564 INSPECTIONS WERE MADE OF CHILD CARE CENTRES.

A TOTAL OF 844 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE RECEIVED AND PROCESSED AND 247 DANGEROUS GOODS AND THREE TIMBER YARD STORAGE LICENCES WERE ISSUED OR RENEWED.

IN ADDITION, FIRE OFFICERS CONDUCTED FOUR FIRE PREVENTION LECTURES AND INVESTIGATED THREE FIRES IN DEPTH.

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LAND SHELTERS AVAILABLE IN CASE OF STORM
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A TOTAL OF 122 TYPHOON LAND SHELTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SEEKING SAFER ACCOMMODATION DURING TROPICAL STORMS, UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

THESE SHELTERS, WITH AN OVERALL CAPACITY OF 20,000 AND CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AT EACH DISTRICT, WILL BE OPENED WHEN WARNING SIGNAL NO. 8 IS HOISTED.

THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES OR REQUIRE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN CONTACT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN THEIR AREA.

THE ENQUIRY COUNTER (TEL. NO.: 5-456381) AT THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IS ALSO MANNED ROUND-THE-CLOCK ONCE WARNING SIGNAL NO. 1 IS HOISTED TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE LATEST TROPICAL STORM AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT SITUATIONS.

THE 122 TYPHOON LAND SHELTERS, MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH SCHOOLS, KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, ARE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NO. OF SHELTERS</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>TEL. NOS.</u>
EASTERN	15	2,260	MAIN OFFICE : 5-706960 5-703455 SHAU KI WAN SUB-OFFICE : 5-690121 CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE : 5-573265-7
WAN CHAI	14	2,730	5-752477, 5-742281
CENTRAL AND WESTERN	12	1,410	MAIN OFFICE: 5-480127 C.G.O. SUB-OFFICE: 5-220031
SOUTHERN	17	4,545	5-540271
KWUN TONG	24	1,900	MAIN OFFICE : 3-423431 NGAU TAU KOK SUB-OFFICE : 3-420843 SAU MAU PING SUB-OFFICE : 3-462247 YAU TONG SUB-OFFICE : 3-351135

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WONG TAI SIN	11	910	3-229701, 3-222261-4
KOWLOON CITY	11	1,466	3-010171-5
MONG KOK	6	1,480	MAIN OFFICE: 3-809731 TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE: 3-933433
SHAM SHUI PO	4	1,340	MAIN OFFICE: 3-704251-5 CHEUNG SHA WAN SUB-OFFICE: 3-704033, 3-704045
YAU MA TEI	8	1,750	3-686161

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT SHAM SHUI PO
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT TOMORROW (JULY 6) AFTERNOON.

HE WILL BE BRIEFED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE AREA FROM A LOOK-OUT POSITION ON THE ROOF-TOP OF A HIGH-RISE BUILDING IN YEN CHOW STREET, AND WILL VISIT A FAMILY LIVING IN A CONVERTED FLAT AT LOWER SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.

SIR MURRAY WILL ALSO MEET AND DISCUSS GENERAL PROBLEMS WITH KAIFONG, AREA COMMITTEE AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE CONCLUDING THE AFTERNOON'S VISIT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE PRESS MEMBERS INSIDE THE ESTATE FLAT DUE TO LIMITED SPACE. A POOL PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS.

TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE. A GOVERNMENT NINE-SEATER VAN, AM 2079, WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR-PARK AT 2 P.M. FOR SHAM SHUI PO.

THOSE WHO TAKE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT SHOULD ARRIVE AT CHEONG YUEN BUILDING AT 1-9, YEN CHOW STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, BY 2.45 P.M.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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SECTIONS OF NAM LONG SHAN ROAD AND HEUNG YIP ROAD IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND MID-NIGHT FROM 10 A.M. THIS FRIDAY (JULY 8).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE RESTRICTION WOULD BE IMPOSED ON:

- * NAM LONG SHAN ROAD BETWEEN WONG CHUK HANG ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE, AND
- * HEUNG YIP ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 270 FEET WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM LONG SHAN ROAD AND ITS WESTERN JUNCTION WITH YIP FAT STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO INDICATE THE RESTRICTION.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF A NEWLY-COMPLETED UNNAMED ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG WAS NOW OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

THE ROAD RUNS FROM THE JUNCTION OF HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI FUK ROAD IN A SOUTH-EASTERLY DIRECTION FOR ABOUT 787 FEET, AND THEN IN A SOUTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION TO JOIN THE CONTAINER PORT ROAD.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER TAI WONG STREET EAST FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST BETWEEN MID-NIGHT AND 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 7).

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE WOULD FACILITATE URGENT CABLE REPAIR WORKS IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP AT THESE PLACES TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIXED PITCH HAWKING SITE IN TAM KUNG ROAD

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A FIXED PITCH HAWKING SITE HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR PART OF THE PAVEMENT IN TAM KUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN FROM SATURDAY (JULY 9).

THIS WILL ENABLE A LICENSED FIXED PITCH HAWKER TO TRADE ON THE PAVEMENT IN FRONT OF HOUSE NOS. 65 AND 67 THERE.

THE DECLARATION OF THE HAWKER PERMITTED AREA IS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT UNDER A SECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON JULY 30, 1976 ON DONALD DAVID BASSETT AND GEORGE WILLIAM PUTTOCK SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN EACH CASE.

BOTH OF THEM WERE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF NG FAI.

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