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DELIBERATE FALSE FIRE REPORTS A MENACE TO SOCIETY

Pranksters are making life extremely difficult for Fire Services personnel and are indirectly posing a threat to public safety by deliberately sending firemen on wild goose chases.

According to a Fire Services spokesman, a record total of 722 malicious false fire alarms were made and attended to during the 1972/73 financial year -- nearly 200 more than in 1971/72.

"What these people don't realise is that besides the inconvenience caused, malicious reports might seriously affect the availability of men and fire appliances in the case of a real fire breaking out when firemen are out looking for a fire that doesn't exist," he said.

He added that in the interest of public safety the Fire Services could not risk not responding to calls received, real or false. "Every report must be attended to, regardless."

The spokesman noted that there had been a steady increase in the number of malicious false reports during the past five years.

During the 1968/69 financial year, 206 such calls were received, in 1969/70 there were 352, in 1970/71 there were 378, and in 1971/72 there were 531.

An average of 10 man-minutes was wasted to attend to each false report, the spokesman said.

"When you consider the total time and manpower wasted on the 2,189 malicious reports attended to during the past five years, the waste is staggering," he said.

He emphasised that anyone intentionally making a false report of fire is committing an offence which carries a maximum penalty of \$1,000 and six months' imprisonment.

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GOVERNOR RETURNING TOMORROW

Note to Editors: The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, and Lady MacLehose will return to Hong Kong tomorrow after a six-week holiday in Britain.

They will arrive at Kai Tak airport on flight BA 802. The estimated time of arrival is 5.15 p.m.

During their stay in Britain, Sir Murray and Lady MacLehose took time off to attend the launching ceremony of a bulk carrier owned by Hong Kong's Worldwide Shipping Group in Glasgow.

Sir Murray also interrupted his holiday to attend discussions held in London on the security of Hong Kong's sterling balances.

Last Wednesday, he had informal discussions in London with members of the Chamber of Chinese Traders there.

Tomorrow afternoon, Sir Murray and Lady MacLehose will be met on arrival by the Acting Governor, Sir Hugh Norman-Walker, the Commander British Forces, Sir Richard Ward, the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. Denys Roberts, the Director of Protocol, Brig. R.C. Lewthwaite, the Hon. Sir Sidney Gordon and the Hon. Szeto Wai.

The Governor will meet the press in the V.I.P. press room before returning to Government House.

Press representatives should assemble in the airport press room half an hour before the scheduled time of arrival.

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NEW RESTRICTIONS ON PLBS

Certain public light bus restriction zones have been listed in the Leighton Road/Canal Road/Morrison Hill Road area to improve traffic flow.

With effect from 10 a.m. on Monday (September 17) public light buses will not be permitted to pick up or set down passengers in these zones.

These are: The section of Wanchai Road east of its junction with On Lok Lane; the section of Morrison Hill Road north of its junction with the unnamed road adjacent to Caravelle Hotel; Tin Lok Lane; Sharp Street West; Leighton Road between Morrison Hill Road and Matheson Street; Canal Road East between Sharp Street East and Leighton Road; and, Canal Road West between Leighton Road and the up ramp of the Canal Road Flyover.

A new public light bus stand has been set up in Lockhart Road near the tunnel flyover to enable PLBs on the cross harbour service to pick up and set down passengers.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up to indicate the restricted zone.

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SIXTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY RESULTS

The lucky holder of ticket number 511451 became richer by \$753,600 today when the first prize of the sixth government lottery of this year was drawn in the City Hall Concert Hall.

The second prize of \$188,400 went to ticket no. 180437. The five third prizes of \$18,840 each were won by holders of ticket numbers 151849, 189385, 197816, 679779 and 781029.

The winning numbers were drawn by four Radio Hong Kong entertainers -- Mr. Lau Yat-fan, Mr. Hung Tak-shing, Miss Kimmy Got Kim-ching and Miss Catherina Tsang Lai-chun.

Winning numbers for the 50 special prizes of \$1,884 each are:

7016	38033	87433	93246	137519
138251	1716 99	205882	230674	246950
254997	271959	293884	295795	304866
310453	420198	434959	458506	468309
430263	507435	516260	518967	542500
552467	561073	565134	580056	587933
588393	633120	644559	645108	647921
655028	677960	678424	690399	721304
742678	747694	749313	754921	756466
770294	836212	875196	878923	879906

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FLYOVER CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS

The Princess Margaret Road flyover in Kowloon will be closed to all traffic for three successive mornings next week to facilitate maintenance works.

The closure hours will be from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (September 17, 18 and 19).

Both northbound and southbound traffic will be diverted to the ground level roads.

Appropriate traffic signs will be posted to guide motorists.

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BOWEN ROAD TENNIS COURTS CLOSURE

The Bowen Road tennis courts will be closed for four months as from September 24 for resurfacing.

A spokesman for the Urban Services Department explained today that the courts had been heavily used since they were opened in 1967 and now needed to be completely resurfaced.

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TEMPORARY REGISTRATION FACILITIES AT SHA TAU KOK

A temporary registration station will be set up at Sha Tau Kok in the New Territories next week for the convenience of residents there.

The station will be operating at the Sha Tau Kok Government School for three days beginning on Wednesday (September 12) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to enable parents and guardians to register their children between six and 17 years for juvenile identity cards.

Those over 17 years of age and holding juvenile identity cards will be able to register for adult identity cards. An opportunity will also be afforded for residents to report changes in their registered particulars.

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SUNDAY DIB

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday). Copies will be available for collection at 12 noon from the G.I.S. press room, 6th floor, Beaconsfield House.

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