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Organized Crimes of Extortion, Unlawful Confinement and Debt Collection with Violence Cracked Down

In order to implement "Resentment Removal Program" promoted by the Ministry of Justice, and in accordance with Taiwan High Prosecutors Office's guidelines of uprooting illegal organizations engaged in loan sharking or debt collection with violence, Banciao District Prosecutors Office(BDPO) has been investigating Su, X-Qin and his members suspected of the above-mentioned crimes.

On October 27th 2010, prosecutors from BDPO directed the 1st Brigade of National Police Administration Criminal Investigation Bureau, accompanied by investigation brigades of Taipei County Police Bureau, Pingtung County Police Bureau, Taipei City Police Bureau and Nantou County Police Bureau to search eight places within or outside of Taipei County. Subsequently, evidences including promissory notes, checks, commission papers, accounting books, mobile phones, bank account books, note books as well as rods were found and seized. Su, X-Qin and 10 other suspects were also arrested.

After receiving the information offered by the victims and conducting the initial investigation, the police reported the case to BDPO for further direction. Chief Prosecutor Tsai, Bi-Yu immediately assigned the case to Head Prosecutor Si, Han-De and Prosecutor Huang, Guo-Ming.

The suspect Su, X- Qin(a member of "Bamboo Union"), in conspiracy with 13 other members, established a criminal organization called "Earth Division" with Su in charge. Starting from August 2009, this organization used local bars as its headquarters and was involved with drug dealing, extortion and debt collection with violence. Subsequently, "Earth Division" has made a huge profit. Extreme anxiety was aroused among the victims and their families, but fear of retaliation restrained the victims from reporting the case to the police. Having collecting relevant evidences, Head Prosecutor Si and Prosecutor Huang ordered the search and the arrest mentioned above. Eventually, the seizure of the items listed above was also made.

In order to maintain the peace of our society, BDPO continues to follow this case and is devoted to pursuing the remaining members of this criminal organization.