

High-Ranking Police Officers Indicted with Corruption Charges

On December 12th, 2012, prosecutors from Banciao District Prosecutors Office (BDPO) in charge of the investigation of high-ranking police officers suspected of corruption and other related charges have brought this case to an end, indicting totally eleven suspects. Among the defendants indicted are Xu Rui-Shan(許瑞山), the former chief secretary of Criminal Investigation Bureau(CIB), his spouse Huang Gui-Chun(黃桂春), three CIB high-ranking officers Cai Dong-Cheng(蔡東成), Zheng Fu-Zhen(鄭富禎), Huang Wen-Zhen(黃文圳), who are respectively the director of Organized Crime Affairs Division, section chief of section 2 of the 4th Investigation Brigade, and section chief of section 2 of the 9th Investigation Brigade, two police officers in San-Chong police precinct of New Taipei City Police Department Hu Xian-An(胡憲安) and Chen Hong-Zhe(陳弘哲), the former "Next Magazine" journalist Wang Bao-Xian(王保憲), the unlicensed medical practitioner Liao Rong-Zhou(廖榮洲) as well as two casino operators Xu Ming-Xian(徐明祥) and Li Cui-Pin(李翠萍) . Their crimes are as follows :

A. Harboring and Operating a Casino, Seeking Unlawful Gains in Matters under Their Charge or Supervision

Being high-ranking police officers who have the duty and authority to investigate and deter crimes, including casinos operation, an activity that they both ascertained as illegal, Xu Rui-Shan, Zheng Fu-Zhen, through the introduction of Wang Bao-Xian and for the purpose of reaping high dividends of illegal revenues, illegally invested the casino operated by Xu Ming-Xian and Li Cui-Pin in San-Chong district. Xu Rui-Shan, Zheng Fu-Zhen, trying to harbor this casino, also used their special position as high-ranking police officers to gain multiple entrances to the casino so that they could participate in gambling and prevent local police from daring to investigate the casino.

High-ranking police officers Cai Dong-Cheng and Huang Wen-Zhe, under the invitation of Wang Bao-Xian, repeatedly visited the casino for gambling and harbored the casino by making local police aware of their participation and therefore preventing them from daring to crack down the casino.

Hu Xian-An as well as Chen Hong-Zhe were local policemen serving in San-Chong, the district where the above-mentioned casino was located. Knowing the fact that New Taipei City Police Department had been conducting several crackdown project

ranging from January 2012 until August 23rd the same year aiming at casino operation, they both chose to participate in gambling and refrained from cracking down the casino operated by Xu Ming-Xian and Li Cui-Pin because of their knowledge of the involvement of the high-ranking police officers from CIB and based upon their intention to illegally profit the casino operators, an action motivated by their acquaintance with the owners.

B. False Account by Xu Rui-Shan on His Inconsistent Increased Income

During the search of the bedroom in the office of Xu Rui-Shan on August 23rd, 2012, cash totaled NTD 700,000 and USD 10,000 was found and seized. The seized cash, along with NTD two million used as investment of casino, were identified to be the income without reasonable origin. However, Xu Rui-Shan, when being asked by prosecutors to provide a reasonable explanation, chose to make false account on the origin of the inconsistent increased income, violating article 6-1 of Anti-Corruption Act.

C. Liao Rong-Zhou in Violation of Physicians Act with Xu Rui-Shan Suspected of Bribery

Since September, 2010 until October, 2012, Liao Rong-Zhou, the owner of a clinic at Zhongxiao E. Rd, Taipei, without a doctor's license, performed as a doctor by using anoscope, an intrusive medical device, to treat patients with hemorrhoids. After knowing the fact that Liao Rong-Zhou was unlicensed, Xu Rui-Shan, instead of investigating his illegal medical practice, chose to accept his offer, proposed as an exchange for the inaction of Xu Rui-Shan to investigate, that after opening clinics in Mainland China, Xu Rui-Shan can gain considerable revenue without actually putting any investment into the business of Liao Rong-Zhou.

D. Xu Rui-Shan and Huang Gui-Chun Illegally Occupying Property Owned by the Government

In August 2003, Xu Rui-Shan and his wife Huang Gui-Chun, knowing that the building in Beitou District, Taipei City used by someone named Lin was located in a state-owned land, making the building illegal, still bought the building. After purchasing the building, they expanded the construction for personal use, taking an area of state-owned land totaled 369.80 square meters under their control, and refuse to dismantle the expanded building even now.

E. Accusation and Charges

- a. Xu Rui-Shan violates section 1-5, Article 4, section 1-4, Article 6 and Article 6-1 of Anti-Corruption Act as well as Article 268, 270 and section 2, Article 320 of Criminal Code. Considering the fact that Xu Rui-Shan, a high-ranking police officer in CIB, had multiple possession of cash with unknown origin, and immediately tried to contaminate the witness when he was searched, as well as the fact that he took advantage of his position to illegally invest casinos, accepted bribery and sought unlawful gains, prosecutors ask the court to send him to fifteen years in prison.
- b. Zheng Fu-Zhen violates section 1-4 of Article 6 of Anti-Corruption Act as well as Article 268, 270 of Criminal Code.
- c. Cai Dong-Cheng and Huang Wen-Zhen violate Article 268, 270 of Criminal Code.
- d. Hu Xian-An and Chen Hong-Zhe violate section 1-4 of Article 6 of Anti-Corruption Act as well as Article 268, 270 of Criminal Code.
- e. Wang Bao-Xian violates section 1-4 of Article 6 of Anti-Corruption as well as Article 268 of Criminal Code.
- f. Xu Ming-Xian and Li Cui-Pin violate Article 268 of Criminal Code.
- g. Liao Rong-Zhou violates Article 28 of Physicians Act and section 1 of Article 11 of Anti-Corruption Act.
- h. Huang Gui-Chun violates section 2 of Article 320 of Criminal Code.