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Former and incumbent legislators were investigated in connection with a corruption probe over allegations of taking bribes and other illegal activities

Several former and incumbent legislators were suspected of taking bribes and of their dubious efforts to amend laws in favor of a businessman to regain control over a department store, despite courts final judgments. In addition, one of the legislators was also suspected of pressuring public officials to rezone a plot of land to benefit development of a specific company. To investigate the above-mentioned cases, 7 Head Prosecutors and 27 Prosecutors of the Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office coordinated a joint operation with judicial investigators and bureau officers on July 31, 2020. This operation consisted of joint forces including more than 230 prosecutor's investigators and bureau officers from the Office, the Northern, Southern, and Eastern Mobile Teams of the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau (MJIB), Field Divisions of Taipei City, New Taipei City and Taoyuan City, as well as Field Offices of Keelung City, Yilan County, Hsinchu County and Hsinchu City of the MJIB. With the search warrants issued by the Taiwan Taipei District Court, prosecutors and law enforcement officers raided 65 locations, including legislators' offices, research offices and the suspects' homes in Keelung City, Taipei City, New Taipei City, Taoyuan City, Miaoli County, Kaohsiung City, Pingtung County and Taitung County, while NT\$9.2 million in cash, believed to be received as bribes, was uncovered and seized at one of the suspects' home. A total of 63 suspects and witnesses were immediately summoned for further interrogations and investigations.