



## Press Release

### Taipei District Prosecutors Office

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#### **Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office held a meeting for i the election recall case investigation to maintain the fairness of Legislative Yuan's recall**

The 10th legislator (from Taipei City 5th District) Lin Chang-zuo's recall will be held on January 9, 2022. Taiwan Taipei District Prosecutors Office (TTDPO) will hold a meeting on this afternoon to investigate the illegality of the recall. TTDPO, Taipei City Field Office, Northern Mobile Team of Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau, Taipei City Police Department, Department of Government Ethics of Taipei City Government and other units made a work report on the recall case and exchanged opinions on the response.

TTDPO has set up a task-force to investigate illegal and violent acts in mid-December election, with the Chief Prosecutor serving as the convener and assigning five divisions of prosecutors to be responsible for each inspection area. In addition, according to the instruction from Supreme Prosecutors Office, every different jurisdiction area will designate a special prosecutor to be responsible for investigating the relevant illegal acts during the recall of each sub-district. As for the prevention of violent intervention or mass harassment on occasions such as protests, the "Violent Intervention and Mass Incident Handling Special Team" of TTDPO is responsible. The police, and government ethics units participating in the meeting have also

formulated project work plans and manpower deployments for this recall, and they have carefully searched for evidence of possible illegal situations.

Chief Prosecutor of TTDPO also instructed in the meeting that due to the recall case is a single event, and whether it will be approved depends on the legal threshold number of consent votes . Therefor, this illegal investigation focuses on: 1. Whether there is an election gambling market intervening to affect voting, 2. Whether there is any intention to pass or reject the recall proposal of the person to be recalled to spread false information, 3. Prevent violence or nuisance incidents that may be caused by the pre-voting rally, 4. Ensure the smooth progress of the polling day and eliminate all kinds of obstacles of voting, etc... All judicial police agencies should be fully prepared. It is necessary to collect all information in a timely manner, and vigorously carry out the investigation of illegal activities, so that the vote of the recall can be conducted fairly and smoothly.