

## **Press Release**

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During the pre-election hot zone period, increase strength on bribery and violence investigation, Prosecutors advance to police stations to investigate bribery, showing their determination to strictly deal with election bribery

There are only 3 days left until the polling day. In order to increase the violence of the bribery investigation and prevent any election crimes, the Chief Prosecutor requires the prosecutors to grasp the time of the hot spots before the election, to target high-risk objects, and to strictly investigate and deal with them. In particular, the following three points are indicated as:

- 1. To report information on election bribery, instant case processing, and direct the judicial police to quickly investigate and deal with it strictly, to fight against illegal election bribery, and to demonstrate the determination to investigate bribery.
- 2. Maintain close contact with police stations and investigation bureaus in the investigation area. Chief Prosecutors go to each police station on the day before the election (25th) to strengthen the deployment of bribery investigations, and grasp the latest situation of bribery and violence investigations and elections. For the three "Election Night" campaigns held for the main political parties in Taipei City, Head Prosecutors and Prosecutors are stationed in the police stations where the event was held to deal with emergencies.

3. In order to ensure the smooth progress of the election on the day of voting and counting (26th), Head Prosecutors, Prosecutors and clerks, judicial police and other relevant colleagues (144 in total) should be on duty at the office to deal with various temporary situations that may emerge. At the same time, 24 prosecutors (with clerks) are assigned to each police station to facilitate the immediate command of the investigation of criminal and illegal cases such as bribery, violence and obstruction of voting and billing.

As the prosecutors, the police, the investigation, and the ethics official and other agencies continue to increase and deepen various bribery investigation deployments and anti-bribery campaigns, until November 22, a total of 177 cases involving 219 persons have been filed and investigated by this Prosecutors Officve; among them, there were 115 cases and 139 persons involving election bribery. The Prosecutors Office will continue to uphold the attitude of "whatever is heard must be investigated" and "whatever is evidenced must be acted on" to strictly investigate election bribery and violence, to achieve the core goal of fair elections and eradicating lawlessness.