

# Press Release



## Taipei District Prosecutors Office Press Release

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**In response to claims made by certain media outlets and a specific political party accusing the prosecutors from Taipei District Prosecutors Office (TDPO) of conducting a so-called “closed-door interrogation,” “abuse of power and coerced confession,” and “acting as political enforcers” in the case involving the defendant surnamed Shen, TDPO states the following to clarify these false and misleading allegations, which have seriously misinformed the public:**

1. According to Article 106 of the Code of Criminal Procedure :  
“The prosecutor shall diligently inspect the place where the defendant is detained.” In this case, the court took the defendant Shen into custody on August 30, 2024. Due to reported medical conditions, he was transferred by the Detention Center to Taipei Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare, for a 2-week hospitalization. Surgery was later scheduled by the hospital for October 14. Taking into account the health of the defendant Shen and the approaching end of the detention period, the assigned prosecutor and the clerk, in accordance with the law, conducted an inspection at the hospital on the afternoon of October 11. It must be clearly stated that this was not an interrogation.

2. On the day of the inspection, to ensure protection of the rights of the defendant Shen, the assigned prosecutor notified all three of the defendant Shen's defense attorneys, who were present and able to hear all conversations during the inspection. Therefore, allegations of a "closed-door interrogation" or "abuse of power and coerced confession" are entirely unfounded. Furthermore, before the inspection concluded, it was the defendant Shen himself who requested that the prosecutor record his statements regarding the case. In response, the prosecutor, with all three defense attorneys present, conducted a legally compliant interview, fully audio- and video-recorded. The transcript was reviewed and signed by the defendant Shen and all three attorneys and was properly entered into the case file. These actions were fully consistent with the Code of Criminal Procedure. The aforementioned malicious accusations—such as "closed-door interrogation," "abuse of power and coerced confession," and "acting as political enforcers"—severely distort the facts and must be clarified.
3. The prosecutors from TDPO have handled the case involving the defendant Shen in accordance with the principles of neutrality, objectivity, and a commitment to "follow the evidence, ascertain the truth, and ensure justice is served without favoritism or prejudice." We urge that any concerns about the legality of prosecutorial conduct during an investigation be addressed rationally and specifically within judicial proceedings. Resorting to media statements outside the courtroom in an attempt to sway public opinion or influence judicial perception seriously undermines the credibility of the justice system.