



Supreme Prosecutors Office

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In the matters relating to former Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, Lin Yi-Shi, being reported by news media of suspected acceptance of bribes, the Special Investigation Division of this Office has assigned the cases on June 27. The responsible prosecutor Cai Hong-Jen has immediately conducted carried out concentrated gathering of evidence, and managed to bring Chen Chi-Xiang, who had been in hiding for several days had had not responded to summons, into custody for investigations on June 30. Following interrogations Chen was made subject to residence restrictions, and restricted from going overseas or on sea. At around 9:00am on July 1 the SID collaborated with prosecutors of the Kaohsiung District Prosecutors Office, prosecutorial officers responsible for coordinating investigations, and the judicial police in conducting simultaneous raids at 11 locations in Taipei City and Kaohsiung City. At 4:00pm on the same day, the SID considered that the timing was right for immediately summoning the defendants Lin Yi-Shi and his spouse Peng Ai-Jia to answer questions at the SID office.

The defendant Lin Yi-Shi was accompanied by his three appointed defense counsels the whole time during his interrogations by the SID; he was given appropriate rest on several occasions and was provided with proper meals. Upon close of the interrogations at 4:10am on July 2, the prosecutor believed that he was guilty of Article 4, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 5 of the Anti-Corruption Act “accepting bribery for an act contrary to his duties”, and Article 5, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 “seeking bribery for an act contrary to his duties”, which are offenses subject to term imprisonment or in the very least term imprisonment of 5 years or more. It is the view of the prosecutor that there are serious doubts concerning his statements, so that there is a need for further investigations. The other facts also show that he is likely to corroborate with witnesses and destroy evidence, so that proper prosecution cannot be carried out unless he were retained in custody. Accordingly, the prosecutor applied to the Taipei District Court to take Lin Yi-Shi into custody barring all visits, pursuant to Article 101, Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Peng Ai-Jia was released upon close of interrogations around 6:00pm the previous evening.