

MAC Solemnly Protests to Mainland China over the Forcible Deportation of Taiwanese Nationals from Cambodia and Calls again on Cross-Strait Cooperation in Combating Crime to Protect the Rights and Interests of the People on Both Sides

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) stated today (October 28, 2017) that 19 Taiwanese nationals involved in telecommunications fraud in Cambodia were forcibly taken to mainland China. The MAC solemnly protested to the Mainland.

The MAC stated that since last year (2016), the government of the Republic of China (ROC) has made combating cross-border telecommunications fraud a focal point in law and order. It has actively promoted amendments to the Criminal Code, Money Laundering Control Act, Organized Crime Prevention Act, and other laws, as well as cooperated with other countries to break up numerous fraud syndicates through big data analysis.

The MAC explained that the actions by the Mainland are entirely unhelpful to cross-Strait cooperation in combating cross-border telecommunications fraud. They are also detrimental to the benign development of cross-Strait relations. The MAC has explicitly demanded that the Mainland make notification of restrictions to personal freedom after the Taiwan nationals involved in the case are deported to the Mainland, as stipulated under the Cross-Strait Agreement on Joint Crime-Fighting and Judicial Mutual Assistance. It should also assist in arranging matters related to family visits, protect the relevant judicial rights of Taiwanese nationals, and follow due process.

The MAC also called on the Mainland China that the two sides should engage in benign communication and dialogue to deal with cross-border telecommunications fraud and jointly plan resolution and response measures. Cooperation between the two sides is the only way to identify the ringleaders behind the scenes to thoroughly crack down on telecommunications fraud and safeguard the interests and well-being of the people on both sides.