

Controversial Incidents after Macao's Handover to Mainland China

(1999.12-2008.12) Total: 19 cases

No.	Time	Event	Source
1.	Dec 20, 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>The police of the Macao SAR Government arrested 12 players of “Stone Community” and political cartoonist Zun Zu.</u> The “Stone Community” of Macao, on the day of handover, performed unique program and satirized Macao SAR Government for providing unreasonable tight security measures to protect Jiang Ze-min. Zun Zu and other renowned cartoonists of Hong Kong turned to Macao to join follow-up performance. All the players participating in the event were arrested and detained by police. ■ <u>The “Stone Community” members are worried about possible police obstruction against freedom of speech and performance.</u> Li Rui-jun, a member, pointed out that those arrested included a few onlookers. He himself is worried about possible police obstruction against freedom of speech and performance. ■ <u>Zun Zu points out that following the Macao handover, the local showbiz artists are subject to the risk of performance restrictions.</u> ■ <u>Pro-democratic politicians believe that the police have critically abused power.</u> Chu Chin-hsin, a pro-democratic city councilman pointed out, as their habitual tricks in an attempt to terminate certain activities from proceeding, the police first arrested persona non grata without a reason and then released them, which was in critical abuse of police power. ■ <u>Chief Executive Edmund Hau-wah Ho praised police “well-done.”</u> Edmund Hau-wah Ho implicitly pointed out during the press conference that the arrested ones had breached law and praised police “has done a good job” over the past days. 	<p>Apple Daily, 1999.12.21</p> <p>Ming Daily, 2000.12.21</p>
2.	Jan 8, 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Hong Kong “April 5 Movement” player Lei Yu-lien was denied entry.</u> Lei Yu-lien and her relatives, when traveling to Macao for pleasure, were detained for 45 minutes for investigation and were denied entry for security consideration. ■ <u>Macao’s Security Dept.: No comment on individual</u> 	<p>South China Morning Post, 2000.1.10</p>

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		<p><u>cases.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>■ <u>Pro-democratic figures in Hong Kong & Macao believe that the event was against “one-country, two-system policy.”</u> The “Support Alliance” chairman Stu Hua believes that the act was contrary to PRC’s commitment to have Hong Kong & Macao lifestyle remaining unchanged for fifty years. He was further worried that Hong Kong would become another Macao. Chang Wen-kuang, a member of “Support Alliance” commented by saying that Macao’s Basic Law assures free entry, exit which is not enforced in full. Wu Kuo-chang, a Macao councilman pointed out Macao Government acted exactly as instructed by Beijing. He predicted that more Hong Kong residents would be denied entry into Macao under extensive political review.</p> <li> <p>■ <u>The Macao Government attributes it a mix-up error of the same name.</u> The Macao Police spokesman later responded with excuses of “a mix-up of exactly the same name” while political issue is nonexistent. The spokesman, nevertheless, admitted an increasing number in the name list of persona non grata during the handover period. Chief Executive Edmund Hau-wah Ho contended it was a “technological error” and should not mix it up with “political review.”</p> 	<p>Macao Daily, 2000.1.10</p>
3.	2001.2.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>■ <u>Macao-based Falun Gong trainee Chang Yu-hui accused of “having instigated the overthrow of the government power.”</u> Chang Yu-hui, a Macao-based Falun Gong trainee was arrested by Zhuhai Public Security Agents in December 2000 because he had voiced support to Falun Gong through web sites. He had been being in the 2nd Custodian House of Zhuhai Xiangzhou. His family received an official warrant of arrest, accusing Chang Yu-hui of “having instigated the overthrow of the government power” on February 7, 2001. The Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy reported.</p> <li> <p>■ <u>The Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy reported that PRC warns by example.</u> Guangdong had just promulgated two bans on Falun Gong activities in Mainland China (including Hong Kong, Macao based Falun Gong trainees, if arrested in Mainland China, will receive sentence and labor reform in the same terms as Mainland China citizens, without</p> 	<p>National News Agency, 2001.2.20</p>

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		<p>returning to Hong Kong and Macao, and strengthened enforcement in investigation of communications between Mainland China Falun Gong trainees and Hong Kong and Macao counterparts with harsh punishment.) The Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy commented on the Chang Yu-hui case that PRC warned by example through implementing the policy.</p>	
4.	2002.2.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>■ <u>Clash between Macao police and Hong Kong reporters.</u> Members of Hong Kong's "April 5th Action" accompanied by approximately 30 Hong Kong reporters arrived at Macao to stage a demonstration during Li Peng's visit. A clash between police and reporters erupted for the Macao police prohibited the reporters from carrying out interviews within the restricted area.</p> <li> <p>■ <u>Macao police denies beating Hong Kong reporters.</u> Secretary for Security Cheong Kuoc Va said that the Macao security authorities were very concerned with reports alleging that Macao policemen had assaulted reporters of Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB) and destroyed their cameras. Cheong said that initial investigations suggested that the allegations "did not comply with the fact." Cheong said that the police authorities had looked into the case and that investigation would be carried out "thoroughly and fairly" in accordance with law.</p> <li> <p>■ <u>Hong Kong media demands that the Macao authorities should investigate the incident.</u> TVB wrote to Macao SAR Chief Executive Edmund Ho Hau Wah, questioning the Macao police's denial on having assaulted the reporters. TVB expressed regrets on the police's careless and prejudicial attitude, and demanded the establishment of an independent committee to investigate the incident and make the results public as soon as possible.</p> <li> <p>■ <u>Macao government claims that the incident is now under investigation.</u> The Macao authorities replied in writing to TVB, stating that the incident was already under investigation by the Public Prosecutions Office, and it was in the judicial process. Since the Macao Public Security Police had been conducting in-depth internal investigation based on</p> 	<p><u>Apple Daily,</u> 2002.2.17</p> <p><u>Government Information Bureau,</u> <u>Macao SAR,</u> 2002.2.17</p> <p><u>Hong Kong Economic Journal,</u> 2002.2.19; <u>Ming Pao,</u> 2002.2.19</p> <p><u>Hong Kong Economic Journal,</u> 2002.2.20</p>

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		<p>TVB's complaint, it would not be possible to entrust another independent investigation committee to investigate and to influence the judicial justice.</p> <p>■ <u>Legislative assembly members believe Macao's international image was damaged.</u> Legislative assembly member Ng Kuok Cheong said that the international image of Macao was damaged after the incident, and that the police over-reacted by making an immediate public announcement, which led to suspicions of prejudice.</p>	<p>Va Kio Daily, 2002.2.18</p>
5.	2002.6.4	<p><u>The Macao administration refuses to provide electricity to the June 4 commemorative activity.</u> For 13 years running, the Union for Democracy Development of Macao has hosted the "June 4th Candlelight" commemorative activity. In 2002, however, the gathering was held at the Largo dos San Dimingos without electricity, audio amplifiers, and video recording. The Union's board chairman and Legislative Assembly member Au Kam San said that officials at the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau had notified that they had no obligation and authority to provide electricity to the gathering. Au believed this was a move by the administration to further deprive the people in Macao of the means for democracy.</p>	<p><u>Journal Today Macao,</u> 2002.6.5</p>
6	2003.1.23	<p>■ <u>Pushing incident between Macao residents and journalists and Gongbei border guards.</u> Macao's democracy advocate Lee Kin-yun attempted to enter the Mainland by way of Gongbei port's border gate but was intercepted by border guards. A pushing incident between the two parties ensued. At the time, many reporters were covering news south of the border gate inside Macao territory. The Gongbei border guards suddenly crossed the border, and snatched the cameras away from five reporters, causing minor injuries on two of them. The five reporters, at request of the guards, went to the reception area of the border inspection office for investigation. Later, the reporters were accompanied out of Gongbei Port and back to Macao by border guards. Lee, who was also released, left alone.</p> <p>■ <u>Macao Chinese Media Workers Association believed that the rudeness of Gongbei border guards should be rectified.</u></p>	<p><u>Macao Daily News,</u> 2003.1.24</p> <p><u>Macao Daily News,</u> 2003.1.24</p>

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		<p>The person-in-charge of Macao Chinese Media Workers Association made an announcement on the incident, saying that it was totally appropriate for the Mainland to implement measures to uphold the law, but the press freedom of Macao’s journalists should also be respected and protected. The uncivilized and rude actions of the Gongbei border guards were regrettable and should be rectified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>The relevant organizations demanded the Gongbei border guards to respect Macao’s law enforcement rights and press freedom of reporters.</u> <p>Macao Journalists Club and Macao Journalists Association also published their statements asking the Gongbei border guards to carry out the spirit of “one country, two systems,” and respecting the law enforcement rights of the Macao SAR government, and the press freedom of Macao’s news reporters, so as to avoid recurrence of unpleasant incidents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Macao Secretary for Security wanted to review the incident.</u> <p>Responded to allegations that Mainland border guards crossed the border to take away Macao reporters, Macao’s Secretary for Security Cheong Kuoc Va said he would look into the incident through the liaison officer of the Macao Police.</p>	<p>Macao Daily News, 2003.1.24</p> <p>Macao Daily News, 2003.1.24</p>
7	2003.10.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Hong Kong political activists were refused entry by Macao SAR government.</u> <p>During the visit of the Mainland’s “Vice-President” Zeng Qinghong to sign the Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with Macao, Hong Kong’s Anti-Tung Solidarity convener Shiu Yeuk-yuen and April Fifth Action member Lui Yuk-lin went to Macao for business and tour reasons, respectively. They were, however, refused entry by the Macao government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Hong Kong SAR government refused to comment on blacklisting.</u> 	<p>Hong Kong Daily News, 2003.10.18</p> <p>Hong Kong Daily News, Min Pao,</p>

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		<p>Shiu Yeuk-yuen was furious for being placed in the blacklist. Shiu suspected that his name had been passed on to the Macao SAR government by the Hong Kong SAR government and the China Liaison Office because of his participation in the Anti-Tung movement. The spokesperson of the Hong Kong SAR government claimed that the blacklist argument was a personal conjecture, and the government refused to respond to the allegation.</p>	2003.10.18
8	2004.4.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>■ <u>Prominent writer Long Ying-tai's speaking engagement cancelled.</u> The Macao Central Library under the Cultural Institute of the Macao SAR government invited prominent writer Long Ying-tai by e-mail in early March to speak in Macao. However, the library later notified Long In mid-March, Long received an official invitation that the event was cancelled. again, which changed the speaking engagement from April 25 to May 2, 2004. She was later informed that the event was again cancelled. News reports indicated that Long was mistaken as a pro-independence writer by the Cultural Institute of the Macao SAR government. Long believed that there may be some misunderstandings in the matter.</p> <li> <p>■ <u>People from the Macao cultural circle believe the incident undermined Macao's international image.</u> Chinese and Portuguese-language media in Macao have expressed concerns and reported the cancellation of Long Ying-tai's speaking engagement. People from the Macao cultural circle expressed regrets over the incident. The people believed they missed a rare opportunity to exchange their experience. They also feel that the incident damaged Macao's cultural image in the international community.</p> <li> <p>■ <u>Self-criticism by Cultural Institute of the Macao SAR government on canceling Long's speaking engagement in Macao.</u> On May 2, 2004, Long Ying-tai delivered her speech in Macao at the invitation of the Macao Journalists Association. With regard to the denial of Long's visit to Macao for the speaking engagement, the President of the Cultural Institute Heidi Ho admitted that there were internal administrative</p> 	<p>United Daily News, Central Daily News, 2004.4.9</p> <p>Jornal Vazio, 2004.4.8; Macao Daily News, 2004.4.10</p> <p>Macao Daily News, 2004.5.3; Macao Daily News, 2004.4.18</p>

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		<p>problems during the process, and that the Institute was reviewing the incident.</p> <p>■ <u>Legislator believed the Cultural Institute of the Macao SAR government should maintain a diversified and open attitude toward cultural activities.</u> Antonio Ng Kuok Cheong, a member of Macao's Legislative Assembly, said that the Cultural Institute of the Macao SAR government should maintain a diversified and open attitude toward all cultural activities. Another member, Au Kam San, also questioned the Macao SAR government in a written form about the incident</p>	<p><u>Jornal Vazio</u>, 2004.4.8; <u>Jornal San Wa Ou Daily</u>, 2004.4.28</p>
9	2004.6.22	<p>■ <u>Macao police are concerned about the alleged Mainland public security personnel crossing the border to pursue suspects.</u> There were frequent incidents of theft at the construction site of Macao's third cross-sea bridge. Consequently, the construction company and relevant agencies formed a special task force of security patrol boats. In the evening of June 22, 2004, two security patrol boats detected a suspicious small wooden boat at the bridge of the construction site and pursued after it. Macao's Customs officials also arrived at the scene for investigation. The pursuers, who claimed to be public security officers, retreated the area with their patrol boats. The Macao police was concerned about the case since it involved the alleged public security officers from the Mainland crossing border in pursuit of the suspects.</p>	<p><u>Jornal Do Cidadao</u>, 2004.6.23</p>
10	2005.2.14	<p>■ <u>Jin Zhong, editor-in-chief of Hong Kong's Open Magazine, is refused entry.</u> Jin Zhong, the editor-in-chief of Hong Kong's Open Magazine, which is a well-known political publication, was refused entry when he traveled to Macao in 2005. Jin filed a complaint with the Macao SAR government, and followed up on his complaint with Macao's Chief Executive and SAR government through the Hong Kong Journalists Association and two members of the Legislative Council. The Macao authorities simply replied that there would be follow-up investigations, but there has been no reply until now.</p> <p>■ <u>The Macao SAR government claims that Jin was</u></p>	<p><u>Open Magazine</u>, 2006.4.1</p> <p><u>Open</u></p>

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		<p><u>refused entry due to security reasons.</u> In its 2005 report on human rights practices worldwide, the U.S. State Department mentioned the Chinese government's refusal to let the editor-in-chief of Open Magazine, who criticized China publicly, enter Macao in February 2005 when describing the human rights situation in Macao. According to a letter from the Macao SAR government, Jin was refused entry due to security reasons.</p>	<p>Magazine, 2006.4.1</p>
11	2007.5.1	<p>■ <u>Macao police fires warning shots during the protest march on May 1.</u> Six civilian organizations in Macao organized a street protest on May 1. During the event, the marching crowd came in conflict with the police. The police claimed to have fired five warning shots into the air to prevent stampede. Macao's Legislative Council members Au Kam San, Antonio Ng Kuok Cheong, and Jose Pereira Coutinho believed that it was improper for the police to fire warning shots, and they could not condone the police's action.</p> <p>■ <u>Chief Executive Edmund Ho Hau Wah says the police did not fire warning shots to suppress the activity.</u> Chief Executive Edmund Ho Hau Wah said on May 4 that the police did not fire warning shots to suppress the marchers' activity, that the warning shots were not ordered by police officials, and that the police, based on actual situation, decided to do so to prevent a stampede.</p>	<p>Macao Daily News, 2007.5.2</p> <p>Macao Daily News, 2007.5.5</p>
12	2007.5.10	<p>■ <u>The Macao Journalists Association strenuously condemns Macao's Government Information Bureau for seriously interfering with press freedom and autonomy in journalism.</u> On May 10, the Macao Journalists Association issued a statement saying that it had received a complaint claiming that on May 4, the day when Chief Executive Edmund Ho Hau Wah responded to the May 1 incident, the Government Information Bureau sent people to Macao TV Station to interfere with the news production process; the Association vehemently condemned such action for seriously interfering with press freedom and autonomy in journalism. The Association also filed a formal complaint with the Chief Executive on May 9 against the Bureau's unfairness and for its inability to release in a timely manner the full content of the</p>	<p>Journal Cheng Pou, 2007.5.12</p>

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		<p>Chief Executive's speech.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>The Macao SAR government claims it absolutely respects press freedom.</u> Macao's Government Information Bureau announced on May 12 that it absolutely respects press freedom, and that it did not interfere with news editing and broadcasting. The Bureau claimed that on May 5 its personnel went to Macao TV Station to gather news clipping for broadcast on the Bureau's website. In his response to the Association's complaint against the Bureau's alleged interference with press freedom, Chief Executive Edmund Ho Hau Wah said on May 24 that the SAR government fully respects and protects press freedom in accordance with law, and that the SAR government does not tolerate any interference in press freedom. 	<p>Tai Chung Daily, 2007.5.13; Macao Daily News, 2007.5.25</p>
13	2007.5.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Leung Kwok-hung, a Hong Kong Legislative Council member, is refused entry to Macao.</u> Hong Kong Legislative Council member Leung Kwok-hung and six other members of the "April Fifth Action" were refused entry to Macao. They had planned to visit the minority groups in Macao and to protest the Macao police firing warning shots during the march on May 1. Leung said that Macao's high-ranking officials refused their entry, and that he was upset and had demanded that Macao's Chief Executive Edmund Ho Hau Wah should provide an explanation. ■ <u>Three persons who travel with Council member Leung are able to enter Macao to voice their appeal.</u> Three persons who traveled with Council member Leung were able to enter Macao successfully. Together with two members of Macao's labor organizations, they went to the headquarters of the SAR government and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR to present their letters demanding that the charges against ten people arrested during the May 1 march be abolished, and that investigation be carried out to determine the truth behind the shots fired by the police, and that the victims be duly compensated. 	<p>Sing Tao Daily, 2007.5.14</p> <p>Sing Tao Daily, 2007.5.14</p>

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14.	2008.4.23	<p><u>President of Macao Labor Weekly accused of slander:</u> Ho Hing Gwok, President of Macao Labor Weekly, was allegedly accused of slander and summoned by the Judiciary Police for writing an article on April 23 criticizing the Financial Services Bureau and the Labor Affairs Bureaus of Macao with regard to the prevalence of illegal laborers. Commentators were saying that this had been the first slander case slapped by officials on the media sector since the handover of Macao. Since the case involved press freedom and the freedom of speech, the Judiciary Police should publish the details of the case to inform the general public. Moreover, if government employees frequently accused the media of slander, it would seriously hamper the rights of the media in functioning to monitor the administration. It would also cause a so-called “winter cicada” effect and gravely jeopardize the public’s interest.</p>	<p><i>Heoi Juk, Son Pou,</i> 2008.8.22; <i>Jyu Lai, Son Pou,</i> 2008.8.29</p>
15.	2008.4.28	<p>■ <u>Several members of Hong Kong’s “League of Social Democrats” refused entry:</u> Hong Kong League of Social Democrats Vice Chairman for External Affairs Andrew To Kwan-hang was refused entry into Macao in early April 2008. Michael Mak Kwok-fung, member of Wan Chai District Council of Hong Kong and League of Social Democrats Vice Chairman for Internal Affairs, and Chan Cheong, member of Administrative Committee of the League of Social Democrats, were also refused entry on April 28. Mak believes that the denial of entry was probably connected with the security reinforcement efforts due to the holding of the Olympic torch relay in Macao and that the authorities were concerned that the League of Social Democrats would participate in the May 1st Labor Day demonstrations.</p>	<p><i>Hong Kong Apple Daily,</i> 2008.4.28; <i>Sing Tao Daily,</i> <i>Cheng Pou,</i> 2008.4.29</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <u>Members of Hong Kong's League of Social Democrats were refused entry into Macao due to their support for labor demonstrations:</u> Chairman Wong Yuk-man of Hong Kong's League of Social Democrats indicated that league members had been to Macao to express support for laborers during May 1st demonstrations and were therefore blacklisted. Antonio Ng Kuok Cheong, member of Macao's Legislative Assembly, also indicated that due to the importance of the May 1st Labor Day activities and the Olympic torch relay held on May 3, Macao's Chief Executive Edmund Ho Hau Wah, who has been facing the administrative crisis, took advantage of the situation by countering dissidents in order to curry favor from Beijing and take credit for achievements. <li>■ <u>Macao Legislative Assembly member believes that the Macao SAR government has seriously hurt Macao's image:</u> Au Kam San, member of Macao's Legislative Assembly, indicated that the Macao SAR government has restricted foreign nationals from entering Macao as it pleases through the black-box operation, which has cast a dark cloud over Macao's tourism and exhibition industries and has seriously harmed the image of Macao. 	<p><u>Ming Pao,</u> <u>Hong Kong Apple Daily,</u> 2008.4.29</p> <p><u>Jornal San Wa Ou,</u> <u>Macao Daily News,</u> 2008.6.23</p>
16.	2008.6.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <u>Hong Kong University student Chan Hau Man refused entry:</u> Chan Hau Man, a Hong Kong University student who published several articles supporting Tibet independence during the Olympic torch relay in Hong Kong was refused entry into Macao on June 12. 	<p><u>Hong Kong Economic Times,</u> 2008.6.13</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <u>Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor demands Macao authorities to clarify:</u> The Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor suspected that the action taken by Macao authorities was related to the participation of Chan Hau Man in demonstrations in Hong Kong. It has demanded that the Hong Kong authorities should negotiate with Macao to clarify the reasons for refusing Chan's entry into Macao. <li>■ <u>Hong Kong Legislative Council member criticized the regression of democracy in Macao:</u> Lee Cheuk-yan, Hong Kong Legislative Council member representing the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, criticized Macao authorities for refusing the entry of Chan Hau Man due to her expression of dissident opinions, showing the regression of freedom in Macao. Macao's Legislative Assembly member Au Kam San also criticized that the actions of Macao's authorities would only obstruct the development of Macao's tourism industry. 	<p><u>Ming Pao, Hong Kong Economic Times, Hong Kong Apple Daily,</u> 2008.6.13</p> <p><u>Hong Kong Apple Daily,</u> 2008.6.13</p>
17.	2008.7.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <u>Human Rights Torch Relay organized by Macao citizens determined as illegal:</u> Macao Legislative Assembly member Au Kam San and three other Macao residents publicly supported the global "Human Rights Torch Relay" activities initiated by the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong and held a demonstration on July 18. However, the Macao Public Security Police deemed that the start and finish points of the parade were not considered places allowed for public assembly and declared that the demonstration was illegal. <li>■ <u>Macao Legislative Assembly member demanded</u> 	<p><u>Macao Daily News,</u> 2008.7.16</p> <p><u>Jornal San</u></p>

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		<p><u>an investigation into police action:</u> Macao Legislative Assembly member Au Kam San indicated that the police forcefully suppressed the peaceful activities where the people conveyed their opinions and declared such activities as unlawful, as well as adopted illegal and violent actions outside the scope permitted by the law to quell the activities. He has reported the actions of the police to the Public Prosecution Office and demanded that a lawsuit be filed on this incident in accordance with the law. He has also submitted a complaint to the Macao Public Security Forces and the Security Forces Discipline Committee for investigation of the incident.</p>	<p><u>Wa Ou,</u> 2008.8.5</p>
18.	2008.10.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <u>Macao teacher sued for publishing an article on bank run:</u> The Judiciary Police arrested a high school teacher surnamed Jyun on October 9 for allegedly disseminating an article on bank run in an Internet discussion area on September 24, which would lead the readers to believe that the bank referred to in the article was experiencing problems. The Judiciary Police brought the accused to the Public Prosecution Office for investigation into “abusing fictitious and dangerous symbolic information” and “inciting the public to disobedience.” However, the Public Prosecution Office deemed that there was no strong evidence for the accusations and referred the case back to the police for further investigation. <li>■ <u>Scholars indicated that the incident has marred freedom of speech:</u> Assistant Professor Lam Iok Fong of the Department of Communication of the University of Macao indicated that the action 	<p><u>Macao Daily News,</u> 2008.10.10, 2008.10.11</p> <p><u>Cheng Pou,</u> 2008.10.14</p>

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		<p>taken by the police in handling this case has jeopardized the freedom of speech and has caused a negative effect on the public mind and triggered panic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Civilian organizations lashed at the Judiciary Police for suppressing freedom of speech:</u> The New Macao Association indicated on October 17 that the action of the Judiciary Police in arresting and accusing a person expressing his personal views without any concrete evidence for the violation of law is an abuse of police authority and an infringement on the freedom of speech. On October 17, two members of Macao's Association for Activism for Democracy submitted letters of complaint to the Wing Hang Bank and the Judiciary Police to condemn the police for suppressing the freedom of speech. 	<p><i>Cheng Pou</i>, 2008.10.17 ; <i>Macao Daily News</i>, 2008.10.18</p>
19.	2008.11.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Hong Kong's pro-democratic forces were refused entry or obstructed from entering:</u> Hong Kong's Power for Democracy convener Richard Tsoi Yiu-cheong was denied entry into Macao on November 15. Hong Kong Legislative Council member Ronny Tong Ka-wah, who was on a trip to Macao on November 22 to understand the relevant consultations on the draft of the National Security Law, was also obstructed from entering Macao; his whereabouts were being tracked at all times. ■ <u>Commentators indicated that the refusal of entry of the pro-democratic forces was related to the legislation of Article 23 of Macao's Basic Law:</u> Hong Kong's League of Social Democrats Chairman Wong Yuk Man indicated that the refusal of entry of Richard Tsoi Yiu-cheong had 	<p><i>Hong Kong Economic Journal</i>, ; 2008.11.17; <i>Macao Daily News</i>, 2008.11.23 ; <i>Hong Kong Economic Times</i>, 2008.11.24</p> <p><i>Hong Kong Economic Journal</i>, 2008.11.17</p>

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		<p>to do with the legislation of Article 23 of the Basic Law, because the key task of the Macao SAR government was to pass the National Security Law as soon as possible. Choy Chi Keung, Senior Instructor of the Department of Government and Public Administration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, also believed that the reason for the refusal of entry was due to the fact that Mr. Tsoi acted as the “flag-bearer” at the July 1st demonstration in Hong Kong in 2003, which was a big blow to the image of Macao.</p> <p>■ <u>Commentators indicated that the Macao SAR government was over-reacting:</u> Commentators believed that the refusal of a Legislative Council member of another Special Administrative Region under the same country from entering a territory is incredible. The personal status of the party concerned is a civil servant and not a criminal or a terrorist. This reveals that the Macao SAR government has over-reacted, which has not only failed to achieve an effect of relaxing legislation, but has also hurt the image of the Macao SAR government.</p>	<p><i>Dung Fong Sang, <u>Cheng Pou</u>, 2008.11.24</i></p>