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Pursuers of mutual-destruction have themselves to blame who must be punished strictly according to law to embody the rule of law

Seven politicians pursuing mutual-destruction including incumbent and former members of the Legislative Council (Legco) were arrested yesterday. This marks the so-called "Council Frontline" has come to a dead end and a frenetic and chaotic Legco now sees **a ray of hope** of clarifying confusion and bringing things back to order.

Among the arrestees, Wu Chi-wai, Helena Wong Pik-wan, Fernando Cheung Chiu-hung and Andrew Wan Siu-kin are incumbent Legco members while Eddie Chu Hoi-dick and Raymond Chan Chi-chuen former ones, and Steven Kwok Wing-kin is the chairman of the Labour Party. They were accused of acts of contempt and/or interference with Legco officers under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance in a Legco House Committee meeting on May 8. If convicted, they face up to 12 months in jail and fines of up to \$10,000. Their cases will appear in court for trial on Thursday.

The mayhem in the Legco House Committee meeting on May 8 is still fresh in people's memory. Dennis Kwok Wing-hang of the Civic Party had taken the opportunity of temporarily presiding over the committee meetings to work **hand in glove** with other mutual-destruction pursuers to block the election of the chairman of the House Committee and paralyse the committee for over half a year. This had provoked great public anger. And, unable to **stick it out** any longer, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office [of the State Council] and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR had also spoken out in condemnation of it. Thereafter, pro-establishment lawmakers, following the Rules of Procedure of the Legco and legal advice, recommended Starry Lee Wai-king to be re-appointed as the chairperson. Those Legco members pursuing mutual-destruction turned to become so "valiant" that they brutally assaulted the rostrum and got into a free-for-all fight. The meeting venue was in utter disorder with some people being injured. Yet this absurd scene is just an epitome of the Legco having been reduced to something like the Colosseum in recent years. And it is just the tip of the iceberg of evildoings by these pursuers of mutual-destruction.

After riots by black-clad mobsters broke out last year, the Legco was also reduced to a battle field. Those Legco members pursuing mutual-destruction with support from outside forces colluded with the black-clad rioters, calling each other "brothers/sisters in arms." They made

a display of "no fomenting of splits, no severing of ties and no snitching" as well as "no differentiation between peaceful and valiant protesters", and blatantly went to riot hotpots to lend support, cheer up and provide cover for the rioting thugs, racking their brains to obstruct law-enforcing police officers. Now as the "Street Frontline" is declining due to police crackdown and the impact of the [Covid-19] epidemic, the "Council Frontline" becomes the main battle field for them to prolong the "black terror". The pursuers of mutual-destruction attempt to grab over half of the Legco seats through elections to carry out their "three-step" plan of seizing power through a "colour revolution". This is the overall background against which the chaos in the Legco **goes from bad to worse**.

The Legco is an important component part of the SAR establishment, and its members bear the responsibility of safeguarding Hong Kong's constitutional order. Yet, manipulated by the pursuers of mutual-destruction, it could hardly move a single step. Some people do not regard constructing Hong Kong as their own responsibility but instead take destroying Hong Kong as their mission. They do the nasty business of thugs under the cloak of lawmakers. They receive pays from the government but do all kinds of evildoings to the government. They are legislators but **go to any lengths** to jeopardise the operation of the legislature. Knowing the law but breaking it, they are doubly guilty.

Amid the epidemic situation, the Legco General Election is postponed. As a result, several otherwise disqualified legislators pursuing mutual-destruction – including the just-arrested political thugs – were given the chance to stay for another year. This provided an opportunity for them to turn over a new leaf and start off with a clean slate. Nevertheless, they ignore the general aspiration in whole society to restart the economy and improve people's livelihood, but choose to remain an enemy of the people by madly conducting filibusters in an attempt to bring the Legco to a standstill. They have broken their oaths to swear allegiance to the HKSAR and uphold the Basic Law and as such completely lost the due sense of responsibility and integrity a public servant should have. In the past, the SAR Government and the Legco Secretariat were too tolerant to enforce effective laws. But when Hong Kong people's fundamental interests are in jeopardy, they support doing thing decisively according to laws.

Law breaking is law breaking, and

whoever does it must take the blame. The status of being a Legco member provides no legal immunity. This is by no means "indiscriminate arrest" or "political suppression" but an integral part of "all being equal before the law." The fact that the seven political thugs were arrested and are to face trial boosts public confidence in the Legco to restore its due functions and resume its due role. Citizens anticipate the court to deal with them in accordance with the law to embody the rule of law!

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WORDS AND USAGE

• **Ray of hope** (Idiom) – A minute indication that something may improve, succeed, or turn out for the best in the end. (一線希望)

Examples:

1. This new medicine is a ray of hope for thousands of people.
2. There is still a ray of hope that he is alive.

• **Hand in glove** (idiom) – Very closely associated with somebody, usually in something dishonest. (勾結, 沆瀣一氣)

Examples:

1. Far from being independent, the government and media work hand in glove.
2. Many of the city's politicians are hand in glove with smugglers.

• **Stick it out** (idiom) – to carry on or endure something until it is ended. (堅持到底, 忍受下去)

Examples:

1. He hates the job but he's determined to stick it out because he needs the money.
2. She'll look like a loser if she doesn't stick it out.

• **Go from bad to worse** (idiom) – To become even more unpleasant, unacceptable or difficult. (愈來愈糟, 每況愈下)

Examples:

1. The schools have gone from bad to worse in this area.
2. For the past couple of years my life has gone from bad to worse.

• **Go to any length(s)** (idiom) – To make a great or extreme effort to do something. (竭盡所能, 全力以赴)

Examples:

1. They would both go to any length to win.
2. He'll go to any lengths to get what he wants.

包括現任及前任立法會議員等在內的七名攬炒派政客昨日被捕, 標誌着所謂「議會戰線」走入死胡同, 烏煙瘴氣的立法會迎來撥亂反正的曙光。

被捕者中, 胡志偉、黃碧雲、張超雄、尹兆堅是現任議員, 朱凱迪及陳志全是前任議員, 郭永健則是工黨主席。他們被控於今年5月8日立法會內務委員會中, 觸犯《立法會(權力及特權)條例》有關「藐視罪」及「干預立法會人員罪」。上述罪名最高可判監一年及罰款一萬元。所有被告將於本周四提堂。

5月8日立法會內會發生的混亂一幕, 市民記憶猶新。公民黨郭榮鏗利用臨時主持內會之機, 與其他攬炒派「扯貓尾」, 導致內會遲遲無法選出主席, 癱瘓大半年時間, 引起極大民憤, 港澳辦及中聯辦亦在忍無可忍之下出聲譴責。其後建制派根據議事規則及法律意見, 推舉李慧琼續任主席。攬炒派「勇武」上身, 衝擊主席台並演出「全武行」, 現場混亂不堪兼有人受傷。而這荒唐的一幕正是立法會近年淪為「鬥獸場」的縮影, 也是攬炒派諸多劣行的冰山一角。

去年黑暴爆發後, 立法會亦淪為攬炒的戰場。攬炒派仗着外部勢力撐腰, 與黑衣暴徒互稱「手足」, 沆瀣一氣, 標榜「不分化、不切割、不篤灰」及「和勇不分」, 並公然在暴亂現場為暴徒撐腰打氣及打掩護, 千方百計阻撓警方執法。當「街頭戰線」因警方打擊及疫情影響而走向式微之際, 「議會戰線」成為延續黑暴的主戰場。攬炒派企圖通過選舉搶奪立法會過半席位, 實現奪權「三部曲」及「顏色革命」, 這就是立法會亂象變本加厲的大背景。

立法會是特區建制的重要組成部分, 議員肩負維護香港憲制秩序的責任。但在攬炒派操弄下, 立法會寸步難行, 一些人以建設香港為己任, 反而以摧毀香港為職志。他們披着議員的外衣, 幹着暴徒勾當; 拿着政府的俸祿, 做盡反政府惡行。而他們身為議員卻無所不用其極地破壞立法會運作, 知法犯法更是罪加一等。

疫情之下, 立法會選舉延期, 包括此次被捕政棍在內的多名被DQ攬炒派議員得以延任一年, 這本來是他們洗心革面、改過自新的機會。但是, 攬炒派無視全社會希望重啟經濟、改善民生的普遍願望, 繼續與民為敵, 瘋狂「拉布」意圖癱瘓立法會。他們悖逆了效忠特區及擁護基本法的誓言, 完全喪失了公職人員應有的責任及品格。以往特區政府以及立法會秘書處太過容忍, 有法律而未用, 但在港人根本利益受到危害之時, 市民支持果斷依法辦事。

犯法就是犯法, 犯法就必須承擔責任, 議員身份絕不是違法亂紀的免罪金牌, 這絕不是什麼「濫捕」、「政治打壓」, 而是「法律面前人人平等」的應有之義。七名政棍被捕, 即將受審, 提升了市民對立法會恢復應有功能和角色的信心, 市民期待法庭能依法懲處, 以彰法治!

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續FUN英語 >>>

最近學生以秋天大自然環境為題創作遊記, 並提及在經濟低迷的情況下, 精神健康的重要性。以美麗的秋天景色作文章背景實在非常有詩意, 寫作時同學很多時只把焦點放在美麗風景之上, 其實由大自然衍生出來的題材實在很多, 也可以非常的有深度。另外, 同學的文章可以加插一些心曠神怡的詞彙, adjective/noun/prepositional phrases。除了可以把句子延長, 也可以把段落豐富起來。

今集介紹五組詞彙, 雖然只是有關秋天景色的描寫, 希望同學get inspired, 自己可以試試把自己的短文加插相關詞彙, 令文章加添生氣。

1. biophilia

– That is a passion for the natural world, supposed to be felt universally by humankind. Most of the time, it refers to the love of or empathy with nature and all living objects. (一組形容詞, 形容人類熱愛生命的天性或人與其他生物的自然關係)

例句:

Biophilia environment is all about bringing nature into spaces and surroundings, to make people feel happier, calmer and more relaxed.

2. innate

– That is a quality that we are born with. (一組形容詞, 形容天生的, 固有的)

例句:

Some people believe that humans have **an innate capacity** to find most natural aspects of life compatible with their feelings and thoughts.

3. tonic

– It could be something that makes you feel happier and healthier. (一組名詞, 描述一般可以只為補充劑或使人為之一振的事物)

例句:

Everybody loves to breathe **in clear tonic mountain air**.

愛在深秋The charming autumn

4. horticulture

– It always refers to the study or activity of growing garden plants. (園藝學)

例句:

In this unusual times, **the practice of horticulture and gardening** can bring us unparalleled comfort and healing.

5. therapeutic

– That is something to make you feel better or healthier. (一組形容詞, 形容有療效的, 有益健康的)

例句:

We shall not undermine **the therapeutic value of natural environments** –objects such as green spaces, lakes or seas, the



mountains, and the forest – they always appear to have a present-centering or mindfulness effect that brings our attention to the here and now.

Indeed, our time spent in nature is the most cost-effective and powerful way to counteract the burnout and sort of depression that we feel when we look at our smartphones all day.

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