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TDPO Seeks Death Penalty for Arsonist of Cian Bei Tang in Yujing District

Around 1 a.m. on December 19, 2019, Suspect surnamed Tseng is alleged to have arrived at Cian Bei Tang, an apartment complex housing members of Buddhist commune located in Tainan's Yujing District. He then allegedly set this complex on fire by pouring out gasoline around the complex and igniting it with toilet paper lit by a cigarette lighter. The subsequent fire tragically left 7 dead and 2 injured. Following its investigation into this incident, the Tainan District Prosecutors' Office (TDPO) has indicted Tseng on multiple counts, including arson, attempted murder, and first-degree murder under Articles 173I, 271I, and 271I&II of the Penal Code. In light of the extreme seriousness of these charges, this Office, after extensive review, is seeking the death penalty against Tseng as his alleged wrongdoing qualifies as "the most serious crimes" under Section 2, Article 6, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.