

Tainan District Prosecutor's Office concluded the investigation of the “Hongtai 58” case and filed a public prosecution - August 4th, 2025

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Taiwan Tainan District Prosecutors Office’s relentless effort in the investigation of Mainland China cargo ship " Hongtai 58" crew member damaging submarine communication cables within Taiwan’s border has initiated a public prosecution against the ship’s captain Yuliang Wang for violation of Article 72 of Telecommunications Management Act (destruction of submarine cable), while the rest of crews including unwitting Guozhuang Qin, Bingbo Liu, Lisheng Zhang, Xiang Huang, Dengjun Jiang, Weitao Zhang, are not to be prosecuted.

Yuliang Wang, the captain of the cargo ship, instructed the ship’s crew member including Guozhuang Qin, Bingbo Liu, Lisheng Zhang, Xiang Huang, Dengjun Jiang, Weitao Zhang, to drop anchor 5 nautical miles west of coastal Beimen District of Tainan City and sail zigzaggedly around with malice aforethought during the time span from approximately 22:00 on February 22th to 3:00 February 25th of 2025. The result of Yuliang Wang and his crew members’ above action led the Taiwan’s submarine communication cables called “ Tai-Peng no. 3 “, which was located in the vicinity of Tainan Jiangjun Fishing Port of Taiwan’s coastal waters and owned by Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.,severed.

Tainan District Prosecutor's Office was informed by the Coast Guard Administration on February 25th of 2025 regarding to the incident and chief prosecutors and prosecutors were immediately appointed on the said case. Detention and limitation on residence, restrictions on the exit from the border or the island, and monitoring by technical equipment were imposed on the indicted Yuliang Wang and rest of crews.

Detailed, thorough investigation on Yuliang Wang and his fellow accomplices was conducted and Yuliang Wang admitted that he instructed the crew members to sabotage the “Tai-Peng no. 3” submarine communication cables intentionally. However, Yuliang Wang refused to explain why he committed such crime and who was behind the whole scheme. It was also concluded that crew members including Guozhuang Qin, Bingbo Liu, Lisheng Zhang, Xiang Huang, Dengjun Jiang, Weitao Zhang were not aware of Yuliang Wang’s plan and thus not to be prosecuted. Even though criminal prosecution was brought against Yuliang Wang and sent him to the court, but the relentless effort to track down the persons behind the whole scheme remains.