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The Editor
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Dear Editor,

I refer to the article entitled “First came political crimes. Now, a digital crackdown descends on Hong Kong” (12 January, 2021) alleging the mobile phones and electronic devices of 53 people, who were arrested on suspicion of committing crimes including subversion under the National Security Law in Hong Kong, were sent to the Mainland China.

While Police would not usually comment on police investigation methods and operational details, we categorically refute the claim that “Hong Kong Police have begun sending devices seized from arrested people to Mainland China... using the information from those devices to assist in investigations...”

Police did not, in any way, send the seized mobile phones or electronic devices to Mainland China for investigation. We regret individuals seeking anonymity to spread rumours and we are doubtful of their ulterior motive in stirring up unwarranted concerns over Police actions, especially among the Hong Kong community.

The claim made by your anonymous source was a baseless allegation and it is incumbent upon me to set the record straight for your readers.

Yours sincerely,

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