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The Editor
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Dear Editor,

Ted Hui's opinion piece "China Puts a Bounty on My Head" (July 9) which, through misinformation and lies, is a blatant affront to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and to our country, the People's Republic of China (PRC). Apart from expressing my outrage, I write also to set the record straight.

Hui is a liar without credibility. He deceived the court by furnishing false documents to jump bail. It is no surprise that he tried to whitewash himself for all the evil acts he had done through false claims.

Endangering national security is a very serious offence. No country will watch with folded arms acts and activities that endanger national security. Hui was alleged to have repeatedly advocated "Taiwan independence", "Hong Kong independence" and the overthrow of the basic system of the PRC established by the PRC Constitution, and published social media posts to urge foreign countries to impose "sanctions" and engage in other hostile activities against the PRC and the HKSAR Government.

I should stress that all law enforcement actions taken by Hong Kong law enforcement agencies, including those under the National Security Law (NSL), are based on evidence, strictly according to the law and have nothing to do with the background or political stance of the individuals concerned.

The NSL clearly stipulates that human rights shall be respected and protected in safeguarding national security in the HKSAR. Nonetheless, such rights and freedoms are not absolute. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights expressly states that some of them may be subject to restrictions as prescribed by law that are necessary for protection of national security.

No one is above the law. The HKSAR shall make every effort with all necessary measures to bring to justice absconders who allegedly have committed offences under the law.

Yours faithfully,

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