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Press Release

(For immediate release)

### **Statement of the Hong Kong Bar Association condemning an attempted assault against a Magistrate**

1. The Hong Kong Bar Association (“HKBA”) condemns in the strongest possible terms the attempted assault against a Magistrate at the Kowloon City Magistrates’ Court this morning.
2. Judges and judicial officers must be able to discharge their duties free from any interference whatsoever.
3. Any threat or act of violence made or done with the intent to frighten, or to put pressure on, a judge or judicial officer, or to retaliate due to dissatisfaction with any judicial determination, is a serious assault on judicial independence and the administration of justice, and jeopardises the rule of law.
4. Such conduct therefore will not be tolerated, and must cease, with perpetrators being held to account.

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