

**Statement of the Hong Kong Bar Association (“HKBA”)**  
**condemning intimidation against a District Judge**

It was reported on 28 May 2021 that attempts were made to intimidate a District Judge shortly after she sentenced 10 defendants in a criminal trial on the same day.

Judges must be held free from any interference in the performance of their judicial duties. Any threat made with intent to frighten or to put pressure on a judicial officer to decide cases one way or another, is a serious assault on judicial independence. Such behaviour is an attack on the administration of justice and jeopardizes the rule of law.

HKBA condemns in the strongest possible terms such conduct, which cannot be tolerated in our society and must be stopped.

Hong Kong Bar Association  
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