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80 more held in spy probe?

In continuing counter espionage operations, about 80 more people were rounded up in Special Branch raids last night.

The Special Branch's main office on two floors of the Police Headquarters was fully lit last night and several vehicles were seen passing through the gates of the political detention centre at Victoria Road, Western,

bringing in and taking away people.

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The network is believed to have its headquarters in Hongkong and their main task

is to gather intelligence reports on China.

Before the operation came to a "climax" last night, some 30 people had already been detained during the week.

Most of the main targets were arrested in a series of surprise raids eight days ago.

A large quantity of documents are said to have been seized and are still being studied by the Special Branch.