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# 7 Marxist League members arrested

SEVEN members of the so-called Revolutionary Marxist League were arrested yesterday by the police in Victoria Park.

They were released last night at about 9pm on \$500 bail. They have to report to the Causeway Bay police station on Friday morning.

The league had earlier applied for a permit to assemble in the park but the application was rejected.

At 3pm yesterday police detectives spotted a member of the league in front of a public lavatory inside the park.

They swiftly arrested the man despite his claim that he was going to the lavatory. As he was taken to the police car, the man shouted slogans.

Two other members were also arrested inside the park. Representatives of the league told reporters that other

members were on their way to the New China News Agency.

However, only one member of the league showed up in the vicinity of the news agency, and he, too, was arrested.

Senior Police Inspector Tsim Wing-hong said three more members were arrested while they were on their way to the Hsinhua news agency.

He said the seven arrested were connected with the league's protest outside the agency on April 5.

Although the league was given permission to assemble at Victoria Park that day, members of the league breached the condition by walking to the news agency, he said.

He added that police had tolerated their action last time, but they had received instructions from the Attorney General to make the arrests yesterday.

Police said that about 20 plainclothes detectives and 30 uniformed police took part in rounding up the protestors.

About 8:30pm last night a further seven members of the league, comprising six men and one woman, went to the Causeway Bay Police Station where the seven arrested in the afternoon were detained.

They stood in front of the station and only dispersed when those arrested earlier were released.

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