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Changhua District Prosecutors Office Indicts Six Individuals in Green Energy Corruption Case Involving a Solar Photovoltaic Power Leasing Tender at an Air Force Base Wing

Following the conclusion of an investigation into a green energy corruption case related to a solar photovoltaic leasing tender at an Air Force base wing, the Changhua District Prosecutors Office has indicted six individuals, including public officials, on charges of bribery and profiteering. Prosecutor Chen Ding-Wen led the investigation into allegations that the officer responsible for handling the tender accepted bribes and sought illicit gains. With the assistance of the Central Taiwan Mobile Task Force of the Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau and the Central Investigation Office of the Agency Against Corruption, the investigation concluded on the 26th with an indictment.

1. Facts of the Crime:

The defendants Hsu ○○, Yeh ○○, Chen ○○, and Tsai ○○ were, at the time of the offence, active military officers or retired officers re-employed in military civilian positions, and thus classified as public officials with statutory authority. In 2022 (Minguo Calendar 111), they became aware that an Air Force wing intended to conduct a public tender for solar photovoltaic development on its premises. While being aware of that public tenders for national defence real estate must comply with the principles of public asset income management, as well as adhere to the Government Procurement Act, the Ethics Regulations for Procurement Personnel, and the Code of Ethics for Military Personnel, they instead abused their authority over planning, review, supervision of land and space usage at the base, and the administration of the said leasing tender.

In collusion with developer defendant Chen ○○, the defendants conspired to demand, promise, and take bribes and other unlawful profits concerning their official duties. Through Chen ○○, several solar photovoltaic firms, including that of defendant Huang ○○, were invited to participate in the tender. The defendants received substantial kickbacks in the form of high development expense and sexual favours and unlawfully assisted solar photovoltaic companies in obtaining significant financial gain from the project.

1. Legal Violations:

Defendants Hsu ○○, Yeh ○○, Chen ○○, Tsai ○○, and Chen □□ are charged with violations of Article 5 of the Anti-Corruption Act, relating to taking bribes and unlawful profits in the performance of official duties. Additionally, Yeh ○○ and Chen ○○ are charged under Article 6 of the same Act for profiteering. Defendant Huang ○○ is charged under Article 11 for offering bribes and unlawful profits in relation to actions not in violation of official duties.

2. Sentencing Recommendations:

Considering that military discipline and the rule of law are foundational to national defence capabilities, and that several defendants were active or former officers of the rank of colonel or higher, it is particularly egregious that they exploited government efforts to promote green energy. Knowing that general contractors for solar energy projects could install equipment on the rooftops and idle land of the Air Force wing, and secure lucrative feed-in tariffs and subsidies, the defendants sought to unlawfully profit. From 2022 onward, they conspired with green energy brokers with organized crime affiliations, encouraging competitive bidding among contractors to maximize illicit gains.

This conduct severely undermined military discipline, reduced the solar photovoltaic tender process to a tool for personal enrichment, and led to widespread irregularities. The resulting corruption tarnished public office and gravely harmed Taiwan's renewable energy policy.

Accordingly, the prosecution seeks the following sentences: A 9-year prison term for public official defendant Yeh ○○ and non-public official defendant Chen □□. An 8-year prison term for public official defendant Chen ○○. Appropriate sentencing for the remaining defendants based on legal provisions.

For public officials involved, the prosecution additionally requests a declaration of the deprivation of civil rights pursuant to Article 17 of the Anti-Corruption Act. All illicit gains are to be confiscated in accordance with the law.