

《香港高等法院裁定取消四名立法会议员资格》

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The High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on Friday removed four lawmakers from the legislative assembly after the Legislative Council invalidated their oaths of office.

The court found it clear in law that the four lawmakers-elect declined or deliberately neglected to take the oath back on October 12, 2016, and were thus disqualified from assuming or entering the office for such a politically-motivated behavior.

Former chief executive Leung Chun-ying and Secretary for Justice Rimsky Yuen applied for the case against the four lawmakers in December.

Another two local lawmakers-elect during their October 12 swearing-in session used insulting words toward the country, and were disqualified by the court for failing to take the oath.

A month after the saga dragged out, Beijing issued an interpretation of the Basic Law deeming that lawmakers must complete their oaths accurately and in a sincere and solemn manner.