Autopsy report shows that the cause of death of the six inmates is ‘single contact gunshot wound, confirming that six prisoners commited suicide.

During Chinese New Year holidays, prosecutor of The Kaohsiung District Prosecutors Office, along with coroners, criminal investigators, Kaohsiung City police officers continued investigating into the prison hostage incident.

The autopsy report based on the evidence of X-ray examination, corpse examination, bullet fragments, guns comparison, DNA, blood, urine, and other toxic, chemical material testing, completed this afternoon.

Following are the précis of the autopsy report

1. The primary cause of death of the six inmates is ‘single contact gunshot wound, resulting skull fractures, neurogenic shocks. The gunshot wounds to their heads caused massive bleeding and were fatal.
2. According to the evidence such as muzzle imprints, gunshot angles, gunshot residues, and burn marks, it is concluded that each inmate shot himself with a handgun.
3. Considering left handed shooters and right handed shooters would leave muzzle imprints in different positions, and the evidence of DNA comparison, the two prisoners, Wei and Jin shot themselves left-handed.
4. On the basis of the fact that Huang was found without a gun in his hand and the statement from prison warden Chen Shih Chih, along with the DNA test results, it is confirmed that Chin and Huang used the same gun to commit suicide.
5. The evidence of the unapparent blood reactions on Wei, Jin and Huang’s entrance wounds and the gunpowder stippling patterns surrounding those entrance wounds indicates that three *of the inmates were also shot by* others while they were dying.

No sooner had this incident happened than senior prosecutors were appointed to investigate. Prosecutors appointed spare no effort to look into this case, collecting and examining every piece of evidence to find out the truth. We would like to call for the public to be more rational, stopping speculating and spreading rumors.