

## Topic V: Countermeasures against Rokudaime Yamaguchi-gumi, Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi, and Kudo-kai

The police are enhancing strategic crackdowns to inflict heavy damage on the organizational foundation and funding activities toward the elimination of Boryokudan. The police are especially making an all-out effort across the entire police organization to crack down on Boryokudan that have carried out incidents including turf wars and attacks on business operators, and have become a major threat to the lives of citizens.

### (1) Countermeasures against Rokudaime Yamaguchi-gumi and Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi 1 “Turf War” between Rokudaime Yamaguchi-gumi and Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi

At the end of August 2015, 13 direct line Boryokudan leaders that had merged with the Rokudaime Yamaguchi-gumi, Japan's largest Boryokudan, defected to form Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi with the group headed by the Boryokudan leader of Yamaken-gumi who was the direct line leader of the Rokudaime Yamaguchi-gumi. Since the formation, the Rokudaime Yamaguchi-gumi and the Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi are in conflict. There have been frequent incidents of shooting and vehicle slamming against the offices of affiliated Boryokudan groups of both groups throughout Japan.

Illegal acts that were believed to be caused by conflicts between the two groups had occurred 27 times by May 2016. They also included shooting incidents in residential areas, which has become a major threat to the lives of citizens.

### 2 Police Countermeasures

By thoroughly investigating incidents of “turf war” conflict cases, the police strengthen crackdowns on both groups, and are working

to thoroughly conduct security activities to ensure the safety of the citizens’ lives.



Investigation of the Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi office

In addition, in order to strengthen the structure accordingly, the NPA and related prefectural police have set up centralized control headquarters for both Boryokudan, and are taking measures to improve equipment such as surveillance cameras.

In April 2016, the Hyogo Prefectural Public Safety Commission recognized the Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi as a designated Boryokudan group based on the provisions of the Act on Prevention of Unjust Conducts by Organized Crime Group Members (Anti-Boryokudan Act). With this, it became possible to issue various administrative orders based on the said Act against the members of the Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi.

The police will continue to advance further efforts to ensure the safety of the lives of citizens and to weaken and annihilate both groups through thorough crackdowns and vigilance activities against both gang groups as well as the application of the Anti-Boryokudan Act.

**[Case] In March 2016, a member (26) and others of the affiliated Rokudaime Yamaguchi-gumi, drove a dump truck into the office of the affiliated Kobe**

**Yamaguchi-gumi, destroying the exterior wall of the office. In April 2016, the said members were arrested on charges of damaging structure (Hyogo).**



**Dump truck collision incident site against the organized office affiliated to the Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi**

**[Case] In March 2016, a member of the affiliated Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi (47) and others injured members of the Rokudaime Yamaguchi-gumi by acts of violence such as mass beating. In March, the police arrested the members of the affiliated Kobe Yamaguchi-gumi for violating the Act on Punishment of Physical Violence and Others (MPD).**

## **(2) Countermeasures against Kudo-kai** **1 Outline of Kudo-kai**

The Kudo-kai is a designated Boryokudan that has its principal office in Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture. It is an organization that has carried out numerous incidents such as attacking business operators by using weapons in the past that has become a major threat to not only business operators but the lives of citizens.

## **(2) Advancing Countermeasures against the Kudo-kai**

The police are taking countermeasures such as:

- Bringing in investigators and others from each division intensively into the

Kitakyushu area

- Dispatching mobile units and investigators from police nationwide
- Increasing the number of police officers conducting investigations on Boryokudan
- Reinforcing equipment and materials such as surveillance cameras

in efforts to thoroughly conduct intensive crackdowns and enhance vigilance activities. In addition, the police have effectively utilized provisions of the Anti-Boryokudan Act to advance countermeasures against the Kudo-kai by taking measures such as the Public Safety Commissions of Fukuoka prefecture and Yamaguchi prefecture recognizing the Kudo-kai as Specified Risk Designated Boryokudan in December 2012.

Since September 2014, the police have arrested the president of the Kudo-kai, the chairman of the Kudo-kai and executives on charges of murder and attempted organizational murder. In addition, from November 2014 to February 2015, the Fukuoka Prefecture Public Safety Committee issued a restraint order on the use of offices of



**Situation at the time of investigation of the Kudo-kai office**

Specified Risk Designated Boryokudan against a total of 5 offices of the Kudo-kai. Furthermore, in July 2015, a “National Rehabilitation Liaison Conference” was held in Fukuoka prefecture to share information so that large-scale support can be provided for

rehabilitation for those who leave Boryokudan, including the Kudo-kai.

The police will continue to strongly advance further efforts toward the annihilation of the Kudo-kai through comprehensive crackdowns and utilization of the Anti-Boryokudan Act.

**[Case] From 2010 to 2014, the president of the Kudo-kai (68) and others evaded a total of 320 million yen in taxes by hiding a total of about 810 million yen, the equivalent of the President's individual earnings, out of money paid to the Kudo-kai as nominal operating expenses. From June to July 2015, five persons including the president were arrested on charges of violating the Income Tax Act (Fukuoka).**

**[Case] In April 2012, as an activity of the organization, the President of the Kudo-kai (68) and the Chairman of the Kudo-kai (59) and others shot a former male police officer with a murderous intention, inflicting bodily injuries. In July 2015, 18 people, including the president and the chairperson, were arrested for violation of the Act on Punishment of Organized Crimes and Control of Crime Proceeds (Attempted Organized Murder) and other violations (Fukuoka).**