

Appendix: Purges in the PLA and Military-Industrial Complex, April 2023–July 2025

Name, Rank, Last Known Position	Ties to Xi	Disappearance/Investigation	Official Statement
He Weidong (何衛東) Rank of General; CMC 2nd-ranked Vice Chairman; Member of Politburo	He is believed to have ties to Xi that date back to their time in Fujian, where they overlapped in the 1990s. He was a member of the 31st Group Army, many of whom have received promotions under Xi (CNN , April 4).	He has not publicly appeared since the Two Sessions on March 11. He was notably absent from a tree-planting ceremony, which other high-ranking CMC members were party to, and the Central Conference on Work Related to Neighboring Countries from April 8–9. He may be subject to a corruption investigation (Financial Times , April 10).	The Party has not released an official statement on He's removal. His name, photo, and title as a member of the Politburo and the CMC are still online (CNA , November 11).
You Haitao (尤海濤) Rank of Lt. General; Deputy Commander of the Army	You was allegedly a part of a political faction against Xi due to his father's former close ties to Deng Xiaoping. When Xi first came into power, he was focused on monopolizing power, including by removing some Deng supporters. (Watch China , January 6).	The Army convened a military congress on November 29, 2024, where it decided to remove You on suspicion of having serious disciplinary infractions (The Observer , December 26, 2024; Tencent News , December 28, 2024).	"The Army Military Representatives Conference decided to remove You Haitao from his position as a representative to the 14th [NPC]" (NPC , December 25, 2024).
Zhao Keshi (赵克石) Rank of General; Head of the General Logistics Department	Zhao is also a one of the former Fujian generals with ties to Xi (China Brief , February 15).	Zhao was reportedly taken into custody in March, along with He Weidong (X/@uyunistar , March 14; Watch China , March 16).	No official statement has been released.

Li Pengcheng (李鹏程) Rank of Lt. General; Commander of the Southern Theater Command; Former Navy Vice Admiral	Li was promoted by Miao Hua, a key member of Xi's Fujian faction, who has recently been purged. Li's fall from grace may have stemmed from his ties to Miao (Creaders , December 25, 2024).	The Navy convened on November 25, 2024, and decided to remove Li from his post due to suspicions of serious disciplinary infractions (The Observer , December 26, 2024).	"The Congress of the Military Personnel of the Navy has decided to dismiss Li Pengcheng from his post as a deputy to the fourteenth session of the National People's Congress" (NPC , Dec 25, 2024).
Miao Hua (苗华) Rank of Admiral, Director of Political Work Department of Central military Commission (CMC)	Miao was an official who worked with Xi when he was in Fujian. He was the second most important member of the Fujian faction, behind He Weidong (China Brief , March 15). Miao was directly promoted to admiral by Xi in 2015.	Miao was suspended in November 2024 on suspicion of disciplinary violations (China Brief , January 17). As of May, his position has allegedly been taken over by Zhang Shengmin (张升民) (RFI , May 19).	"Miao Hua, a member of the [CMC] and director of the Political Work Department of the CMC, is suspected of serious disciplinary violations, and the CPC Central Committee has decided to suspend Miao from his duties for inspection" (MOD , November 28, 2024).
Deng Zhiping (邓志平) Rank of Lt. General; Deputy Commander of the PLA Army; Former Delegate to the 14th NPC	Deng did not have close ties to Xi.	Deng was suspected of violating discipline and law and was arrested in July 2024; however, officials did not confirm this until September 2024 (RFA , September 18, 2024).	It is the "decision of the Army's military congress to remove Deng Zhiping from his post as a deputy to the 14th National People's Congress" (Xinhua , September 13, 2024).

Wei Fenghe (魏凤和) Rank of General; Minister of National Defense	It is alleged that “Wei Fenghe had enjoyed the trust of Xi Jinping, who organized a separate ceremony for him to promote him to the rank of general” (RFI , October 7, 2024). Wei was the first general promoted by Xi Jinping when he assumed power in 2013 (VOA , July 6, 2024).	Wei was reported missing in February 2024 when he did not attend the Lunar New Year greetings, which retired officials typically attend (SCMP , February 8, 2024). In June 2024, the Party announced it was conducting an anti-corruption probe against Wei (SCMP , Sept 14, 2024).	The report stated that Wei was found to have violated political discipline, abandoned his political responsibility, violated organizational discipline, and sought benefits for himself and others through illegal bribes, among other things. The Politburo met on June 27, 2024 to consider and adopt the CMC’s “report on the results of the review of the issue of Wei Fenghe,” and decided to dismiss Wei from the Party, and terminate his role as a representative of the 20th Party Congress (State Council , June 27, 2024).
Li Zhizhong (李志忠) Rank of Lt. General; Lt. General of Central Theatre Command; Former Deputy Commander of the Central Theater Command	Li did not have close ties to Xi.	Li was removed as an NPC representative in February 2024. Although no official report has been released regarding the investigation, his removal appears to be part of the larger corruption cases involving former officials from the Rocket Force or Equipment Department (Epoch Times , February 27, 2024).	It is the “decision of the Army Soldiers’ Congress to remove Li Zhizhong from his post as a deputy to the 14th National People’s Congress” (Xinhua , February 27, 2024).
Li Shangfu (李尚福) Rank of General; 13th Minister of	Li did not have direct ties to Xi, but was appointed in October 2022 as a member of the 20th Central Committee. However, Li did have ties to Zhang Youxia, with whom he	Li disappeared in September 2023 with no explanation. He was officially fired and replaced in October 2023 (CNN, October 24, 2023 ; June 27, 2024). Party comments on his removal were not released until 2024.	The report on his actions was released on June 27, 2024. It found that Li violated political discipline, failed to adhere to his political responsibility, resisted investigations,

National Defense, State Councillor	worked in 2013–2015 in the armaments department (Times of India , September 19, 2023).		and “lost the principle of party spirit.” His crimes were said to be extremely serious. The Politburo met on June 27 and they decided to expel Li from the Party (Xinhua , June 27, 2024). On September 13, 2024, the Party officially released the “decision of the General Assembly of Servicemen of the General Office of the Central Military Commission to remove Li Shangfu from his post as a deputy to the 14th NPC” (Xinhua , September 13, 2024).
Zhang Zhenzhong (张振中) Rank of Lt. General; Deputy Commander of PLA Rocket Force, Deputy Chief of Staff of JSD; Former alternate of the 19th CCP Central Committee	Zhang did not have close ties to Xi.	Zhang began being investigated for corruption in October 2023 (Breaking Defense , October 16, 2023). He was the former deputy to Li Yuchao, who was placed under investigation at the same time (SCMP , December 30, 2023). Both Zhang and Li were former officials of the Rocket Force, and the investigation appears to be part of the larger corruption case of officials from the Rocket Force and the Equipment Department.	“The General Assembly of Soldiers of the CMC Joint Staff Department of decided to dismiss Zhang Zhenzhong from his post as a deputy to the 14th NPC ... In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Law on Deputies and local People’s Congresses at all levels, the qualifications of Zhang Zhenzhong [and others] ... as deputies to the 14th NPC are terminated” (Xinhua , Dec 29, 2023).
Li Yuchao (李玉超) Rank of General; Commander of the	Li was once a protege of Xi (China Story , January 31, 2024).	Li was first noticed as absent at the June 2023 Rocket Force rank promotion ceremony (Chosun Ilbo , July 25, 2023). In late June 2023, a CCP exile in the U.S., Yao	“The general assembly of the military personnel of the Rocket Force has decided to dismiss...Li Yuchao [and others] ... In accordance with the

<p>People's Liberation Army Rocket Force; Former alternate of the 19th Central Committee of the CCP; Former member of the 20th Central Committee</p>		<p>Cheng, tweeted that Li was taken away from his office on June 26 (Chosun Ilbo, July 25, 2023). He was then replaced as commander of PLAARF in July (CNN, August 2, 2023). No official report has been released on the investigation, but it appears to be linked to the broader corruption case involving current and former top officials from the Rocket Force and Equipment Department.</p>	<p>relevant provisions of the Law on Deputies and local People's Congresses at all levels, the qualifications of Li Yuchao [and others] as deputies to the 14th NPC are terminated" (Xinhua, December 29, 2023).</p>
<p>Zhang Yulin (张育林) Rank of Lt. General; Vice Minister of the CMC Equipment Development Department</p>	<p>Zhang did not have close ties with Xi.</p>	<p>Although there has been no official report on the investigation, it appears to be tied to the broader corruption case of current and former top officials from the Rocket Force and Equipment Department.</p>	<p>"The military congress of the CMC Equipment Development Department decided to dismiss Zhang Yulin [and one other] ... from their posts as deputies to the 14th NPC ... In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Law on Deputies and local People's Congresses at all levels, the qualifications of ... Zhang Yulin [and others] ... as deputies to the 14th NPC are terminated" (Xinhua, Dec 29, 2023).</p>
<p>Rao Wenmin (饶文敏) Rank of Major General; Deputy Minister of the Equipment Development</p>	<p>Rao did not have close ties with Xi.</p>	<p>Although there has been no official report on the investigation, it appears to be tied to the broader corruption case of current and former top officials from the Rocket Force and Equipment Department.</p>	<p>The NPC Standing Committee announced on November 28, 2023 a decision to remove Rao from his position as an NPC deputy due to suspicions of severe disciplinary violations (Baidu, 2024). The CMC</p>

Department of the CMC			Equipment Development Department concurred (Xinhua , Dec 29, 2023).
Ju Xinchun (鞠新春) Rank of Lt. General; Vice Minister of the Equipment Development Department of the CMC; Former Commanding Officer of the Southern Theater Command Navy	Ju did not have close ties to Xi.	Ju began being investigated as early as November 2023. In early 2024, it was reported that he was suspected of serious disciplinary infractions and was replaced in the Southern Command by Li Pingcheng (Lianhe Zaobao , December 26, 2024). It is alleged that from September 2015 to November 2023, he used his position to “seek benefits for the relevant units or individuals in terms of job promotions, post adjustments, and project contracting. In this regard, he illegally accepted huge amounts of property” (Sina , January 8).	“The Navy’s military congress decided to dismiss Ju Xinchun from his post as a deputy to the fourteenth session of the NPC ... In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Law on Deputies and local People’s Congresses at all levels, the qualifications of [others and] Ju Xinchun ... as deputies to the 14th NPC are terminated” (Xinhua , Dec 29, 2023).
Ding Laihang (丁来杭) Rank of General; Commander of PLA Air Force; Former Deputy Commander of the Northern Theater Command; Former member of the 19th CCP Central Committee	Ding was known as being a part of Xi’s inner circle from Fujian. He previously served in a Fuzhou-based Air Force regiment. Xi himself promoted Ding directly to General in 2019, the same year as Li Shangfu (China Brief , October 20, 2017; Epoch Times , November 10, 2023).	Ding was first noted as absent at the October 2023 NPC Standing Committee meeting, the same as Zhou Yaning (Watch China , November 10, 2023). He was then reported to be under investigation in November 2023 for his role in the corruption of the building of Beijing’s Xijiao Airport (Epoch Times , November 9, 2023). In December 2024, he was removed from his position as a representative to the 14th NPC on suspicion of serious violations of discipline and law.	“The General Assembly of the Military Personnel of the Air Force decides to dismiss Ding Laihang from his post as a deputy to the 14th NPC ... In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Law on Deputies and local People’s Congresses at all levels, the qualifications of...Ding Laihang [and others]... as deputies to the 14th NPC are terminated” (Xinhua , Dec 29, 2023).

Lü Hong (吕宏) Rank of Major General; Head of the PLA Rocket Force Equipment Department	Lü did not have close ties to Xi.	Lü surrendered himself in September 2023 for his involvement in the Rocket Force corruption case and was formally removed from his role as a deputy to the 14th NPC in December 2023. He was a direct subordinate to Li Shangfu, and his case appears to be linked to the purging of current or former top officials from the Rocket Force's Equipment Department.	"The general assembly of the military personnel of the Rocket Force has decided to dismiss Lü Hong [and others] ... from their posts as deputies to the 14th NPC. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Law on Deputies and local People's Congresses at all levels, the qualifications of..., Lü Hong [and others] ... as deputies to the 14th NPC are terminated" (Xinhua , Dec 29, 2023)
Li Chuanguang (李传广) Rank of Lt. General; Chief of Staff of the Rocket Force	Li did not have close ties to Xi.	On October 13, 2023, Yao Cheng, a former Lt. Col in the Navy, posted on social media that Li Chuanguang, along with Rocket Force Chief of Staff Sun Jinming, were arrested in a conference room and taken away (X/@Yaochen64034657 , October 13, 2023; NTDTV , October 17, 2023). There have been no details released about his investigation, but his removal is suspected to be a part of the Rocket Force corruption case.	"The general assembly of the military personnel of the Rocket Force has decided to dismiss ... Li Chuanguang [and others] ... from their posts as deputies to the 14th NPC. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Law on Deputies and local People's Congresses at all levels, the qualifications of ... Li Chuanguang and [others] ... as deputies to the 14th NPC are terminated" (Xinhua , Dec 29, 2023).
Zhou Yaning (周亚宁) Rank of General; Retired Commander of the Rocket Force; Former Member of	According to the Epoch Times, Zhou was conferred the rank of General of the Rocket Force by Xi in December 2019. Zhou was also a part of the "military-industrial gang" (mainly generals and military-	In September, Zhou was suspected of severe disciplinary violations. The Rocket Force general assembly of military personnel held a meeting on September 26, 2023, and agreed to remove Zhou from his post as deputy to the 14th NPC (NPC ,	"The general assembly of the military personnel of the Rocket Force has decided to dismiss...[others and] Zhou Yaning from their posts as deputies to 14th NPC. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the

the 19th CCP Central Committee	industrial enterprise bosses from the equipment system) that Xi has rehired in recent years” (Epoch Times , November 9, 2023).	February 2024). There have been no details provided on the investigation, but his removal is rumored to be a part of the Rocket Force corruption case.	Law on Deputies and local People's Congresses at all levels, the qualifications of ... [others and] Zhou Yaning as deputies to the 14th NPC are terminated” (Xinhua , Dec 29, 2023). Zhou's position as vice-chairman of the NPC Foreign Affairs Committee was also revoked.
Tang Yong (唐勇) Rank of Lt. General Deputy Secretary of the CMC Discipline Inspection Commission; People's Armed Police; Former Delegate to the 20th Party Congress and CPPCC National Committee	Tang did not seem to have close ties to Xi, but he did have close ties to those in Xi's circle. Tang was a part of Miao Hua's inner circle (Watch China , March 27). Tang was also appointed by He Weidong to be the Deputy Secretary of the CMC Discipline Inspection Commission (The Economic Times , April 15).	Tang was last seen in March 2024 (SCMP , March 27). According to Xinhua, in the same month, the 34th Chairman's Meeting of the CPPCC decided to remove Tang's membership from the CPPCC (RFA , March 28). There have been no details released about his investigation, but removal is typically a sign of suspected corruption.	The party has not released an official statement on Tang's removal.
Xu Zhongbo (徐忠波) Rank of General. Political Commissar of the Rocket Force; Former Delegate of the 19th Party Congress	In July 2020, Xi promoted Xu Zhongbo to the rank of general. Beyond this, he did not appear to have close ties to Xi.	In August 2023, Xu was reported to be under investigation for corruption (Epoch Times , August 1, 2023). However, Xu made a reappearance at the NPC sessions in March 2024. According to the Epoch Times, reporters asked Xu Zhongbo questions like, “Are you safe?” Xu did not answer the questions directly, but instead responded with “thank you, thank you” (Epoch Times , March 9, 2024).	The party has not released an official statement on Xu's removal.

Liu Guanbin (劉光斌) Rank of General; Deputy Commander of the Rocket Force.	Liu did have close ties to Xi.	Although the investigation was not confirmed, he was missing from the Party Committee of the Rocket Force special party class theme on education in May 2023 (Ming Pao Canada , May 24, 2023). Liu was allegedly taken away for investigation in April 2023 for an anti-corruption investigation (Ming Pao Canada , May 24, 2023; RFA , July 28, 2023). He is allegedly under investigation for corruption.	The party has not released an official statement on Liu's removal.
Wu Yansheng (吴燕生) President of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Co. (CASC); Chairman of the board and secretary of the Aerospace Science and Technology Group	Wu did not have close ties to Xi.	Wu is reported to have gone missing late in 2023 (RFA , April 15, 2024). The 12th Chairman's Meeting of the 14th CPPCC was then held in December 2023 to adopt a decision on revoking the qualifications of Wu Yansheng, which was approved the following March (The Paper , December 27, 2023; Global Times , March 3, 2024). Wu was allegedly charged with corruption, and the case is rumored to be tied to Li Shangfu's case as well as to the corruption in Rocket Force military equipment (RFA , December 27, 2023; Epoch Times , December 28, 2023).	The CPPCC announced Wu's membership had been revoked in March 2024 (CPPCC , March 3, 2024). No reasons have been given for his removal.

<p>Liu Shiquan (刘石泉) Chairman of China National Weapons Industry Corporation (CNWIC); President of the China North Industries Group Corporation Limited (Norinco); Chairman of the Board of Directors and Secretary of the Party Group for the Hydrocarbons Industry Group</p>	<p>Liu did not have close ties to Xi.</p>	<p>Liu is reported to have gone missing late in 2023 (RFA, April 15, 2024). The 12th Chairman's Meeting of the 14th CPPCC was then held in December 2023 to adopt a decision on revoking Liu's membership, which was approved the following March (The Paper, December 27, 2023; Global Times, March 3, 2024). He was allegedly charged with corruption, and the case is rumored to be tied to Li Shangfu's case as well as to the corruption in Rocket Force military equipment (RFA, December 27, 2023; Epoch Times, December 28, 2023).</p>	<p>The CPPCC announced Liu's membership had been revoked in March 2024 (CPPCC, March 3, 2024). No reasons have been given for his removal.</p>
<p>Wang Changqing (王长青) Deputy General Manager of the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp (CASIC); Deputy General Manager and Member of the Party Group of Aisino</p>	<p>Wang did not have close ties to Xi.</p>	<p>Wang is reported to have gone missing late in 2023 (RFA, April 15, 2024). The 12th Chairman's Meeting of the 14th CPPCC was then held in December 2023 to adopt a decision on revoking Wang's membership, which was approved the following March (The Paper, December 27, 2023; Global Times, March 3, 2024). He was allegedly charged with corruption, and the case is rumored to be tied to Li Shangfu's case as well as to the corruption in Rocket Force military equipment (RFA, December 27, 2023; Epoch Times, December 28, 2023).</p>	<p>The CPPCC announced Wang's membership had been revoked in March 2024 (CPPCC, March 3, 2024). No reasons have been given for his removal.</p>

Wang Xiaojun (王小军) President of the First Research Institute of China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC); Head of a Research Institute under CASC; Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee	Wang did not have close ties with Xi.	June 2023 was allegedly the last time Wang allegedly made a public appearance (RFI , January 30, 2024).	The CPPCC announced Wang's membership had been revoked in March 2024 (CPPCC , March 3, 2024). No reasons have been given for his removal.
Yuan Jie (袁洁) CASIC President	Yuan did not have close ties to Xi	In April 2024, Yuan was rumored to have been missing for a few months (Epoch Times , April 13, 2024). Yuan has been replaced but his whereabouts are unknown. He is rumored to be an accomplice to the Rocket Force corruption case (RFA , April 15, 2024).	The Party has not released an official statement on Yuan's removal.
Li Zhonglin (李中林) Rank of Lt. General; Acting PLA Army Commander; Chief of Staff of PLA Army	Li did not have close ties to Xi.	It was reported that he was taken away for investigation on May 27 (X/@@jenniferzeng97 , May 31). Zhao Lanjian, a CCP dissident, argues that Li's purge is a part of Xi consolidating his power in the PLA (Newtalk News , May 31).	No official statements have been made, and Li's status is currently unknown.

Zhang Lin (张林) Head of the CMC Logistics Department	Zhang did not have close ties to Xi.	It was reported that Zhang was taken away for investigation on May 27 (X/@jenniferzeng97 , May 31). Zhao Lanjian, a dissident and former journalist, says Xi has removed him to promote loyalty (Mutishuo Balcony , May 29).	No official statements have been made, and Zhang's status is currently unknown.
Liu Qingsong (刘青松) Rank of General; Political Commissar of the Eastern Theater Command	Xi Jinping personally promoted Liu in January 2022 (Creaders , May 10). He was promoted to the political commissar of the Eastern Theater Command.	It was reported that Liu was taken away for investigation on May 27 (X/@jenniferzeng97 , May 31). Zhao Lanjian, a dissident and former journalist, argues that the fall of both Zhang Lin and Liu Qingsong is part of Xi's layout for the war against Taiwan (Newtalk News , May 31).	No official statements have been made, and Liu's status is currently unknown.
He Hongjun (何宏军) Rank of General; Executive Deputy Director of the CMC Political Work Department	He was personally promoted by Xi to the rank of general on July 9, 2023, and he was "regarded as a key member of the military's junior faction, with a flourishing career" (RFI , May 19).	Rumors suggest He was taken into custody in May 2025 and that he hung himself while in custody and died on May 18 after being rushed to 301 Hospital (RFI , May 19).	No official statements have been made, and He's status is currently unknown.
Zhang Hongbing (张红兵) Rank of General; Political Commissar of the People's Armed Police	Zhang did not appear to have close ties to Xi, but he did have ties to his former supposed allies, such as Xu Yuanlin, Miao Hua, Lin Xiangyang, and He Weidong, all of whom have been demoted or removed (Epoch Times , May 15).	On May 9, Zhao Lanjian, a dissident and former journalist, reported that Zhang had fallen from his position on May 6, and Epoch Times reported he was being investigated on May 15 (X/@uyunistar , May 9; Epoch Times , May 15).	No official statements have been made, and Zhang's status is currently unknown.

Wang Chunning (王春宁) Rank of General; Commander of the Armed Police	Wang appeared to have some ties to Xi, as he has been referred to by analysts as a member of the “Xi family army” (Vision Times , May 12).	Wang was allegedly absent from various meetings starting at the end of 2024. On December 2, 2024, Zhao Lanjian, a CCP dissident, claimed he had reliable information confirming Wang had been arrested. Wang’s entry into Baidu has been deleted (Epoch Times , May 10).	No official statements have been made, and Wang’s status is currently unknown.
Wang Renhua (王仁华) Rank of Admiral; Admiral in the PLA Navy; Secretary of the CMC Political and Legal Affairs Committee	Xi personally promoted Wang to general. He has also is claimed to be a member of the “Xi family general” (Vision Times , May 12). Wang may have been implicated in Miao Hua’s case as he was promoted several times under Miao’s tenure as director of the CMC Political Work Department (Epoch Times , May 10).	Zhao Lanjian, a CCP dissident claimed that Wang was under investigation in May 2025. Wang was absent from the May 8 special seminar for leading cadres on Politics and Law (Epoch Times , May 10).	No official statements have been made, and Wang’s status is currently unknown.
Huang Ming (黄铭) Rank of Admiral; Commander of the Northern Theater Command	Xi personally promoted Huang to Admiral 2023, though no other ties are apparent (Xinhua , January 18).	Zhao Lanjian, a CCP dissident, reports that Huang was arrested in early May 2025 along with Fang Yongxiang, Cao Qingfeng, and Yang Cheng. However, this remains a rumor (Xi@uynistar , May 19).	No official statements have been made, and Huang’s status is currently unknown.
Fang Yongxiang (方永祥) Rank of Lt. General;	Fang seemed to have close ties to Xi as he was a part of his Fujian clique and had ties to the “Xi family army” (China Brief , March 11, 2022; Watch China , April 27, 2024)	Zhao Lanjian, a CCP dissident, claims that Fang was arrested in early May 2025 along with Huang Ming, Cao Qingfeng, and Yang Cheng. However, this remains a rumor (Xi@uynistar , May 19).	No official statements have been made, and Fang’s status is currently unknown.

Deputy Minister for Veterans Affairs, Deputy Director of the CMC Political Work Department			
Cao Qingfeng (曹青锋) Rank of Lt. General; Deputy Chief of Staff of the Joint Staff of the CMC	Cao did not appear to have close ties to Xi.	Zhao Lanjian, a CCP dissident, reports that Cao was arrested along with Huang Ming, Fang Yongxiang, and Yang Cheng in early May 2025. However, this remains a rumor (X/@uyunistar , May 19).	No official statements have been made, and Cao's status is currently unknown.
Yang Cheng (杨诚) Rank of Lt. General; People's Armed Police Force	Yang did not appear to have close ties to Xi.	Zhao Lanjian, a CCP dissident, reports that Yang was arrested in early May 2025 along with Huang Ming, Fang Yongxiang, and Cao Qingfeng. However, this remains a rumor (X/@uyunistar , May 19).	No official statements have been made, and Yang's status is currently unknown.
Li Zhaozhi (李照智) Director of the Equipment Security Department of China National Armaments Industry Corporation (CNAMC)	Li did not appear to have close ties to Xi.	New Beijing News reported that the Shanxi Provincial Commission for Discipline Inspection said Li was suspected of serious disciplinary violations and "is currently accepting the weapons industry group discipline inspection and supervision group and Shanxi Province Shuozhou City Supervisory Commission for disciplinary review and supervision and investigation" (New Beijing News , April 3, 2024). Li was one of three top executive weapons officials related to the Hydrocarbons Industry Group	No official statements have been made about Li. Only the Shanxi Provincial Committee for Discipline and Inspection has released information on Li's investigation.

		(HIG) between 2023 and 2024 (Voice of Hope , April 3).	
Xu Tiansheng (徐天胜) Commercial Director of Dongfeng Motor Group	Xu did not appear to have close ties to Xi.	According to New Beijing News, Xu was subjected to a disciplinary review and investigation by Dongfeng Corporation's Discipline Inspection Commission as well as the Supervisory Commission of Shiyan City in Hubei on "suspicion of serious violation of discipline and law" (New Beijing News). On April 29, he was officially expelled from the Party and was transferred to the prosecution for further examination (Clean Dongfeng , April 29). Other lower-level Dongfeng officials were also implicated in the same investigation: Xiao Lixin (肖立新), Kong Dechun (孔德春), Yu Haibo (于海波), and Yang Weifeng (杨巍峰).	On May 31, 2024, the CCDI announced that Xu was under investigation. On April 29, it was announced that he was expelled from the party (Weixin , April 29).
Zhang Jianwu (张建武) Party Secretary of the Changchun Institute of Equipment Technology of China National Weapons Industry Corporation	Zhang did not appear to have close ties to Xi	Zhang's investigation began on February 4, 2024 (RFA , April 4, 2024). Zhang was one of three top executive officials in the weapons sector related to the Hydrocarbons Industry Group (HIG) between 2023 and 2024 (Voice of Hope , April 3).	No official statements have been made about Zhang.
Guo Pingxiao (郭平晓)	Guo did not appear to have close ties to Xi.	Guo was investigated on December 13, 2023 (RFA , April 4, 2024). It was reported	The party has not released an official statement on Guo.

<p>Executive Deputy Director of the Science and Technology Committee of the China National Weapons Industry Corporation (CNWIC)'s Beiben Heavy Duty Vehicle Group Company Limited (BHDVG)</p>		<p>that he voluntarily surrendered himself to a disciplinary review and supervisory investigation” (New Beijing News, December 13, 2023). Guo was one of three top executive officials in the weapons sector related to the Hydrocarbons Industry Group (HIG) between 2023 and 2024 (Voice of Hope, April 3).</p>	
<p>Li Hanjun (李汉军) Rank of Vice Admiral; Chief of Staff of the PLA Navy</p>	<p>Li did not have direct ties to Xi, but he was rumored to have ties to Miao Hua. Li served a long time in the naval forces, and his promotion to rear admiral in 2014 is allegedly tied to Miao and their time in Fujian. That is why his downfall is allegedly tied to Miao's (Epoch Times, June 27; China Maritime Studies, July 1).</p>	<p>Rumors about Li's downfall began as early as last year, when news of Miao's case surfaced. Edwin Yantke, an anti-communist netizen, reports that Li was reportedly investigated as early as February and March this year (Epoch Times, June 27). Kou Jianwen, a professor at Taiwan's National Chengchi University, speculates that there was a crossover between Li and Miao as right when Li was promoted to a political commissar in December 2014 in the PLA Navy's Fujian bases, Miao Hua was transferred as a political commissar (Zabao, June 27). Kou believes Miao, Li, and He Weidong's cases were all a part of the same investigation, and based on Li's ties to Miao,</p>	<p>The Congress of Naval Servicemen decided to remove Li Hanjun (李汉军) from his post as a deputy to the fourteenth session of the National People's Congress (NPC, June 27)."</p>

		his case may also be due to “economic issues of corruption and political issues of gangsterism” (Zabao , June 27).	
Liu Shipeng (刘士鹏) Deputy Chief Engineer of China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC); Secretary of the Party Committee; Chairman of the Board of Directors of CNNC 404 (which is subordinate to China National Nuclear Industry Corporation (CNIC))	Liu did not appear to have close ties to Xi. But was known to make strong contributions to the PRC’s nuclear industrial base (Watch China , June 28).	There have been no reports about his investigation and why he was removed.	“The Standing Committee of the Gansu Provincial People’s Congress decided to remove Liu Shipeng from his post as a deputy to the Fourteenth National People’s Congress” (NPC , June 27).