

He Weidong, Miao Hua and nine others were expelled from the Party and the military for serious violations of discipline and law.

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On the afternoon of October 17, Senior Colonel Zhang Xiaogang, spokesperson for the Ministry of National Defense, released news on recent military-related issues.

Zhang Xiaogang: Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the entire military and armed police force have resolutely implemented the decisions and directives of the CPC Central Committee and the Central Military Commission, adhering to a no-go-zone, full-coverage, and zero-tolerance approach, cracking down on corruption with a strong crackdown, and deepening the anti-corruption campaign in the military. With the approval of the CPC Central Committee and the CMC, the CMC Discipline Inspection

and Supervision Commission has successively launched investigations into nine individuals: He Weidong, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Chairman of the CMC; Miao Hua, member of the CMC and former Director of the Political Work Department of the CMC; He Hongjun, former Executive Deputy Director of the Political Work Department of the CMC; Wang Xiubin, former Executive Deputy Director of the Joint Operations Command Center of the CMC; Lin Xiangyang, former Commander of the Eastern Theater Command; Qin Shutong, former Political Commissar of the Army; Yuan Huazhi, former Political Commissar of the Navy; Wang Houbin, former Commander of the Rocket Force; and Wang Chunling, former Commander of the Armed Police Force. The investigations revealed that these nine individuals had seriously violated Party discipline and were suspected of serious duty-related crimes involving an extremely large amount of money, of extremely serious nature, and with extremely detrimental consequences. In accordance with relevant Party regulations and laws and regulations, the CPC Central Committee has decided to expel these individuals from the Party and transfer the suspected crimes to military procuratorates for review and prosecution. Among them, eight Central Committee members—He Weidong, Miao Hua, He Hongjun, Wang Xiubin, Lin Xiangyang, Qin Shutong, Yuan Huazhi, and Wang Chunling—were expelled from the Party, pending retroactive confirmation at a plenary session of the Central Committee. The Central Military Commission had previously decided to expel the aforementioned nine individuals from the military. The severe punishment of He Weidong, Miao Hua, He Hongjun, and others once again demonstrates the Party Central Committee and the Central Military Commission's unwavering resolve to persevere in the fight against corruption, underscoring their unwavering commitment to leaving no place for corrupt elements to hide in the military. This represents a significant achievement in the Party and military's anti-corruption campaign, contributing to a more pure, consolidated, and more cohesive and combat-capable People's Army.

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