

In the Additional Comment Written for the Central Committee's Circulation of the East China Bureau's Instructions on Suppressing Counter-Revolutionary Uprisings and Handling Mass Disturbances

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Under no circumstances should firearms be used against the masses.

Note:

This statement was added in parentheses following a section of the East China Bureau's instructions issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. The original text stated: "In cases where mass disturbances, such as grain looting, occur due to severe famine or excessive burdens from the autumn tax levy causing hardships, which are exploited by counter-revolutionary elements to incite unrest, the armed units present should first make every effort to dissuade and inform the people that looting grain is illegal and should be stopped. If persuasion fails, shots may be fired into the air to disperse the crowd."