

Regarding the telegram about the necessity for troops to undergo the Three-Anti Campaign before reorganization

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To the Party Committee of the Central-South Military Region, and to the East China and Southwest Military Regions:

Received the telegram at 12:45 on December 19th. According to reports from the North China, Northwest, Guangdong, and Guangxi Military Regions, in units and offices slated for reorganization, a campaign against corruption, waste, and bureaucracy can and should be conducted before and during the reorganization process. Many units have already begun around December 10th and are expected to continue until around January 10th, yielding significant results, as exemplified by the actions of the Guangxi Military Region. Your request for "all provincial military regions to complete troop demobilization by mid-January of next year, and all military sub-districts to do so by February of next year, focusing on unit demobilization and office restructuring" is not incompatible. However, any hindrances encountered should be adjusted. Please closely manage this adjustment of time and resources to ensure that the campaign against corruption and waste does not impede the reorganization work. For all units and offices unable to complete the reorganization task by March of next year, they should promptly initiate this campaign to halt the rampant corruption and waste. Particularly with regard to waste, each unit should only need around ten days for inspection and prevention to put a stop to it. This campaign, unlike the suppression of counter-revolutionaries, will not result in chaos or uncontrollable situations when initiated, so there is no need to fear launching it. Of course, to ensure the thoroughness of this campaign, strict supervision and inspection must be provided by the leadership.

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