



Communist Party of China Claims Strong Party Leads to Strong Military

OE Watch Commentary: The Communist Party of China (CPC) is the indisputable absolute power center in China. It is the second largest political party in the world (after India's Bharatiya Janata Party), and presides over all politics as well as the country's armed forces through its leadership of the Central Military Commission. July marks the 99th anniversary of the founding of the CPC, a noteworthy anniversary in light of its rapidly approaching centennial and related "First Century Goal." As the first article from China's state-run *Xinhua* notes, the "First Century Goal," (the first of "Two Century Goals") is to "realize the Chinese Dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation." Simply put, this means that China will have achieved its goal of creating a more prosperous nation. The article claims that China is on track to achieve this goal.

At the end of June, Xi Jinping presided over a meeting with the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee (Politburo). Members met to discuss how to strengthen the party (what the article refers to as "party building") in the new era and to review regulations on the CPC Military, among other things. As both accompanying articles discuss, according to Xi Jinping, "party building" is critical for the "construction and development of the armed forces of the people" as well as the military's failure or success. Xi explains that "party building" requires that all levels of the party organization master "the theoretical weapons of Marxism and enhance their theoretical and application level of Marxism... to advance the great cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era." Xi claims that this will ensure the vitality and longevity of the party, while also making it "stronger and more forceful." Xi has been pushing to strengthen the party since the 18th National Congress took place in November 2012. That effort has included cracking down on corruption as well as following and strengthening the Marxist ideology throughout all levels within the party.

The second article, also from *Xinhua*, further emphasizes the importance of the party, tying the successes of the military directly to the party. According to the article, without party building, the military and the long-term stability of the country would be in jeopardy. **End OE Watch Commentary (Hurst)**

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In the afternoon on 29 June, the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee [Politburo] held the 21st collective study on "In-Depth Study and Understanding of the Implementation of the Party's Organizational Line in the New Era." When Xi Jinping, the general secretary of the CPC Central Committee presided over the meeting, he emphasized that organizational building is an important foundation for party building. The party's organizational line serves the party's political line. Xi Jinping said that for the party to be in power for a long time, we must maintain sustainable vitality and, in unity, lead the people of all ethnic groups of the nation to push forward the great cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics and to realize the Chinese Dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The most important thing is to build the party stronger and more forceful. ... We must unswervingly adhere to and perfect the party's leadership.

...The most fundamental guarantee to realize the Chinese Dream of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is still in the party leadership. It is necessary to educate and guide all party members to consciously maintain a high level of unanimity with the party Central Committee in ideological thinking, political thinking, and action, and to maintain strong political stance and correct political direction.

He (Xi) said it is necessary for party organizations at all levels and for the vast numbers of party members and cadres, especially the leading cadres to master the theoretical weapons of Marxism and enhance their theoretical and application level of Marxism so that they can jointly transform the party's innovative theory into a practical force to advance the great cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. All party committees and their organizational departments at all levels must consciously use the party's scientific theory to lead in the party's organizational construction, to combine new reality in the promotion of party reform and innovation so that the various party works can better reflect timeliness, regularity, and creativity, and provide a guarantee of strong party organization in the realization of the party's historical mission in the new era.

...He said that since the 18th NPC, the party Central Committee has focused on party construction. The first focus is on the organizational construction of the party Central Committee, the Politburo, and the Politburo Standing Committee. The party formulated various internal laws and regulations and set high standards for the central leadership and comrades to follow.

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...Party leadership and party building are the keys to the construction and development of the armed forces of the people. Party leadership and party building are related to the overall success or failure of the cause of a strong military, and to the long-term stability of the party and the country. The formulation of the "Regulations on the Construction of the CPC Military" is an important measure to thoroughly study and implement the Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and the spirit of the 19th party congress. ...

The meeting emphasized the need for all to unswervingly uphold the party's absolute leadership over the armed forces, comprehensively and thoroughly implement the CMC chairman's responsibility system, and continue to deepen political training to attain absolute loyalty, absolute purity, and absolute reliability...

The meeting called for all to strengthen the study, promotion, and implementation of the "Regulations on the Construction of the CPC Military."