



PLA DELEGATES TO THE 18TH PARTY CONGRESS: A BRIEF ANALYSIS

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The release on August 9, 2012, of the list of People's Liberation Army (PLA) Delegates to the 18th Party Congress indicates that preparations are firmly on track. Reports emanating from Beijing suggest that the 18th Party Congress would be held around October 18. These appear to be substantiated by a Reuters report, which quoted organizers of the '11th China International Exhibition on Public Safety and Security' from October 22-25 to December 3-6, as saying "we have received notice from the Big Events Management Office of the Beijing Public Security Bureau that the Communist Party's 18th Congress will be held in the middle of October 2012." The Beijing authorities additionally "requested that all big public events in Beijing scheduled for October be rescheduled in order to fully safeguard security in the capital before, during and after the 18th Party Congress."

Reflecting the CCP's current increased membership of 82 million, the number of delegates to this Congress will be larger than on previous occasions. The 18th Party Congress will have 2,270 delegates in contrast to the 2,213 at the 17th Party Congress in 2007.

Analysis of the list of the PLA's list of 251 Delegates to the 18th Congress yields some interesting information, including that there has been a slight increase in the number of PLA Delegates from 249 at the 17th Party Congress in 2007, to 251 on this occasion. In 2007, the strength of PLA Delegates was 10 per cent of the total number of 2,250 Delegates to the Party Congress. The People's Armed Police Force (PAPF) has issued a list of 49 Delegates.

The PLA was buffeted by the political upheaval involving ex-PB member Bo Xilai

and, the 14th Group Army and Chengdu Military Region were particularly investigated till July by at least four or five teams of the Central Party Discipline Inspection Committee. The PLA has additionally been subjected to at least three successive year-long political and ideological education campaigns. The release of the list of 251 PLA delegates to the 18th Party Congress confirms that these investigations have largely been completed. The list includes 1 person from the 14th Group Army and 6 from Chengdu MR. There are also some notable inclusions of prominent PLA officers associated with Bo Xilai namely, Gen Zhang Haiyang, Gen Liu Yuan and Gen Zhang Youxia.

Some promotions were effected just before the 17th Party Congress in which three officers, namely Wang Guosheng, Fang Fenghui and Zhao Keshi were beneficiaries of double promotions. Wang Guosheng and Zhao Keshi, who were then Chiefs of Staff in the Lanzhou and Nanjing Military Regions, were promoted as Commanders of the Lanzhou and Nanjing Military Regions respectively. Fang Fenghui, who was Chief of Staff in the Guangzhou Military Region was appointed Commander of the prestigious and sensitive Beijing Military Region. At the time of his appointment he was the youngest Commander of a Military Region. Interestingly, while Wang Guosheng (DoB:1947) does not figure in the current list of PLA Delegates to the 18th Party Congress, the list includes Zhou Keshi (DoB:1947) and Fang Fenghui (DoB:1951). The Commander of the Shenyang Military Region, Zhang Youxia (DoB:1950) is also a Delegate and, along with the Commander of the Beijing Military Region, Fang Fenghui, assessed to be in the running for a Central Military

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As anticipated (Issue Brief No:71/12, dated 26 July 2012), political reliability is the pre-eminent criteria for PLA officers and this was recently reiterated. The PLA's powerful General Political Department (GPD) issued a set of guidelines late in August entitled: 'The Opinion on Strengthening the Assessment of Leading Cadres at and above the Regimental level'. These unequivocally stipulate that "to assess a cadre's political character, it is necessary to put the political standard in the top position...". Political reliability, it asserted, would be the determining criteria for promotions. This was underscored with the inclusion of 81 Political Commissars in the list of PLA Delegates to the 18th Party Congress.

The PLA's Delegates include at least 9 identified 'princelings'. All 10 current members of the Central Military Commission (CMC) are included, while 16 Delegates are among those assessed as likely to be promoted to the CMC either as Members or Vice Chairmen. Proportional numerical balance appears to have been maintained with the majority of Delegates belonging to the PLA ground forces. There are 20 from the PLA Air Force (PLAAF) and 13 from the PLA Navy (PLAN). The Second Artillery accounts for 8 Delegates.

Despite the PLA's publicized efforts to recruit ethnic minorities especially in Tibet and Xinjiang, there is a decline in the number of PLA Delegates representing ethnic minorities. Only a few ethnic minority nationalities are represented. This year's list of Delegates includes only 1 Tibetan, 2 Manchus, 2 of the Hui nationality and 1 Tong nationality. Among the 249 PLA Delegates to the 17th Party Congress there were 7 representatives of ethnic minority nationalities, or 2.8 per cent. Included in this list of PLA Delegates are 19 female PLA personnel.

The list, identifying virtually all the PLA delegates, is appended.

APPENDIX

LIST OF PLA'S 251 DELEGATES TO 18th PARTY CONGRESS

- 1 Lt Gen Ai Husheng - recently promoted to Dep Comd Chengdu MR
- 2 Maj Gen Bai Lu - Pol Commissar of Unit 73061
- 3 Bai Nianfa - Deputy Political Commissar PLA Guangxi Military Area Command
- 4 Bai Yangming [Tibetan ethnic minority] A staff officer who lost many relatives in the Sichuan Earthquake
- 5 Prof Cai Jinyan (F) - PLA Ordnance Engineering College
- 6 Lt Gen Cai Yingting - Deputy Chief of General Staff
- 7 Cao Zhubing - Director Pol Dept of the East Sea Fleet
- 8 Maj Gen Chai Shaoliang - Dir Pol Dept of Chengdu MR
- 9 Gen Chang Wangquan - Director of General Armament Department
- 10 Maj Gen Chang Yue - Pol Commissar of Jilin MAC
- 11 Gen Chen Bingde - Chief of General Staff
- 12 Maj Gen Chen Damin - Pol Commissar of Hubei MAC?
- 13 Chen Ge - a senior engineering officer in Shanghai, under the GLD.
- 14 Maj Gen Cheng Yong - Assistant Chief of General Staff
- 15 Cheng Xiaojian(F) - a pilot with 49 Div of the PLAAF air transport
- 16 Maj Chu Kewei - Coy Comd in Jinan MAC.
- 17 Maj Gen Cui Changjun - Dir Pol Dept Of Beijing MAC
- 18 Dai Yong - Deputy Political Commissar PLA Jiangxi Provincial Command
- 19 Maj Gen Deng Ruihua - Pol Commissar of the Joint Logistic Supply Dept of Lanzhou MAC
- 20 Diao Guoxin
- 21 Maj Gen Ding Yi - Dep COS of North Sea Fleet
- 22 R Adm Dong Fengchun - Pol Commissar of the PLAN Submarine Academy
- 23 Lt Gen Dong Mingxiang - Dir of the Joint Logistic Supply Dept of Beijing MAC
- 24 Dou Shujun - A Master sergeant in the PLAAF
- 25 Gen Du Hengyan - Political Commissar Jinan Military Region [promoted 2012]
- 26 Gen Du Jincai - Deputy Director - GPD [promoted 2012]
- 27 RAdm Du Jingchen - Comd East Sea Fleet
- 28 Gen Fan Changlong - Commander Jinan Military Region
- 29 Maj Gen Fan Changmi - Dir Pol Dept Lanzhou MR
- 30 Fan Xiaojun
- 31 Gen Fang Fenghui - Commander Beijing Military Region

- 32 Lt Gen Fang Jianguo - recently appointed Dep Pol Commissar of the PLAAF
- 33 Maj(?) Fang Ping (F) - Pol Instr at coy level
- 34 Maj Gen Fu Yi - Commander PLA Zhejiang Provincial Command
- 35 Lt Gen Gao Donglu - Political Commissar PLA Beijing Garrison
- 36 Maj Gen Gao Jianguo - Dir Pol Dept Shenyang MR
- 37 Maj Gen Gao Jin - COS 2nd Artillery
- 38 Sen Col Gao Kang - Director, Armament Dept, Lanzhou MR
- 39 Maj Gen Geng Liaoyuan - Dir, Pol Dept of the GSD.
- 40 Guan Xiaofang(F)
- 41 Gen Guo Boxing - Vice Chairman of the CMC
- 42 Guo Ruobing - President Information Warfare Research institute, NDU
- 43 He Hongtao [Man nationality] - Senior engineer in radio frequency experimental technology
- 44 He Min(F) [Man nationality] - Doctor specialising in high altitude medicine
- 45 Maj Gen He Qingcheng - Comd 21st Group Army in Lanzhou MR
- 46 He Xiangmei - Soldier. Top sniper in the PLA
- 47 He Zhenghai
- 48 Hou Haitao
- 49 Gen Hou Shusen – Deputy Chief of General Staff
- 50 Hu Yan (F) - Teacher at Kunming Army College
- 51 Hu Yuhao - Director of the Armament Dept of the PLAN
- 52 Huang Changqiang - Professor in the PLAAF Engineering University
- 53 Lt Gen Huang Jianguo - Dep Pol Commissar Beijing MR
- 54 Maj Gen Huang Jiexiang - Pol Commissar 14th Group Army [Chengdu MR]
- 55 Huang Riqian - professor, PLAAF Engineering University
- 56 Maj Gen Huang Shanchun - Pol Commissar Guangdong MAC
- 57 Huang Song - Coy instr in an armd regt in Yunnan MAC
- 58 Huang Zhiyong - Military vet [animal doctor]
- 59 Ji Wenming
- 60 Gen Jia Tingan - Deputy Director - General Political Department
- 61 Jia Yuanyou - Soldier in a mech Inf regt in Beijing MR. 'One of the best soldiers in the PLA'
- 62 Maj Gen Jiang Weilie - Deputy Commander Guangzhou MR
- 63 Jiao Liuyang (F) Major. Winner of the 200m Butterfly Gold Medal at London Olympics
- 64 Jin Xia (F) - Vice President, 4th Military Medical university
- 65 Maj Gen Jin Xinhua - Pol Commissar, Jiuquan PLAAF Experimental Base, Lanzhou MR
- 66 Gen Jing Zhiyuan – Commander 2nd Artillery Corps
- 67 Lt Gen Lang Youliang - Pol Commissar Tibet MAC
- 68 Lt Gen Li Andong - Deputy Director - General Armament Department
- 69 Gen Li Changcai - Pol Commissar Lanzhou MR
- 70 Maj Gen Li Duxin - Pol Commissar Jiangsu MAC
- 71 - Pol Commissar, Nanchang Army College
- 72 Li Jian – doctor
- 73 Gen Li Jinai – Director General of the PLA General Political Department
- 74 Maj Gen Li Jingwen - Pol Commissar 26th Group Army
- 75 Maj Gen Li Shangfu - Comd Xichang Satellite Launch Centre
- 76 Li Shuzhang - President, General Hospital of the PLA
- 77 Gen Li Shiming - Commander Chengdu Military Region
- 78 Li Xiaoyu - Coy instr, Armoured Coy, Jinan MR
- 79 Maj Gen Li Youxin - Pol Commissar PLA Hunan Garrison
- 80 Gen Liang Guanglie - Defence Minister
- 81 Maj Gen Liao Keduo - Pol Commissar PLA Tianjin Garrison
- 82 Liao Ping
- 83 Gen Liao Xilong - Director General Logistics Department
- 84 Gen Liu Chengjun - Commandant - Academy of Military Sciences
- 85 Liu Dewei - Master Sergeant, AD Bde, Shenyang MR
- 86 Liu Donghong (F) - Director, Software Research centre within the GSD
- 87 Lt Gen Liu Fulian - Pol Commissar Beijing Military Region
- 88 Liu Gui - Coy Comd, Guangzhou MR [a model company commander]
- 89 Liu Guosheng - Pol Commissar, Chemical Defence College
- 90 Lt Gen Liu Guozhi - Deputy Director - General Armaments Department
- 91 Liu Jian - Soldier. Best at firing missiles in his unit
- 92 Maj Gen Liu Jinguo - Dep Dir of an armament department
- 93 Liu Jing (F) – Dep Comd of a Chemical Weapon Destruction Unit
- 94 Liu Jinpeng - Coy Comd, Shenyang MR
- 95 Maj Gen Liu Nianguang - Pol Commissar, 40th Group Army, Shenyang MR

- 96 Lt General Liu Sheng - Deputy Director - General Armament Department
- 97 Liu Shengjie - Dir Pol dept, Gen Log Supply Dept
- 98 Sen Col Liu Weixing - Dir Ordnance Armament Office, Jinan MR
- 99 Maj Gen Liu Xiaobei - Dir, Technical Research Dept, GSD
- 100 Lt Gen Liu Xiaojiang - Political Commissar PLAN
- 101 Liu Xiaoming
- 102 Lt Gen Liu Xiaorong - Deputy Political Commissar General Logistics Department
- 103 Liu Xiaowu - Coy Instr, Jinan MR
- 104 Gen Liu Yazhou - Political Commissar - PLA NDU [promoted 2012]
- 105 Gen Liu Yuan - Political Commissar - General Logistics Department
- 106 Liu Yuejun
- 107 Lt Gen Liu Zhenlai (Hui nationality) - Pol Commissar of the PLAAF, Beijing MR
- 108 Maj Gen Liu Zhiming - DCOS Shenyang MR
- 109 Long Haitao
- 110 Lt Gen Lu Fuen - Dep Comd 2nd Artillery
- 111 Sen Col Lu Xiao - Dep Dir, Organisation Dept, GPD
- 112 Ma Chengxiao [Hui nationality] - Comd Unit 73111, 31st Group Army
- 113 RAdm Ma Faxiang - Dir Pol Dept PLAN
- 114 Ma Jinyong - Master Sergeant at Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre
- 115 Gen Ma Xiaotian - Deputy Chief of General Staff
- 116 Maj Gen Ma Xueyi - Pol Commissar Heilongjiang MAC
- 117 Maj Gen Mao Xinyu - Grandson of Mao Zedong, Dep Dir War Theory, AMS
- 118 Mei Wen
- 119 Meng Zhaobin - Dep Comd, 31st Group Army
- 120 Miao Hua - A Dep Pol Commissar, Lanzhou MR
- 121 Lt Gen Nian Fuchun - Assistant Chief of General Staff - General Political Department
- 122 RAdm Nie Shouli - Comd Guangzhou PLAN Support Base
- 123 Lt Gen Niu Hongguang - Deputy Director - General Armament Department
- 124 Pan Jun [Tong nationality] - 10th Grade Engineer, Guangzhou MAC
- 125 Maj Gen Pan Liangshi - Comd Unit 65521, Shanyang MAC
- 126 Pan Xiaoyu - Coy Comd, Xinjiang MAC
- 127 Maj Gen Qi Jianguo - Assistant Chief of General Staff - Essentially CJOPS
- 128 Qi Zhixue - Comd Hanzhong sub-region of Sichuan MAC
- 129 Qian Lizhi - Professor, PLA Artillery College
- 130 Maj Gen Qin Shengxiang - Dir, Organisation dept, GPD
- 131 Lt Gen Qin Yinhe - Deputy Director General Logistics Department
- 132 Maj Gen Rong Senzhi - Commander PLA Shandong MAC
- 133 Shang Yali (F)
- 134 RAdm Shen Jinlong - Comdt Dalian Naval Academy
- 135 Sheng Dehua - Master Sergeant, 2nd Artillery
- 136 Shi Luze
- 137 Lt Gen Shi Xiangyuan - Deputy Commander Shenyang MR
- 138 Maj Gen Shi Xiao - Political Commissar PLA Guizhou MAC
- 139 Song Fengming - Pol Commissar of a joint logistic supply dept in Shenyang MR
- 140 Song Jianrong
- 141 Lt Gen Su Zhiqian - Deputy Commander Nanjing MR
- 142 Sun Chuanying - Dir, Planning Dept of the PLAAF Armament Dept
- 143 Maj Gen Sun Huangtian - Dep Comd GLD responsible for Infrastructure
- 144 Gen Sun Jianguo - Deputy Chief of General Staff
- 145 Gen Sun Sijing - Political Commissar - Academy of Military Sciences
- 146 Sun Yan (F) - Doctor, rehabilitation unit, Chengdu MAC
- 147 Maj Gen Tan Benhong - Commander PLA Hainan MAC
- 148 Tan Yanmei (F) - Dep Coy Comd, PLAAF comms unit
- 149 Tang Guoqing - Pol Commissar in a 2nd Artillery base unit
- 150 Gen Tian Xiushi - Pol Commissar Chengdu Military Region [promoted 2012]
- 151 Tuer Di
- 152 Wang Baocheng - NCO. Famous for telling stories in support of political work
- 153 Wang Changjiang - DCOS PLAN
- 154 VAdm Wang Dengping - Dep Comd Guangzhou MR and Comd SSF.
- 155 Lt gen Wang Guanzhong - Dir of the General Office of the CMC
- 156 Wang Hongmin - Captain of the missile destroyer 'Xuzhou', ESF
- 157 Lt Gen Wang Hongyao - Political Commissar - General Armament Department
- 158 Lt Gen Wang Jian - Deputy Political Commissar Jinan Military Region
- 159 Lt Gen Wang Jianmin - Political Commissar PLA Xinjiang Military Area Command
- 160 Wang Jianwei - Comdt, Nanjing Political Academy
- 161 Maj Gen Wang Jiasheng - Deputy Political Commissar - General Armament Department
- 162 Wang Jing (F) - Singer, PLA Music and Dance Troupe

- 163 Wang Junfeng - PLAAF Radar Station Comd, Xinjiang MAC. A 'model radar station leader'.
- 164 Wang Ning - Doctor, Military Hospital
- 165 Wang Ping - Doctor, No. 254 Military Hospital
- 166 Wang Qun - an officer in Jilin MAC
- 167 Wang Shengtian - Coy Comd, Frontier Troops, Lanzhou MR
- 168 Wang Xiangfu - Pol Commissar PLAAF, Chengdu MAC
- 169 Maj Gen Wang Xiaojing - Dir Armament Dept, Beijing MR
- 170 Lt Gen Wang Xiaolong - Deputy Political Commissar PLAAF
- 171 Lt Gen Wang Xibin - Commandant - National Defense University
- 172 Wang Xingwu
- 173 Wang Xinli - Chess Coach at a retired senior officers club, GPD!
- 174 Maj Gen Wang Yaopeng - Comdt 2nd Artillery Engineering College
- 175 Maj Gen Wang Yeming - Dir Armament Dept, Chengdu MR
- 176 Lt Gen Wang Yufa - Deputy Political Commissar Guangzhou MR
- 177 Lt Gen Wei Fenghe – Deputy Chief of General Staff
- 178 Maj Gen Wei Gang - Dir Armament Dept, PLAAF
- 179 Lt Gen Wei Liang - Asst Dir, GPD
- 180 Wei Wenhui - Divisional Comd, Navy Aviation Corps, Nanjing MR
- 181 Lt Gen Wu Changde - Deputy Director - General Political Department
- 182 Wu Changdi - Nuclear submarine captain, NSF
- 183 Wu Changhai - Dir of a Pol Dept in Nanjing MAC
- 184 Gen Wu Shengli – Commander PLAN
- 185 Wu Yongliang - Asst Engr of a Comms Site in Shanxi MAC
- 186 Xie Wuzhong - Dir Pol Dept, Sichuan MAC
- 187 Gen Xu Caihou - Vice Chairman of the CMC
- 188 Lt Gen Xu Fenlin - Commander Guangzhou Military Region
- 189 Maj Gen Xu Jingnian - Comd 20th Group Army
- 190 Xu Jinlin- Political Commissar Military Force Stationed in MSAR
- 191 Gen Xu Qiliang – Commander PLAAF
- 192 Xu Weibing - Comd Shanghai PLAN Naval Base
- 193 Xu Ying - pilot squadron leader
- 194 Maj Gen Xu Yuanlin - Pol Commissar, 54th Group Army, Jinan MR
- 195 Xue Feng - Military railway station manager, Lanzhou MR
- 196 Maj Gen Xue Ningbing - Pol Commissar, Beijing MR
- 197 Yan Fanglong - Dir, Pol Dept, 2nd Artillery
- 198 Yan Lizhen (F) - IT engineer, Nanjing MAC
- 199 Lt Gen Yang Guohai - COS PLAAF
- 200 Maj Gen Yang Hui - COS Nanjing MR
- 201 Maj Gen Yang Jinkui - Dep Comd, Yunnan MAC
- 202 Yang Junxing - A Pol Commissar in Inner Mongolia MAC
- 203 Lt Gen Yang Xuejun - Comdt, National Science and Technology University.
- 204 Yang Yi (F) - Stealth Ship designer, Armament Research Institute, PLAN
- 205 Yang Yongfei - Pilot. Bde Comd in the PLAAF
- 206 Yang Zaili - Coy Instr, Lanzhou MAC
- 207 Lt Gen Yi Xiaoguang - Comd PLAAF, Nanjing MR
- 208 Yin Lu (F) - Director, Software Office, Unit 66072, Beijing MR
- 209 Yu Daqing [Man nationality] Prof at the National Defence Science and Technology University
- 210 Yu Jiasheng - Director, Ordnance Dept Armament Bureau, GAD.
- 211 Yu Qifeng
- 212 Maj gen Yuan Bin - Dep Pol Commissar Anhui MAC
- 213 Yuan Liaorong(F) - Head Nurse, No. 215 military hospital
- 214 Maj Gen Zhang Gongxian - General Office Secretary General - General Political Department
- 215 Gen Zhang Haiyang - Political Commissar 2nd Artillery Corps
- 216 Zhang Huiwu - Pol Commissar of a division in Lanzhou MR
- 217 Zhang Jianhua - Comd Wuxi sub-region of Jiangsu MAC
- 218 Zhang Jianshe - Doctor, Infection dept No. 150 military hospital
- 219 Maj Gen Zhang Jiansheng - Comd of S Xinjiang MAC
- 220 Zhang Jingting - Commander of the PLAAF Test Pilot unit.
- 221 Maj gen Zhang Lieying - Dir Pol Dept, Jinan MR
- 222 Zhang Lin - Chief doctor in No. 309 Military hospital
- 223 Zhang Maochun - Soldier in a Coastal Defence Artillery regiment; winner of many records in gunnery.
- 224 Zhang Ou
- 225 Gen Zhang Qinsheng – Deputy Chief of General Staff
- 226 Maj Gen Zhang Shibo - Commander Military Force Stationed in HKSAR
- 227 Zhang Shijun
- 228 Zhang Xuemin - Director Analysis centre, State Centre for Biological Medicine
- 229 Gen Zhang Yang - Political Commissar Guangzhou Military Region
- 230 Gen Zhang Youxia - Commander Shenyang Military Region

- 231 Lt Gen Zhang Yulin - Deputy Director - General Armament Department
- 232 Zhao Daming - playwright of the PLA song and dance troupe.
- 233 Gen Zhao Keshi - Commander Nanjing Military Region
- 234 Zhao Weijun
- 235 Maj Gen Zhao Yiliang - Pol Commissar, 15th Airborne Corps, PLAAF
- 236 Zhao Yunxiao - Station Manager, 14th Early Reaction Squadron, PLAAF
- 237 Lt Gen Zhao Zhongxin - Deputy Commander PLAAF
- 238 Lt Gen Zhao Zongqi - COS Jinan MR
- 239 Lt Gen Zheng Qin - Deputy Commander Ghangzhou Military Region
- 240 Lt Gen Zheng Qunliang - Dep Comd Jinan MR and Comd PLAAF Jinan MR
- 241 Maj Gen Zhou Heping - Pol Commissar Henan MAC
- 242 Zhou Le (F)
- 243 Maj Gen Zhou Mingguai - Pol Commissar Joint Log Supply Dept Nanjing MR
- 244 Zhou Weimin - Dep Dir Pol Dept Guangzhou MAC
- 245 Lt Gen Zhu Fuxi - Dir Pol Dept PLAAF
- 246 Maj Gen Zhu Heping - Commander Chongqing Garrison
- 247 Maj Gen Zhu Hongda - Dir Log Supply Dept, PLAAF.
- 248 Maj Gen Zhu Shengling - Political Commissar PLA Fujian MAC
- 249 Lt Gen Zhu Yimin - Political Commissar Shenyang Military Region
- 250 Maj Gen Zhu Zhengping - Political Commissar Shanghai Garrison
- 251 Maj Gen Zou Yunming - Pol Commissar 38th Group Army, Beijing MR.



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