

General Political Department Notification on the Serious Violation of Diplomatic Discipline by the
32nd Army Political Department

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To the Political Departments of all Military Regions, and to be forwarded to subordinate military and divisional political departments:

According to a telegram from the Political Department of the Third Field Army on May 9, "The 32nd Army Political Department in Nanping, Fujian, committed a serious violation of diplomatic discipline. The unit was stationed at Jianjin Middle School, a church-run institution, where six to seven American missionaries were present. Following the stationing of the unit, twenty comrades, including two department heads, two section chiefs, and other staff members, engaged in conversations with the missionaries. The cultural troupe even invited three missionaries to watch a performance and provided translation services. The leadership of this army unit only recently became aware of the incident and has begun corrective education measures. This incident is serious. We have sent a telegram to the commanders of the unit, instructing them to fully recognize the severity of this incident from an ideological standpoint and to conduct a deep self-reflection. The report is intended for publication in the 'Political Work Bulletin' (and has been submitted to your department) to raise awareness throughout the military."

Please inform all subordinate units to use this as an educational example and strictly prevent any further violations of diplomatic discipline from occurring.

General Political Department of the Military Commission