

CC Directive on Promoting the “Five-Anti” Campaign in Large and Medium Cities

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To: All Central Bureaus, and through them to sub-bureaus, provincial, municipal, regional party committees, and prefectural committees:

1. Comrade Luo Ruiqing’s report on the “Five-Anti” campaign in Changsha is forwarded herewith for your reference. The Central Committee considers the strategy used in Changsha to be correct and recommends it be followed in other large and medium cities.
2. So far, most Central Bureaus, sub-bureaus, and provincial/regional committees have focused their efforts on the “Three-Anti” campaign. There has been insufficient study of the “Five-Anti” campaign, and where such study exists, no reports have been submitted to the Central Committee, nor have clear instructions been issued to subordinate bodies. This is inadequate.

First, the “Five-Anti” campaign must not be conducted at the county, district, or township levels at this time.

Second, the relevant committees must conduct detailed study of the “Five-Anti” campaign in their own large and medium cities. Meetings with municipal party secretaries and mayors should be held every 5–7 days to analyze the situation, adjust strategy, gain experience, and promote the campaign. Findings and opinions should be promptly reported to the Central Committee. Starting March 1, reports on the “Five-Anti” campaign should be more frequent and detailed than those on the “Three-Anti” campaign, since the latter is already well understood.

Third, large and medium cities within each jurisdiction should be classified into three phases for rolling out the campaign.

For example, in Hebei Province:

Phase 1: Launch in Beijing and Tianjin (under direct central leadership), with basic resolution by March 10.

Phase 2: Extend to four additional cities—Tangshan, Shijiazhuang, Qinhuangdao, and Baoding (under leadership of the North China Bureau and Hebei Provincial Committee).

Phase 3: Extend to ten additional towns—Tongxian, Botou, Xinji, Yangliuqing, Cangxian, Xingtai, Handan, Hangu, Linqing, Shengfang. These are also considered medium-sized cities. They are to be addressed after experience is gained from the four cities in Phase 2, with leadership by provincial and prefectural committees. The “Five-Anti” campaign is to be firmly halted in county-level cities for now.

Each bureau and committee must develop a clear and staged plan for all large and medium cities in their jurisdiction (county seats are not included), and provide specific guidance to avoid confusion.

3. All bureaus and large/medium city party committees that have not yet submitted “Five-Anti” reports to the Central Committee must do so within 5–7 days of receiving this directive. Thereafter, they must continue to submit regular reports.

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