

Joint Notice from the Supreme People's Court, the Supreme People's Procuratorate, and the Ministry of Justice

People's Judicial Organs in Land Reform Areas Must Treat People's Tribunal Work as Their Primary Task

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On the 16th, the Supreme People's Court, the Supreme People's Procuratorate, and the Ministry of Justice of the Central People's Government jointly issued a notice requiring the branches of these three institutions in the four major administrative regions—Southwest, Central-South, East China, and Northwest—as well as people's courts and procuratorates at the provincial (or municipal) and county levels, including those in Suiyuan and Hebei Provinces, to actively participate in the work of people's tribunals.

The notice states:

Over the past year, the experience of the people's judicial organs in land reform areas has demonstrated that those who actively participated in and supported the work of people's tribunals not only assisted the peasants and struck blows against lawless landlords and other counterrevolutionaries—thus serving the goals of land reform—but also gained credibility among the masses and advanced their own professional work.

Therefore, in all areas undergoing land reform, people's judicial organs must regard participation in people's tribunals as their primary task and must not remain aloof or detached.

The people's courts, procuratorates, and judicial departments in the aforementioned regions must vigorously and actively engage in and support the work of local people's tribunals, becoming the backbone of that effort. They should learn from the experience of people's tribunals, select and train tribunal personnel to supplement their own institutions, and use this process to train existing judicial cadres. This, in turn, will serve as the foundation for building and expanding the people's judicial system.

The notice further calls on all localities to study the editorial in the People's Daily titled "Do a Good Job with People's Tribunals" and the previously issued "Instructions on the Work of People's Tribunals." After this study, local authorities are to formulate concrete methods for participating in people's tribunals based on their specific regional conditions, in coordination with local leadership.