

Higher Purpose Forum: Revised - Bill Gertz - PLA Purges, Anti-Corruption or Preparation for War"

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CHANGED PROGRAM

HPF Presentation & Discussion Series

PLA Purges: Anti-Corruption or Preparation for War

Friday - February 6, 2026

@ 7:00 PM EST via ZOOM

(Registration Required)

- Speaker -

Bill Gertz

**National Security Correspondent for *The Washington Times*
Author of *Deceiving the Sky***



[ZOOM Registration Link \(New\)](#)

Meeting moderators: James Edgerly (HPF) and Dr. Thomas Ward (HJI Grad. School)

Note: *In response to recent events within the Chinese Communist Party, we have changed the speaker and topic for this meeting.*

*The previously announced meeting with **Lei's Real Talk**, discussing world-wide infiltration activities by the CCP, has been **rescheduled for Sunday, February 22 at 7:00 PM.***

*Those who previously registered for the February 6th meeting with Lei's Real Talk are now registered for this meeting. A **new registration for meeting with Lei's Real Talk**, now reschedule for Sunday, February 22 will be sent out during the week beginning February 8th.*

HPF apologizes for any inconvenience.

Dear Gary,

On January 24th, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officially announced investigations into General Zhang Youxia (Vice-chair of China's Central Military Commission (CMC) and member of the CCP Politburo) and General Liu Zhenli (senior member of the CMC) for "serious violations of discipline and law". The announcement followed the violent arrest of these two highest ranking military officials four days earlier, a move undertaken without the required prior approval by the Politburo Standing Committee.

This amounts to an illegal a purge of China's most senior and respected military leadership and completes the evisceration of the CMC. Thus far, there is no indication as to whether or not the two generals are still alive.

With this unprecedented turmoil inside China's ruling elite and intensifying tensions between the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the PLA - critical questions are emerging about Beijing's internal stability and strategic direction. Join us for an in-depth Zoom briefing with China expert Bill Gertz, as he examines the recent purges within the PLA and their far-reaching strategic implications.

Please forward this invitation to others.

Sincerely,

James B. Edgerly

Director, [Higher Purpose Forum](#)

Note: Blue colored text indicates unconfirmed information provided by multiple expert "CCP watchers" outside China, but not verified or reported by reputable mainstream sources.

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Presenter

Bill Gertz

...is an internationally recognized expert on China



and national security correspondent for *The Washington Times*. He is author of eight books, four of which have been *New York Times* bestsellers. His most recent book is [Deceiving the Sky: Inside Communist China's Drive for Global Supremacy](#). Bill also produces the podcast [Victory Over Communism with Bill Gertz](#), now in its four season.

NEW Registration Link for this Meeting:

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