
**CHINA'S TOP GENERAL UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AMID
CORRUPTION CRACKDOWN**

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Zhang Youxia, long seen as Xi Jinpings closest military ally, reportedly accused of leaking nuclear secrets to US

Chinas military leadership is in turmoil after its most senior general □ a close ally of Xi Jinping □ was placed under investigation for suspected serious violations of discipline and law.

Zhang Youxia is the joint vice-chairperson of the Central Military Commission (CMC), the ruling body of Chinas Peoples Liberation Army (PLA). Second only to Xi in the military command structure, Zhang has long been seen as the Chinese presidents closest military ally.

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