

## **Spirit of the National “Almighty God” Special Remediation Work Teleconference**

On June 16, the Central Office for Prevention and Handling of Cults convened an “Almighty God” special remediation work teleconference. Deputy Leader of the Central Leading Group for the Prevention and Handling of Cults, Director of the Central Office for the Prevention and Handling of Cults, and Deputy Minister of the Public Security Ministry, Liu Jinguo; Deputy Directors Wang Xiaoxiang, Xu Haibin, Fan Xuyin of the Central Cult-busting Office; Deputy Minister Chen Zhimin of the Ministry of Public Security, and member unit liaison officers of the Central Leading Group for the Prevention and Handling of Cults, attended the conference at the main venue in Beijing. Provinces (autonomous regions and municipalities) set up sub-venues, leaders of relevant provincial departments, directors of various local- and municipal prevention offices, deputy-directors-in-charge of public security bureaus attended the conferences at the sub-venues. The main spirits of the conferences were embodied in the speeches of Comrades Liu Jinguo and Chen Zhimin.

### **1. The spirit of Comrade Liu Jinguo’s speech**

Comrade Liu Jinguo stated: The special remediation against the “Almighty God” cult organization, the “Hundred Days Battle” deployed nationwide is due to compelling circumstances rather than unilateral offensive. The “Almighty God” cult is developing trends of spreading throughout the country, whose real threat has far exceeded our expectation and become second only to the Falun Gong cult. ...

In the scope of the strike, the focus is the “Almighty God” cult organization. Other local cults that are relatively active and significantly harmful should also be included in the remediation category. .... The second step is to implement in-depth attack to solve the problem, and adhere to putting attack on the first place. The key focus is “Attack the system, attack the gangs and crack big cases,” which is the main criterion for measuring the effectiveness of different regions, especially key areas. Insist on following intelligence leads; national security and public security agencies must strengthen intelligence information collection, comprehensively sort out the domestic organizational system of “Almighty God,” grasp the activities of key personnel, and firmly seize the initiative. Strengthen project management. Public security and national security agencies must deploy special forces to focus on key personnel and core elements for in-depth investigation, affirm evidence and make timely arrests. Strengthen online reconnaissance control, disable computer groups and computer staff of “Almighty God” on all levels in a timely manner, and destroy its online organization and command system, and domestic and foreign communication channels. Make full use of funds and investigative means to seize the cult’s funds, cut off its channels for

transferring funds abroad. Impose strict punishment according to the law, take the initiative to coordinate with law enforcement agencies, make full use of existing law to expedite trial and sentencing. Impose strict punishment according to relevant law on the key personnel of cult organizations that engage in other criminal activities. Apply Criminal Law Article 300 as a baseline against those without other criminal involvements to ensure that key figures are subject to legal sanction. Multiple big cases must be cracked in key areas by the end of July in order to generate momentum and strong deterrence. Ample reward will be given to agents who succeed in disabling major organizational systems and gangs and arresting key staff. The third step is to continue to carry out educational transformation. Thorough reviews and investigations must be conducted at detention houses and detention centers on cult members in custody who have engaged in criminal activities, prompting them to provide the particulars of offense and insider information, to plead guilty and repent. General members who have engaged in public disorders but without enough culpability for prosecution are required to undergo home help for education transformation in active coordination with relevant departments and grass-root organizations through the sponsorship of statutory learning classes. Members who have not engaged in public disorders must undergo face to face education in coordination with committees in the communities, towns and villages (neighborhoods) as basic units to implement the strength of auxiliary education. The fourth step is to mobilize the masses through widespread publicity. Firmly grasp the typical case of “5.28” in one hand to expose the reactionary nature, deceptive tricks and serious threats of the cult. Educate and guide the masses not to believe or join the cults. Firmly rely on propaganda departments to affect timely change on past practices, insist on both actions and words, take the initiative to speak out, confidently initiate positive publicity, and launch a powerful offensive against cults in public opinions. Pertaining to the aggressive behaviors of “Almighty God” in recruiting members at legitimate religious venues, religious management departments need to organize people from religious circles to preach about the differences between legitimate religions and cults to prevent cult infiltration. There is a strong essence of policy and sensitivity in anti-cult work policy. For propaganda of major cases and emergencies involving “Almighty God” and other cults, coordinated communications and audit checks between departments, and monitoring and guidance of public opinions need to be strengthened to prevent loss of control. Central and provincial offices for prevention and handling of cults must develop a unified caliber and guideline for anti-cult propaganda. On the other hand, a wide range of social forces must be mobilized to actively participate in the anti-cult struggle. Implement a reporting system. Reward whistleblowers who provide important information or clues to help crack cult-related cases. Keep the identities of whistleblowers confidential. Emphasize on exercising the role of party members,

cadres and liaison officers in rural areas and communities, mobilize the masses to carry out daily patrols, and implement the responsibility of security bonding and control of key figures and unreliable individuals. Pay special attention to the movements of family members of detained “Almighty God” cult members to prevent the occurrence of disorderly assembly and illegal activities such as “explanation seeking” and “detainee seeking.” Beware of surreptitious occurrence of cult events. The fifth step is to thoroughly sort out the number of cult members. Impose the responsibility of investigation on local police stations, township comprehensive management departments, community and village committees. Local police stations must take the lead to conduct a dragnet style full-scale investigation on “Almighty God” and other cults, and strive not to let one village, one family or even one person slip through the net. For participating cult members, master not only their occupations, education, cult participating process and other basic conditions, but also sort out the backgrounds of their family members. Focus the investigation on non-line-of-sight members to maximize the grasp of the situation of unregistered staff by mobilizing publicity, education, the masses and other means to identify the situations of the local organizational systems, leaders, key figures and ordinary members of “Almighty God” and other cults. Public security and other relevant departments and grassroots organizations need to investigate the registration records of each cult member to establish a complete database of cult members. With regard to the key members, refer to the management approach of Falun Gong personnel and implement hierarchical management and dynamic control measures. Public security agencies, especially local police stations, must really assume responsibility. The sixth step is the spirit of highly responsible implementation. Leading groups must assume leadership responsibility, strengthen the command and coordination, and promote the resolution of major problems. Unit members should incorporate political speaking as well as the big picture in the implementation of actions, fully perform functional roles, and strengthen communication, consultation and coordination. Each party must serve its responsibility, perform its duty, and maintain strict discipline. Investigate and pursue liability on the Zhaoyuan “5.28” case, and conduct necessary processing of the relevant responsible people. The responsibility for conducting timely investigation on all future cases involving mass public disorders and profound influences of cult members must be borne by the relevant local departments without exception. The Central Office for the Prevention and Handling of Cults has allotted RMB 10 million as reward for outstanding units, individuals and whistleblowers. Each province, autonomous region and municipality must introduce the appropriate measures to complete the tasks.

## **2. The main spirit of Comrade Chen Zhimin’s speech**

Comrade Chen Zhimin focused on the implementation of the unified deployment of

the Central Cult-busting Office to prosecute the special remediation “Hundred Days Battle” against the “Almighty God” cult. The following two points were stressed: The first step is to deeply understand the grimly complex picture of the struggle against the “Almighty God” cult organization and to effectively enhance the sense of historical responsibility and operational urgency. Although public security agencies continue to intensify their combat remediation efforts against the “Almighty God” cult organization, we must soberly see that as long as the overseas organizational core of “Almighty God” still exists, its overseas command system still exists, its social and economic base still exists, and its activity volume still exists, the situation of struggle is still grim and complex. First, “Almighty God” is still accumulating strength, attempting to find an opportunity to launch a new round of disorders and destructive activities. Since 2013, “Almighty God” headquarters has ordered the adjustment of tactics to avoid attack by shifting the focus of its activities to “network evangelism.” It also instructed domestic believers to refuse to confess after being arrested, defy to the end, pledge martyrdom to Almighty God. Second, “Almighty God” intends to implement a global development strategy and endeavors to build a bridgehead for infiltration against us. Since 2013, the organization has invested hundreds of millions of RMB on mainstream media campaigns in Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, the United States, Canada, Australia and elsewhere. In Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea and other surrounding countries and regions, it established developmental organizations to produce cult books and audio propaganda products for domestic and foreign broadcast. Third, the resources, platforms and channels of “Almighty God” have not been destroyed. Its capacity for planning and organizing incitement, disorders and destructive activities cannot be ignored. The cult leader Zhao Weishan received asylum from the US government. Our tentacles have not yet reached the core of the organization. Its command system still exists; its communication channels are still running. In addition, investigation on the cult’s funding is not in place, apprehension of important members above “district” level is insufficient by far, and detection of its “video group” activities is inadequate. The second step is to seriously implement various deployment requirements of the “Hundred Days Battle” to resolutely win the tough fight against cults. Implement the deployment requirements for the “Hundred Days Battle,” and intensify the special attack project against “Almighty God” is the key mission of current national public security agencies, especially the national anti-cult departments. Public security agencies must resolutely destroy its domestic organizational system and activity networks, and suppress its spreading development under the coordination of the party committee’s cult-busting offices with close collaboration of relevant departments. First, further strengthen organization and leadership to form overall combat cooperation. Leaders in charge of bureaus and boards must personally take command. Leaders of national security anti-cult departments must

implement specific actions. Second, focus on combating variants of cult organizations and prevent the occurrence of vicious extreme events. Variants of cult organization are likewise within the scope of our attack and banning. Third, launch special system investigations and effectively ascertain the number of cult members and understand the situation. Continue to intensify the special investigation on cult personnel, identify the personnel counts, organizational system and sources of funding of “Almighty God” and other cult organizations. Fourth, focus on long-term struggle and vigorously promote foreign projects. All localities should strengthen the construction of overseas secret forces and constantly enhance overseas intelligence assets and operational capability. Identify the organizational structure of “Almighty God” in South Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan and the situation of its infiltration domestically.

PS: The believers of the Church of Almighty God took the risk in obtaining this document from the inside of the Chinese Communist Party. We hereby clarify that the document is somehow incomplete due to the severe environment.