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The 16th meeting of the 14th National People's Congress Standing Committee [voted](#) to remove senior military official Miao Hua (苗华) from the Central Military Commission (CMC) on June 27. Miao Hua, 69, was put under investigation for "serious violations of discipline" in November. He was also removed from his position of Director of the CMC Political Work Department. The meeting voted to remove Miao Hua from his position as a member of the Central Military Commission as well as from his position of Director of the CMC Political Work Department. The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress [issued](#) an announcement on April 30 that the Military Representatives Conference of the CMC Political Work Department decided to remove Miao Hua from his position as a representative of the 14th National People's Congress. Incidentally, Miao Hua was suspected of serious violations of discipline and was suspended for inspection in November 2024. Along with Miao Hua, Li Hanjun (李汉军), Chief of Staff of the PLA Navy, was also [removed](#) from the post of National People's Representative on the same day. Earlier, Li Hanjun has worked with Miao Hua in the PLA Navy. Kou Jianwen, Professor at the Institute of East Asian Studies of National Chengchi University in Taiwan, said the case of Li Hanjun may involve bribery or political issues involving forming factions or gangs.

SCO Defense Ministers' meeting was held in China

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defense Ministers' Meeting was [held](#) from June 25 to 26 in Qingdao City of Shandong Province. Admiral Dong Jun, China's Defense Minister, hosted and addressed the meeting. Defense Ministers from all 10 SCO member states, as well as senior officials of SCO Secretariat and Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure participated in the meeting. In his speech, Dong Jun said, the SCO is an important force in the practice of true multilateralism, and in safeguarding global strategic stability. He called for joint efforts to address the serious impacts of unilateralism, protectionism, and hegemonic acts, and to inject more certainty and positive energy into regional prosperity and stability. China stands ready to work closely with the defense departments and militaries of SCO member states to push for new progress in defense and security cooperation, Dong noted. He also stated that it is necessary for the SCO to serve as an anchor of stability amid the current complex global situation. All parties [reached](#) a consensus, agreeing to further strengthen strategic communication, advance practical cooperation, and jointly uphold regional peace and stability. On June 26, Dong Jun held individual meetings with the Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and his counterparts from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and India, all of whom attended the SCO Defense Ministers' meeting. Ministry of National Defense of China

[issued](#) statement that said throughout the process of the establishment and development of the SCO, China has promoted programs in the fields of defense and security cooperation including the Defense Ministers' Meeting, the Chiefs of General Staff Meeting, the meeting of International Military Cooperation Organs, etc.

Defense Ministers of India and China hold bilateral meeting

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh [held](#) a bilateral meeting with the Chinese Defense Minister Admiral Dong Jun on the sidelines of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defense Ministers' meeting in Qingdao, on June 26. According to the Indian Ministry of Defense (MoD), the two sides held in-depth discussions on the need to maintain peace and tranquillity along the Indo-China border. Raksha Mantri acknowledged the work being undertaken by both sides to bring back semblance of normalcy in the bilateral relations, the statement noted. He said, there is a need for a "structured roadmap of permanent engagement and de-escalation". He also stressed on "border management and to have a permanent solution of border demarcation by rejuvenating the established mechanism on the issue". He emphasized the need to create good neighbourly conditions to achieve best mutual benefits as well as to cooperate for stability in Asia and the world. He also called for bridging the trust deficit created after 2020 border standoff, by taking action on ground. The statement said the two Ministers agreed to continue consultations at various levels to achieve progress on issues related to disengagement, de-escalation, border management and eventual de-limitation through existing

mechanisms. Raksha Mantri expressed his appreciation on the resumption of Kailash Mansarovar yatra after a gap of five years. Shri Rajnath Singh briefed Admiral Dong Jun on the heinous terrorist attack carried out against innocent civilians in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir on April 22, 2025, and India's 'Operation Sindoor' aimed at dismantling the terrorist networks in Pakistan. According to China's Ministry of National Defense (MND), Indian Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh [said](#) that India and China are neighbours that cannot be separated and share a long history of interactions. He was quoted as saying that India does not seek conflict or confrontation with China and is willing to properly manage differences, enhance communication and mutual trust and promote steady development of bilateral relations. Qian Feng, Director of the Research Department at the National Strategy Institute of Tsinghua University, in his interview with the *Global Times* on June 26 that Rajnath Singh's participation sends a positive signal, while also signalling India's willingness to continue improving relations with China.

PLA Information Support Force Engineering University inaugurated

The PLA Information Support Force (ISF) Engineering University was [inaugurated](#) on June 28 in Wuhan, Hubei. The ISF Engineering University is founded after the reorganisation of the College of Information and Communication of National University of Defense Technology (NUDT/ 国防科技大学) and the Communication Institute of the Army Engineering University of PLA. In 2025, the university plans to enrol 401 undergraduate students from regular high

school graduates from 15 provinces in China. The university is directly affiliated to the PLA Information Support Force created in April 2024 in order to adept to the new form of information warfare. The idea is to build a network information system. The University will [offer](#) training in artificial intelligence (AI), unmanned operations and other key technology. At present, the university plans to offer 10 majors in information and intelligent technology. In addition, the university will also offer traditional courses including communication engineering, satellite communication and 6G technology. The syllabus is designed for “informationised, intelligent, and unmanned operations in modern warfare. The syllabus will deal with themes including signals and systems, information fusion and processing, and data link technology. The university is the cradle for the training of cyber security officers in the PLA, such as information network, communication engineering, data intelligence, and software systems. According to Hubei Daily, the predecessor of the university can be [traced](#) back to the Red Army Radio Training Class founded by Mao Zedong and Zhu De in 1931, and said to have trained about 200,000 information and communication experts for the PLA. Wang Zhonglin, Secretary of the Hubei Provincial Party Committee, [attended](#) the ceremony and inaugurated the institution. In his speech, he explained the reason behind Wuhan being chosen as the headquarter of the ISF Engineering University was to exploit the existing local foundation of having 82 academicians from Chinese Academy of Military Sciences and Chinese Academy of Engineering based in Hubei.

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The 10th meeting of the China-South Africa Defense Committee was [held](#) in Beijing. The meeting was co-chaired by Jing Jianfeng, Deputy Chief of Staff of the CMC Joint Staff Department, and General Rudzani Maphwanya, Commander of the South African Defense Force (SADF). The two sides exchanged views on international and regional situation, China–South Africa military exchanges and cooperation. They [agreed](#) to tap the potential for cooperation, expand the scope of cooperation, and further enrich the connotation of the all-round strategic cooperative partnership between China and South Africa in the new era. Chinese Defense Minister Dong Jun [met](#) General Rudzani Maphwanya in Beijing on June 10. At the meeting, Dong Jun said that China is willing to practice true multilateralism with South Africa and jointly oppose hegemony, power politics, division and confrontation. He noted, the two sides should strengthen exchanges and interactions, strengthen strategic communication, optimize cooperation mechanisms, expand practical cooperation, and promote the relationship between the two militaries. General Maphwanya said that South Africa highly values its ties with China and firmly adheres to ‘One-China Principle’. He noted, South African military is willing to work with China to continue to strengthen practical cooperation in joint exercises, military education, personnel training, maritime security and other fields, and further improve the level of cooperation between the two militaries.