

Order of the State Council of the Chinese People's Republic

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Following is the order of the State Council of the Chinese People's Republic issued today:

The following order is hereby proclaimed.

Most of the Kaloons [ministers] of the Tibet Local Government and the upper-strata reactionary clique colluded with imperialism, assembled rebellious bandits, carried out rebellion, ravaged the people, put the Dalai Lama under duress, tore up the 17-article Agreement on Measures for the Peaceful Liberation of Tibet and, on the night of March 19, directed the Tibetan local army and rebellious elements to launch a general offensive against the People's Liberation Army Garrison in Lhasa. Such acts which betray the motherland and disrupt unification are not allowed by law. In order to safe guard the unification of the country and national unity, in addition to enjoining the Tibet Military Area Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army to put down the rebellion thoroughly, the decision is that from this day the Tibet Local Government is dissolved and the Preparatory Committee for the Tibet Autonomous Region shall exercise the functions and powers of the Tibet Local Government. During the time that the Dalai Lama Dantzenjalts¹, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Tibet Autonomous Region, is under duress by the rebels, Panchen Erdeni Chuji Geltseng, Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee will act as Chairman. Pebala Choliehnamje,

¹ Note that we have not changed the sinicized spelling of the Tibetan names.

member of the Standing Committee of the Preparatory Committee for the Tibet Autonomous Region, is appointed Vice-Chairman Of the Preparatory Committee; Ngapo Ngawang Jigme, member of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the Preparatory Committee. Eighteen traitorous elements, Surkong Wongching-Galei, Neusha Thubten-Tarpa, Hsinka Jigmedorje (Shasu), Yuto Chahsidongchu, Tsrijong Lozong-Yiehsi,, Kachang Lozong-Rentzen, Daia Lozong-Sungdin, Kheme Sonamwongdui, Rongnamse Thubtan-Norzong, Pala Thubtenwenten, Nonghsi Thubtan-Zongchu, Narnselin Panchun Jigrne, Menjelin Jalyanggeltseng, Karihpen Tsewongdorje, Pengchu, Weisegeltseng Kundelinchasa, Gungalarna, and Tsupugarnapa Rihpeidorje are relieved of their posts as members of the Preparatory Committee for the Tibet Autonomous Region and of all their other posts and are to be punished individually under the law. Sixteen persons, Teng Shao-tung, Chan Hua- Yü, Hui Yi-jan, Liang Hsan-hsien, Dongchutseren, Chan-tung Lozongnarnje, Ganden Tsripa Thubten Kunga, Chienpaitzu, Ngapo Tsirtenchoga, Dorjetsirtei, Shirou Dungchu, Geltsengpintso, Lozong Tzucheng, Chunjue, Pintsowongchiu and Wang pei-sheng are appointed members of the Preparatory Committee for the Tibet Autonomous Region. It is to be hoped that the Preparatory Committee for the Tibet Autonomous Region will lead all the people of Tibet, religious and secular, to unite as one and make common efforts to assist the People's Liberation Army to put down the rebellion quickly, consolidate national defense, protect the interests of the people of all nationalities, secure social order and strive for the building of a new democratic and socialist Tibet.