

China sets up new military regions

Xi Jinping has created five new military regions, replacing seven previous zones, in an effort to reform the 2.3 million-strong People's Liberation Army (PLA) and signal his firm control over the armed forces



PREVIOUS REGIONS

1. Lanzhou
2. Beijing
3. Shenyang
4. Chengdu
5. Guangzhou
6. Nanjing
7. Jinan



NEW "BATTLE ZONES"

★ Headquarters



Xi's reforms include establishing joint operational command structure by 2020, and cutting troop numbers by 300,000