


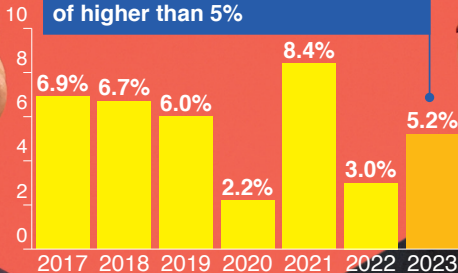
# China shakes up financial system

Chinese leader Xi Jinping is preparing to use the annual parliamentary session, the National People's Congress, to appoint his most trusted acolytes to tighten political control over financial affairs


## CHINA'S GDP GROWTH

(Year over year)

Congress expected to outline target for GDP growth for 2023 of higher than 5%




■ **Xi Jinping, 69:** Most powerful leader since **Mao Zedong**, to be reconfirmed as party secretary and military chief for third five-year term



■ **Li Qiang, 63:** Former Shanghai party chief whom Xi worked with as governor of Zhejiang province in 2004-07, expected to replace **Li Keqiang** as premier



■ **He Lifeng, 68:** Xi's longtime associate, who runs economic planning agency, likely to succeed vice-premier **Liu He**



■ **Yi Huiman, 58:** Current head of securities regulator, most likely to replace **Guo Shuqing** as banking regulator

■ **Lu Zhiyuan, 58:** Party chief of Qingdao and former senior official in Xi's native Shaanxi province, expected to become finance minister

■ **Zhu Hexin, 55:** Head of state-run conglomerate Citic Group expected to become governor of People's Bank of China