

# Chinese soldiers were sacrificed by Deng

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Now, a propaganda machine run by the Chinese government is running at full speed. This government is trying to convince the people, at least those inside the country, that the June 3-4 massacre never happened. Instead, they say, 300 soldiers were killed during a riot which was induced by "a small number of bad people." The burned tanks, soldiers' bodies, and bloody pictures are repeatedly shown on the government-controlled TV. The smiling faces of those real butchers are also shown shaking hands with those "heroic soldiers." This propaganda certainly works when "a repeated lie can become truth." Scared people find an easy way to relax their nerves by believing that what the government said "could be reasonable." A snitch line (hotline connected to the government) operator told me that she receives many phone calls every day; some of them say that they want "revenge for the dead soldiers."

I have read all the witnesses' statements, including those published in the *People's Daily*, the largest Communist Party-run newspaper. An almost ridiculous question is: How could a tankman or a military vehicle driver be killed by totally unarmed civilians? When did this happen and where did this take place?

As most witnesses described, the massacre started on June 3, at 10 p.m. The most massive killing happened at Muxidi, Xidan, and West Changan Avenues, which are located on a three-mile-long broad avenue to the west of Tiananmen Square. A clear command was issued to the troops with more than 50 tanks to drive into Tiananmen Square at full speed. The command also told the soldiers that "firing weapons is allowed" and "anybody who dares to stop the tanks moving should be killed immediately without exception."\*

Those commands were exactly carried out by these troops. According to some estimates, thousands of civilians who had surrounded tanks for days were killed. The wounded and some of the dead bodies were taken to several hospitals. But most bodies were burned by the army in the killing field. Few

pictures were taken during the killing time, from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m., June 3, because the rifles and machine guns would shoot the camera when it flashed.

But, if we read the story on June 4, describing the fighting between the army and civilians east of Tiananmen Square, we find the soldiers behaved differently than those cold-blooded killers to the west. On East Changan Avenue and its extension, where most foreign embassies and hotels are located, the troops obviously did not receive any new orders until the angry civilians tried to stop them. The old orders, which were explained on the front page of the *People's Daily* on May 22, were: "The army's task is to keep order in Beijing and defend the life and properties of the people . . . especially the army will not be used to suppress the students."

This could explain why the soldiers and their officers did not know what to do when they were attacked by the people. This could also explain why so many soldiers were killed by totally unarmed civilians.

Now, the question is: Why did the troops located in the west and those in the east receive different commands? Was this action a preconceived plan? The answer is: Yes, the massacre was very well planned. Especially, letting many soldiers in the east be killed was part of the plan!

Those butchers, Deng Xiaoping and Yang Shangkun, are the best military commanders in the world. They know very well how important it is for the troops to take united action in a battle. They have had more than 60 years of experience in it. It is hard to imagine that they would ignore the troops in the east. But the soldiers were never told to attack. They let them die. They were going to use those lives as part of a political production.

## Purposes of the government's lies

The first purpose is to distort the truth. They tell the biggest lie to the world. They say the government didn't order the army to kill people, but "bad people killed the soldiers." By this means, they cheat the people and have controlled the situation. They show the bloody pictures a thousand times and the emotional lies ten thousand times. Already they are making millions of people who may not have witnessed the turmoil, believe the government is right, or at least "reasonable."

The second purpose is to have a reason to arrest and kill more people in the name of punishing the bad people who attacked the tanks and killed the soldiers. This is exactly what is going on at the present time.

I believe the dirty plot is working. The government paid no attention to the condemnations from around the world. The plot is really working in China.

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\*Speech recorded by student leader Chai Lin, a general commander of the Defending Tiananmen Square Committee, from her hiding place after the massacre.