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Summary: US intelligence indicates that Xi Jinping's sweeping military purge came after it emerged that widespread corruption undermined his efforts to modernize the armed forces and raised questions about China's ability to fight a war. The corruption inside China's Rocket Force and throughout the nation's defense industrial base is so extensive that US officials now believe Xi is less likely to contemplate major military action in the coming years than would otherwise have been the case, according to the people, who asked not to be named discussing intelligence. The US assessments cited several examples of the impact of graft, including missiles filled with water instead of fuel and vast fields of missile silos in western China with lids that don't function in a way that would allow the missiles to launch effectively. Related: China's Age Of Malaise and Mainland China Airs Documentary Signalling Military Preparation For Taiwan Attack And Willingness To Sacrifice and Why Xi Can No Longer Brag About the Chinese Economy

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