tatters /ˈtætəz / noun

(in tatters)

if a plan or someone's reputation is in tatters, it is ruined

***Key Communist Party powerbroker sacked*:**

**Bo Xilai has been at the forefront of the latter approach and appeared to be headed right to the top of power here. But this battle has just taken a major turn. Chongqing party boss Bo Xilai has been sacked and both his model for China and his political future appear to be in tatters.**