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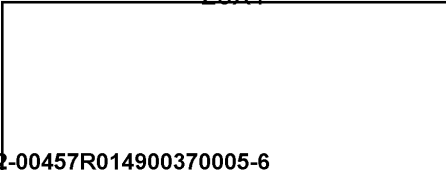
On 1 August 1952 the Revolutionary Military Council (RMC) ordered the military areas to establish People's Armed Forces Departments (PAFD) in all cities throughout China. The order was as follows:

1. The military areas will establish PAFD's in all cities throughout the country, in order to prepare for a compulsory militia conscription system which will enable the country to participate in war when necessary.
2. Each PAFD will have one chief and from one to three deputy chiefs, political commissars and deputy political commissars. All persons filling these posts will be selected by the military area from among the following personnel in each locality:
 - a. Chief and deputy chief of the Military Control Commission.
 - b. Local administrative chief (mayor).
 - c. Public Security Bureau chief.
 - d. Secretary and deputy secretary of the Party Committee.
 - e. Secretary and deputy secretary of the Youth Corps Service Committee.
 - f. Chairman and vice-chairman of the labor union.
 - g. High-ranking cadres of troops stationed in the locality.

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The chief and deputy chief of the PAFD must be chosen from among persons listed in a, b, c, and g above; the political commissar and his deputy must be chosen from among persons listed in d, e, and f above.

3. PAFD's in cities directly controlled by a province will be under the jurisdiction of the provincial military district. PAFD's in cities controlled by district commissioners' offices will be under the jurisdiction of the provincial military sub-district.
4. When the PAFD's are established, all existing people's armed units in various cities will be reorganized and unified according to laws and orders regarding the militia promulgated in the past by the PAFD of the RMC. After this reorganization, the present voluntary militia system will be changed to a universal militia system.
5. PAFD's in cities directly controlled by a major administrative area or by a province, where a military garrison already exists, shall come under the jurisdiction of an organization provided for this purpose.

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