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**Objet:** Politburo in China Gets 4 New Members

The Communist Party announced a new leadership lineup on Monday morning that anoints two future leaders of the country and modestly enhances the authority of President Hu Jintao.

The reshuffle promotes four officials to the nine-man Politburo Standing Committee, the country's top ruling body, including two provincial leaders expected to inherit the posts of party general secretary and prime minister in five years' time.

The **nine members of the reorganized Politburo Standing Committee** emerged in hierarchical order to greet the press and a live television audience at the Great Hall of the People late Monday morning. The brief, stilted greeting, a kind of Communist coronation ceremony that adheres to a longstanding ritual of succession, offers the Chinese people their first glimpse of their country's most powerful officials, who are appointed in secretive backroom negotiations.

## Jia Qinglin

*member of the reorganized Politburo Standing Committee*



In June 2006, the Spanish National Court accepted the lawsuit against **Jia Qinglin**, a member of the Standing Committee of China's Communist Party Politburo and Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Committee. The judge has requested information from the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Amnesty International and other human rights organizations. Further, the judge has personally requested the Chinese Government, through the Spanish diplomatic channel, for information of the Chinese Communist regime's persecution of Falun Gong. **An international arrest warrant was issued for Jia Qinglin so that if Jia visits other European countries, he faces arrest and extradition to Spain.**