

## Notice of Warning over Military Personnel's behavior towards Local Residents, no. 1

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Annotation:

This document is a notice issued by the Chief of Staff of the Field Army in North China (Notice no. 161) on June 27, 1938, attached in the daily logs of the 9<sup>th</sup> infantry brigade (dated between July 1 to July 31, 1938). The notification reads as follows:

- Rapes committed by the Japanese soldiers across the country have caused unexpected anti-Japanese sentiment.
- Local residents are willing to take risks to get revenge for rapes.
- Rape must be stopped as it is essentially an act of treason that disrupts public order and military operations in general, leading to harm to the nation.
- The need to regulate individual soldiers' behaviors is pressing. It is instrumental to promptly install sexual "comfort" facilities for the soldiers to prevent them from going against their will and violating the prohibition of sexual assault due to the lack of such facilities.

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