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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Chinese Cyberspace watchdogs:** As per an article published on their official WeChat account, the Cybersecurity Administration of China (CAC) in the first half of the year 2022 has summoned more than 3400 platforms out of which 283 were fined. Other than that, 177 applications were removed from local app stores in violation of laws and regulations. Further, multiple accounts and websites found spreading pornographic content, illegal internet news services, and offering ghostwriting services to students were also closed.
- **Green power campaign:** The Qinghai province of China as part of a [green power campaign](#) spanning 35 days, has been able to generate 9.98 billion kWh of electricity. This stands equivalent to a reduction in 8.16 million tonnes of carbon dioxide or saving over 4.53 million tonnes of raw coal.

NEWS IN CHINA

- President Xi Jinping attended the reception organized to celebrate the 95th founding anniversary of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) on 1 August. The venue of the reception was the Great Hall of the People by the Ministry of National Defense. The reception welcomed other senior leaders of the Communist Party of China. These included Li Zhanshu, Han Zheng, Wang Yang, Wang Huning Li Keqiang, Zhao Leji, and Wang Qishan. Defense Minister Wei Fenghe greeted all PLA officers and personnel on behalf of the CPC Central Committee, the State Council, and the Central Military Commission (CMC). Contributions of veterans and military heroes who contribute to the development of the PLA were

acknowledged and paid tribute by Wei. Wei regarded the dedication of people who put themselves at the front of defense industries, science, and technology. Wei also expressed gratitude towards the people's organizations and party committees at all levels who have supported the efforts of strengthening the armed forces and the national defense of the country. Wei also called for the implementation of President Xi Jinping's thoughts of strengthening national defense and speeding up the modernization process of the armed forces

- As per a report from [Fitch Ratings](#), the passenger vehicle market of China showcased a sharp recovery in June due to the consumer stimulus packages. The recovery was subdued in the past year due to microchip shortages but this strong recovery is likely to continue till the third quarter of 2022. The previous month showed 42 percent in wholesale deliveries of passenger vehicles and retail sales rose by 22 percent from the previous year due to delayed orders from May and front-loaded demands from July. Due to the high demand for electric vehicles from overseas, exports of passenger vehicles continued to grow by 40 percent in the second quarter of 2022. Due to supply-chain bottlenecks and production halts, the months of April and May showed a slowdown, however, deliveries of electric vehicles doubled in the second quarter of the year. According to official data, the sales of new energy vehicles in June hit a record high of 596,000 units.
- Chinese entrepreneurs will be building a [miniature hydropower plant](#) and its

necessary power lines in a small town in the Democratic Republic of Congo called Kenge (around 269 km from the capital city of Kinshasa). The small contracts are part of China's slow shift from large infrastructure projects to smaller and profitable ventures under the banner of the Belt and Road Initiative. Such ventures tend to be less risky for investors especially private entrepreneurs who have limited resources at their disposal. President Xi Jinping in the third Belt and Road symposium said that "small and beautiful" projects of high quality are sustainable and improve the livelihoods of people and such projects should be a priority in overseas cooperation. According to Christian-Geraud Neema, a Congolese mining and policy analyst, Beijing has mentioned that it seeks for more private corporations to engage in Africa.

- A [yellow alert](#) for high temperature was renewed by the Chinese national observatory as intense heatwaves were observed in many regions of the country. As per the National Meteorological Center, Shaanxi, Hubei, Sichuan, Chongqing, parts of Xinjiang, regions south of the Yangtze River, and the southern region of China are expected to have a temperature over 35 degrees Celsius during daylight hours and the temperature in Sichuan and Chongqing may surpass 40 degrees Celsius. The public has been advised by the Center to avoid any outdoor activities in the afternoon and workers who are exposed to high temperatures or work outside to ensure protective measures.
 - A mock air combat training was organized by the PLA Eastern Theatre Command's
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naval aviation force to promote pilot abilities to enter combat status under abnormal situations at any time. The drills are initiated amidst US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's possible Taiwan visit. CCTV news released a video clip that shows multiple Su-30 fighter jets flying at low altitude entering the training airspace and getting through a simulated hostile anti-aircraft firepower. The jets entered top combat-ready status from training status upon receiving a sudden command to check an unknown air situation. Tang Feilong, a pilot of PLA's naval aviation brigade of the Eastern Theatre Command said that the onboard equipment and technical measures were used for locating the target and flying to the location to drive the target away. Further Tang added that the fighters then patrolled the airspace assigned to them, waited for possible battles, and then returned to base after the replacement forces arrived. Hang Chengche, squadron leader of the brigade stated that the air combat training drills during night-time aim to improve the full-time combat capabilities of the pilots for any future battles.

recognized the Taliban first, and the fact that the Taliban did not condemn the CCP's conduct towards the Uyghurs showcases a sense of alliance or partnership. Regarding India's place in the global economy, Kim said that any entity operating businesses in China should consider India to set up their businesses as they would not face the challenges in India that they face in China. He added that companies don't benefit from doing business in China because of issues like intellectual property thefts. He concluded by saying that if India's security is compromised, there will be a domino effect of compromised security in other states as well. Therefore, to secure the sovereignty of any nation, especially in Asia, it is logical to support India's security.

INDIA WATCH

- Se Hoon Kim, the director of the Captive Nations Coalition of the Committee in Present Danger: China has stated that securing India against China should matter to the world. In an interview with The Sunday Guardian, Se Hoon Kim stated that China aims to get rid of any entity that can possibly be a threat to them and India is one of the biggest threats that they face today. Further in the interview, Kim mentioned that it was the CCP who
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