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**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **News anchor with Chinese state broadcaster CCTV wears outfit similar to Ukrainian flag:** A news anchor on China's state broadcaster CCTV wore an attire that coincidentally matched the Ukrainian flag's colours. This triggered widespread debate among internet users in China and abroad over whether the news anchor's wardrobe choice was intended to express her personal support for Ukraine. At that time, she was reporting on NATO's transfer of weaponry to Ukraine to aid in its self-defense, implying that NATO was to blame for Russia's unilateral invasion.

## II. News in China

- On the 2nd of March, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs acknowledged that a Chinese person was hurt by gunshot while departing Ukraine on the evening of March 1st, Beijing time. Wang Wenbin, spokesperson for China's foreign ministry, informed international media at a news conference that the Chinese Embassy in Ukraine had promptly contacted the victim to provide aid. The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chinese embassies, and Chinese consulates in the relevant countries have taken different efforts to assist Chinese people in Ukraine in relocating to neighbouring nations, according to the spokeswoman. As per Reuters, the government stated that more than 2,500 Chinese nationals have been evacuated from Ukraine. In Ukraine, there are an estimated 6,000 Chinese nationals.
- On the request of Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi conducted a phone discussion. Iran has been steadfast in pursuing the Iran-China comprehensive strategic relationship, according to Abdollahian, who also stated that the two nations should continue to build political mutual confidence, expand pragmatic collaboration, and implement the comprehensive cooperation plan. Iran is willing to collaborate closely with China and fully supports China in holding a successful third conference of Afghanistan's neighbouring nations' foreign ministers. According to the key understanding reached by the two chiefs of state, China is prepared to work with Iran to promote pragmatic cooperation in many areas and strengthen the China-Iran comprehensive strategic relationship.
- China released a white paper on Thursday detailing the country's efforts in promoting sports for people with impairments. The white paper, titled "China's Paralympics: Progress and Rights Protection," was issued by the State Council Information Office one day before the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games opened. According to the white paper, since the formation of the People's Republic of China in 1949, the nation has progressively developed paralympics, forging a route that has specific Chinese traits and respects current trends. China's own

performance in parasports is continuously improving, with impaired persons becoming more involved in sporting events both at home and abroad.

- According to a Chinese diplomat, the United States' plunder of frozen Afghan assets when the Asian country faces an avalanche of hunger and poverty is heartless. Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations emphasised that the assets belong to the Afghan people and the Afghan sovereign state, and that the practise of unilaterally treating other nations' offshore assets under US domestic law is unprecedented. He claims that it is not only an affront to Afghanistan's sovereignty and property, but also a major violation of international law.
- The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) announced a strategic action plan on to assist scientific and technical initiatives aimed at achieving the country's carbon peak and carbon neutrality targets. The plan aims to address critical scientific and technological issues in order to promote an energy revolution, industrial optimization and upgrading, and a green and low-carbon technological revolution, thereby ensuring strong scientific and technological support for the country's carbon peak and carbon neutrality goals. According to the strategy, by 2025, the CAS will have achieved breakthroughs in a number of essential technologies that will support the carbon peak target and promote the low-carbon and green transformation of the economy and society. By 2030, it will have improved these essential technologies to an international level.
- President Xi Jinping urged young officials to deepen their beliefs and convictions, acquire and apply a proper perspective on their performance, and fight hard for the Party's and people's interests. The remarks were made by Xi, who is also the general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and the chairman of the Central Military Commission, during the opening ceremony of a training programme for young and middle-aged officials at the CPC Central Committee's Party School. He encouraged them to follow Party rules and the law to the letter, and to preserve their integrity against corruption in every aspect of their lives and work.
- China has urged the United States to handle Taiwan-related problems with caution in order to prevent further jeopardising Sino-US ties as well as peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. In reaction to recent media rumours that the US will send five former high-level officials to Taiwan in a show of solidarity for the island, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Wang Wenbin made the statements. The Chinese people, according to Wang, are adamant about preserving their national sovereignty and territorial integrity. Regardless of who it sends, the United States' so-called assistance for Taiwan is worthless. To avoid undermining China-US relations, as well as peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, he urged the US to adhere to the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-US joint communiques

and stop all official exchanges with Taiwan, and handle Taiwan-related issues prudently.

### **III. India Watch**

- Zhang Jun, the Chinese envoy, reaffirmed China's commitment to supporting Afghanistan's peaceful and stable development as a friendly neighbour. China will collaborate closely with nations in the area, take an active role in different Afghan-related multilateral organisations, and encourage all parties to take coordinated actions in order to generate synergy and aid Afghanistan's development. China's claim that US has misappropriated the funds those belonged to Afghan people comes after a long line of accusations against the West specifically the US. This further proves China's geopolitical and economic stake and vest interests in Afghanistan.