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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **“I Decided Not To Learn English Anymore” Video Goes Viral on Chinese Social Media:** A video in which a [Chinese Harvard student](#) shares how she wants to “stop trying to learn English” has gone viral on Chinese social media. While some blame the student for flaunting her privilege, others said the video actually inspires them to study more English. Furthermore, it reflects the seeds of growing hate for the western language in Chinese people.

NEWS IN CHINA

- Chinese authorities have been gathering [DNA samples across Tibet](#), including from kindergarten children without the apparent consent of their parents, Human Rights Watch has said. The rights organization claimed new evidence showing a systematic DNA collection drive for entire populations across Tibet as part of a “crime detection” drive. The DNA collection drives described in the report began in 2019 under a policing campaign called the “three greats” (inspection, investigation and mediation), designed to strengthen China’s intensive grassroots-level policing system.
- The People's Bank of China (PBC), the country's central bank, announced on Monday that it would [lower financial institutions'](#) foreign exchange reserve requirement ratio (RRR) by 2 percentage points (PPS) to 6 per cent, to help financial institutions' ability to use foreign exchange funds. The cut, which will be effective from September 15, came amid a recent round of weakening by the yuan, which briefly fell below 6.95 to the US dollar on Monday afternoon. After the PBC's announcement, offshore yuan swiftly strengthened by

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- nearly 200 basis points against the US dollar.
 - Chinese President Xi Jinping urged all-out relief efforts to prioritize saving lives and minimizing casualties after a 6.8-magnitude earthquake jolted Luding county in Southwest China's Sichuan Province on Monday. Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the instruction after the quake hit Luding county. The epicenter was monitored at 29.59 degrees north latitude and 102.08 degrees east longitude, at a depth of 16 kilometers in Luding county.
 - Taiwan focuses on attending the September ICAO meet in Canada. As the global travel industry tries to leave the COVID-19 pandemic behind, Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has become ever more crucial, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan (MOFA). The United Nations specialized agency will hold its next triennial assembly in late September at its seat in Montreal, Canada, but due to opposition from China, Taiwan has not been invited to the event, except for 2013, when it was welcomed as a "special guest."
 - **5.** The Ministry of National Defense, Taiwan (MND) tracked 17 Chinese military aircraft and four naval vessels around Taiwan as of 5 p.m. on Monday (Sept. 5). Of the 17 People's Liberation Army (PLA) aircraft, two Shenyang J-11 fighter jets crossed the median line in the Taiwan Strait in the southwest sector of Taiwan's air defense

identification zone (ADIZ), according to the MND. Meanwhile, four Xian H-6 bombers, one Shaanxi Y-8 electronic warfare plane, one Shaanxi Y-8 anti-submarine warfare plane, and one BZK-007 drone were monitored in the southwest corner of Taiwan's ADIZ. In response, Taiwan sent combat patrol aircraft, naval ships, and used land-based missile systems to monitor the PLA aircraft and vessels, in addition to issuing radio warnings. So far this month, Taiwan has tracked 101 Chinese military aircraft and 25 naval ships around the country.

INDIA WATCH

- After maintaining its silence on the Taiwan Strait crisis post-Pelosi's Taiwan visit, in a press conference on August 13th, the official spokesperson of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Arindam Bagchi broke the silence, responding to questions on the Taiwan issue. He stated that New Delhi urges the "exercise of restraint, avoidance of unilateral actions to change the status quo, de-escalation of tensions, and efforts to maintain peace and stability in the region." He further added that India's policies "do not require reiteration" as they remain unchanged. India, like most of the international community, adheres to the PRC's "One China Policy" regarding Taiwan, according to which the PRC is the only China that exists and that Taiwan is a province of China. Nonetheless, recently the Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka referred to the "militarisation of the Taiwan Strait" in response to Chinese accusations of India bullying Sri Lanka. This can be seen as a more pronounced Indian articulation of its views regarding the Taiwan Strait crisis.
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