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CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

• China got 19.473 million reports of illegal and bad information on the Internet in August: The Central Internet Information Office (National Internet Information Office) Illegal and Bad Information Reporting Center stated that under the guidance of Internet information departments at all levels, major websites across the country continue to unblock reporting channels and accept and dispose of netizens' reports. The majority of netizens can actively participate in the comprehensive network management through 12377 reporting telephone, "network reporting" client and other channels, and jointly maintain the clear cyberspace.

II. News in China

- As the Taliban establish interim government, China's Foreign Ministry has responded with their opinion on the same. China's position on the Afghanistan issue is consistent and clear. We respect the sovereign independence and territorial integrity of Afghanistan, do not interfere in its internal affairs, support the Afghan people in choosing a development path that suits their national conditions, and hope that Afghanistan can build a broad and inclusive political structure, pursue a moderate and prudent internal and external policies, resolutely crack down on all kinds of terrorist forces, and get along with other countries, especially neighboring countries.
- State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi has <u>attended</u> the first meeting of the foreign ministers of Afghanistan's neighbors by video in Beijing.
- Chinese media outlets have <u>carried reports</u> on how Indian media "hyped" that Pakistan assisted Taliban during the attack on the anti-Taliban armed forces in Panjshir Province.
- The Indian "Herald" previously stated that the Taliban may transfer the Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan to China and the Kandahar base to Pakistan for operations. The source also said that China and the Taliban are discussing the matter, and Pakistani Air Force engineers are inspecting five former US air bases in Afghanistan. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said on the 7th that this is purely false news.
- Xie Changjun, a former member of the Party group and deputy general manager of China Guodian Corporation, was suspected of taking bribes, illegally making profits for relatives and friends, and abusing his power by personnel of state-owned companies, the investigation by the National Supervisory Commission was terminated and transferred to the procuratorial organ for review and prosecution. He has been arrested.

III. India Watch

• The first meeting of foreign ministers of Afghanistan's neighbourhood was hosted by Pakistan and has seen attendance by China, Iran, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. India's absence from the same especially as it shares a 106 Km border with Afghanistan along the Wakhan Corridor in the Badakhshan province that separates Afghanistan from Gilgit Baltistan, is a point of strategic concern for New Delhi.