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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Haidilao Hotpot Restaurant Records Death of a Woman:** A 21-year-old lady from Fujian Province died suddenly while eating hotpot at a [Haidilao restaurant](#) in a nearby mall. The hashtags "Woman Suddenly Passed Away While Having Hotpot" and "Incident" received 50 million and 300 million views, respectively, on Chinese social media on Thursday. If the Heimlich manoeuvre is carried out while the patient is standing up, it's possible that the lengthy, soft tripe of beef will go deeper rather than be forced out, which could obstruct the respiratory tract. Many netizens believe Haidilao is not entirely at fault for what occurred.

NEWS IN CHINA

- In order to reach its objective of 10,000 such businesses by 2025, Beijing has designated 8,997 industrial enterprises as "[little giants](#)," or approximately 90% of the total. If designated small and medium-sized businesses demonstrate strength in strategically vital sectors, they are eligible for preferential treatment. China has released four lists of businesses categorized as "specialized and sophisticated enterprises," or "little giants." In keeping with the 30% rate for companies listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, these companies' average percentage of workers working in research and development is 28.7%.
- Following the passing of [Queen Elizabeth II](#), Chinese President Xi Jinping expressed his "sincere sympathies to the British government and people," while Premier Li Keqiang delivered a message of condolences to Prime Minister Liz Truss. He adds that China will keep collaborating with the British Royal Family and diverse UK industries to strengthen bilateral ties.

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- Since the Galwan valley clash two years ago that claimed the lives of at least four Chinese and 20 Indian soldiers, the two Asian giants, India and China have been stuck in a standoff. Both sides reportedly started disengaging on Thursday, according to China's defense ministry. Since June 2020, there have been 16 rounds of negotiations between military representatives from the two parties. The Chinese defense ministry said that the decision to disengage was made after 16 rounds of commander-level discussions between the neighboring states.
 - Drones built in China are frequently found in the arsenals of terrorist groups funded by Iran. The Houthi rebels in Yemen utilized drones to attack Saudi Arabia's oil production facilities. The drones were used when militants supported by Iran attacked US military outposts in southeast Syria in August 2022. In March of last year, China and Iran agreed to work together for 25 years. The conditions of the deal mandate an enormous \$400 billion in investments to strengthen bilateral economic, military, and security ties.
 - The African Union (AU), celebrated its 20th anniversary this year, and President Xi Jinping congratulated Macky Sall, the president of Senegal, and the AU's rotating chairperson. In the history of relations between China and Africa, this is the first time the two sides have done so. Xi congratulated and praised Africa for its accomplishments, and it promises to firmly back the AU's efforts to play a larger role in both African and global affairs.
 - Contrasting sharply with the catastrophic circumstances in other major economies, China's economic fundamentals continue to be strong. There are enough positive developments and legislative actions

- to guarantee steady growth. The 20th CPC National Congress will inspire the country and set it on the path to achieving the second centennial goal. China's exports increased in dollar terms by 7.1% in August compared to the same month last year. New-energy vehicle exports increased by 1.3 times to 202,000 units. In the first eight months, the Shanghai Gigafactory for Tesla produced 399,939 automobiles. Experts stressed that despite growing concerns about global growth, the economy was well-positioned because of the structural resilience of the trade pillar, which matches the rebalancing of the economy as a whole. The upcoming congress needs to be a big deal to solidify support for the nation's unwavering demand for higher-level opening-up.
- As the war in Ukraine continues, Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the UN, has consistently maintained that dialogue and negotiation are the most realistic and practical ways to resolve the crisis. He added that China will continue to stand on the side of peace, dialogue, and humanity and will play a constructive role in the proper resolution of the Ukraine crisis.

INDIA WATCH

- A week before their leaders will meet in Uzbekistan, Indian and Chinese forces have started withdrawing from the Cogra-Hotsprings border region in the western Himalayas. The agreement was reached two years after border conflicts strained relations between the two countries. Thousands of soldiers from both nations are still stationed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Since June 2020, senior military officials from the two nations have met 16 times. Tensions between the Asian
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giants sharply increased when at least 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers died in hand-to-hand fight, which resulted in India sending close 50,000 troops along contested areas in Ladakh. These troops were stationed at elevations of above 4,572 meters, where a lack of oxygen and icy winter temperatures can be fatal, in order to match Chinese deployments.

According to A B Abrams, an expert on East Asian security at the University of London, "At a time of growing international instability, rising bilateral trade and shared threats, both countries will benefit from alleviating tensions and leaving border disputes for the future."

The Indian ministry has stated that the withdrawal is expected to be finished by September 12. The withdrawal occurs after the sixteenth round of commander-level negotiations between the two nuclear-armed nations in July and before a summit in Uzbekistan that Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi are anticipated to attend.

- Tensions remain high, however, India and China recognize the need to deescalate the tensions at the border and return to normalcy. This will not lead to any reduction in competition between India and China, however, as the two find themselves on opposing ends of global competition between the US and China. Normalcy at the border will bring some stability, but it is expected that India will continue to traverse its ties with China with caution.
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