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

- **Feminism surges on Weibo:** Feminists in China have taken to Weibo to fight the misrepresentation of women front-line workers in China. New TV show called the Heroes in Harm's Way follows the real-life stories of front-line workers, however critics argue that women have been misrepresented in the show; showing women as subordinate or reluctant to take the lead.
- **Floods in China continue:** As floods continue to ravage China, 28 people have died and more than 100,000 have been displaced from their homes. However, social media users have asked why local media have barely covered the floods. Hu Xijin, the editor of the Communist Party-owned Global Times newspaper, took to Weibo to explain that floods in Shanxi have received minimal media attention as casualties have been minimal, and relief efforts are already underway.
- **Restrictions on fintech misinformation:** China is putting restrictions on news and online commentary to take on misinformation from private investors. Weibo, in compliance to China's restrictions, has banned nearly 1,000 accounts owned by financial bloggers to regulate or eliminate finance-related rumours and information that may misrepresent China's market.
- **Standard of living improves for Xinjiang soldiers:** China Radio International's official Weibo account has posted that due to improvement in army's logistics level, soldiers in the Xinjiang military District now can now get more than 10 tropical fruits such as dragon fruit, jackfruit, mango etc and it is no longer an extravagant hope for the soldiers.
- **Manual combat training for PLA soldiers continues:** Picture shared by a Weibo military observer account shows spears in the hands of PLA troops and the location of the picture looks like Karakoram Plateau. (See, Image 1)

## II. News in China

- Victor Zhikai Gao, former Deng Xiaoping's translator and currently vice president of the Centre for China and Globalization has been quoted by French media Le Monde saying: "10% of the 23 million Taiwanese are in fact of Japanese descent, and most are separatists are among them. Once we get Taiwan back, we'll have to ask everyone's origins. Those who have a Japanese ancestor will have to pledge loyalty to reunification, otherwise we'll help them leave".
- Li Keqiang, Premier of the People's Republic of China, attended a national energy committee meeting to discuss China's energy development and energy security. He spoke about the need to reform the energy sector into a sustainable and green sector, while also upgrading old coal factories and ensuring coal distribution.

- Li Guangman in an article had declared that China was turning away from capital and undergoing a “profound revolution” and his post was shared by many state-owned media of China. Li has now posted an article on his Wechat public account which praises the detention of former journalist Luo Changping as well as new rules driving private capital out of the news media (report dated 10.10.21). His article also includes Shanghai Stock Exchange decision to terminate the review of Lenovo Group's Science and Technology Innovation Board IPO & the antitrust fine on food delivery group Meituan of RMB 3.4 billion (\$530m). Luo’s crime, specifically, was to question the authenticity of the story of Chinese soldiers during the Korean War as portrayed in the new blockbuster film “The Battle at Lake Changjin, released in theaters last month. For Li Guangman, who cites Luo Changping’s detention as further evidence of the “profound transformation” underway in China, action against public intellectuals is long overdue. For too long, he says, the country’s martyrs have been neglected.
- After a Russian plane crashed, Xi sent a message of condolence to Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- Xi Jinping will attend the COP15 Summit via video link and address the summit. Han Zheng, the Senior Vice Premier of the State Council and Politburo Standing Committee, gave a speech at COP15. His speech included the need for multilateralism, mobilizing resources to support green utilization of biological diversity, and to prioritize conservation.
- Wang Yi met the Kenyan secretary for foreign affairs, Raychelle Omamo, to discuss development strategies under the Belt and Road Initiative, the Mombasa-Nairobi Railway and the Nairobi-Malaba Standard Gauge Railway, and developing healthcare, education and communication.
- A joint statement released by the Second EU-China High Level Environment and Climate Dialogue: both EU and China have worked on to enhance their Nationally Determined Contribution and long-term climate-neutral strategy to the UNFCCC and implement the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol.
- Xinjiang government at the 48th session of the UN Human Rights Council defended itself against the accusations of human rights violations made by western countries.
- Flooding in Shanxi province has affected nearly 1.76 million people, according to BBC. People’s Daily reports that nearly 80 million yuan has been allocated as relief funds by the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Emergency Management.
- The UN Human Rights Council in Geneva passed a resolution on death penalty which China, Japan and India opposed.

- India will host Malabar Joint Naval exercises and will be joined by its QUAD counterparts Japan, Australia, and the United States.

### III. India Watch

- Earlier also, high quality images of PLA soldiers with nunchaku, spears, rods etc have surfaced on Weibo. ORCA had covered the same in its reports. High quality images indicate that these photos are not coincidentally taken, but were part of a photo shoot by the PLA itself. But these images make their way to the Chinese internet/public internet space through social media posts and never through any news outlets or PLA daily, highlighting China's attempts at not showing them as photo-ops.
- China's focus on improving soldiers living conditions in areas such as Xinjiang is focused on ensuring longer duty. Through public bidding, an agreement has been signed between a supplier and the regiment. It follows a "point-to-point" special vehicle supply between suppliers and troops, which greatly shortens the transportation cycle of fruits. In addition, in order to improve the storage and preservation capacity of fruits, the regiment transformed and upgraded the old vegetable storage facilities on the front line by introducing Ozone technology, air conditioner preservation and other technologies to build a new vegetable storage facility with constant temperature preservation function. Such condition, especially when implemented along the cold climate of India-China border, will further lengthen deployment of troops.



**Image 1: PLA soldiers with spears in hand during hand-hand combat training**