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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Taiwanese Receive Fake News Regarding Nancy Pelosi's Visit To The Country:** Soon after US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan, the citizens of Taiwan began getting fake news regarding her visit to the country. According to various fact-checking organisations (like Taiwan Fact-Check Centre), the people were getting news which insulted Nancy Pelosi, showed off China's military strength in the drills and belittled Taiwan's status. A fake news surrounding her visit was regarding her health was also being circulated. According to the fact-checking organisations, a message was circulated that she was hospitalised upon her arrival in Japan. Moreover, a piece of fake news claimed that her airplane was shot down in the Taiwan Strait.

NEWS IN CHINA

- Several former local politicians and "hardline separatists" pleaded guilty to "conspiring to subvert state power" on Thursday. The case will be handed over to the Hong Kong High Court in September and November. Among the people who pleaded guilty are; former law professor Benny Tai Yiu-ting and "secessionist" Joshua Wong Chi-Fung, Tai, Wong and former lawmaker, Wu Chi-Wai. Lau Siu-kai, the deputy head of the Chinese Association of Hong Kong and Macao Studies, said, "The prosecution's victory, in this case, is beneficial to establishing the prestige of the relevant laws, deter the anti-China rioters who deliberately endanger national security, and also promote national security education in Hong Kong society and maintain national security and Hong Kong's stability and prosperity."

After Nancy Pelosi's recent visit to Taiwan, several foreign ambassadors have expressed their firm support for the One-China principle. They have urged the United States of America to cease its interference in China's internal matters. The Russian Ambassador to China, Andrey Denisov, stated that Pelosi's visit to Taiwan was a "blatant provocation" and called the US to cease actions which would undermine the region's security and stability. He further said that Russia's principles and position are consistent and that Russia abides one-China policy. Moreover, he stated that Russia recognizes Taiwan as an inalienable part of China's territory and opposes any form of "Taiwan's independence." In his comments, he said, "There is only one China in the world, and the government of the People's Republic of China is the only legitimate government representing the whole of China." He further added that China has every right to take measures to safeguard its territorial integrity and sovereignty. Cuban ambassador to China, Carlos Miguel Pereira stated that Cuba also recognizes and supports the One-China policy. He further said that the US's provocation on the Taiwan question is bound to fail. He added, "the United States should clearly recognize that the Taiwan question falls entirely under China's internal affairs, and other countries have no right to interfere." The Moroccan Ambassador to China, Aziz Mekouar, stated that his country firmly adheres to the One-China policy as it is the important foundation of bilateral friendship between Morocco and China and that his country will continue to support China in this respect. Guyana's ambassador to China, Anyin Choo, stated

that the country has adhered firmly to the one-China principle since it established diplomatic relations with China 50 years ago. Guyana supports China's firm measures to protect its national sovereignty and territorial integrity and hopes that the United States will uphold the UN Charter and the fundamental norms governing international relations.

- An official in the government has told Xinhua Net that China has sent nearly 190,000 tonnes of anti-pandemic products to Europe through the China-Europe freight train service by the end of July. In a press conference, Xu Jianping said that since the sea and air transportation was hit the hardest due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the inter-continental train ensured the stability of international industrial and supply chains. Xu Jianping is a National Development and Reform Commission official. He described the train service as a "lifeline" in the global fight against the pandemic. According to Xu, the train service created a new logistics channel between Asia and Europe that runs around the clock, has a large carrying capacity, and is green, low-carbon, and safe. According to the most recent data, the number of train trips in July increased by 11% year on year to a record 1,517, with shipments totalling 149,000 20-foot equivalent units of goods.
 - To mitigate the drought effects in the country, China announced that it would earmark 420 million yuan or \$61.92 million of various disaster relief funds which support flood control and drought relief work. 210 million yuan will be used to support drought relief efforts in seven
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provincial-level regions, including Anhui, Jiangxi, Hubei, and Hunan, from emergency funds allocated by the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Emergency Management. The remaining 210 million yuan will go toward flood control efforts in eight provincial-level regions, including Hebei, Shanxi, Shandong, and Henan. A total of 1.3 billion yuan had been allocated for local flood control and drought relief as of Thursday.

INDIA WATCH

- It was recently reported that India and China would take part in the joint military drills that are hosted by Russia. Although China enjoys a close defence link with Russia, it stated that it wanted to push the bilateral relations to a “higher level.” The war drills are amidst the Russo-Ukraine war and Western countries have expressed their dismay at the drills. While India enjoys a strong friendship with Western countries, it has been accused of providing diplomatic cover and opposing Western sanctions and arms sales to Kyiv. India has the opportunity to show its covert support to Russia, its all-weather ally, by taking part in these drills. Moreover, it has the opportunity to showcase its military strength to China and discourage it from threatening us at the border. The joint military drills are an excellent way to boost diplomatic and military ties between the nations participating in them and India will largely benefit from it.
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