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

- **Flooding of Jinguang tunnel in Zhengzhou receiving focus:** Due to a high number of deaths (albeit unreported), the army has taken over processing of the area to retrieve bodies and wreckage.
- **Stories of Chinese citizens and first-responder working in Henan flooding:** Social media accounts in China as well as Instagram handles of Chinese agencies like CGTN and China Daily are constantly posting motivating stories of China's sense of community in their responses to save fellow citizens. All stories speak of heavy rain in Henan, but questioning of infrastructure gaps or non-preparation to deal with the same are not pointed out anywhere.
- **Social media in China continues to speed up Zhengzhou flood rescue efforts:** Weibo is leading the charge here. Focus is being brought to rural areas like Weihui where the situation is dire.
- **Weibo discusses Taiwan at Olympics:** Tencent video reportedly censored introduction of Taiwan's team at the opening ceremony of Olympics 2020. Importantly, Japan's NHK world announced the entry of the team as 'Taiwan' and not 'Chinese Taipei'. Moreover, Olympic broadcasters also did not include Taiwan in the map of China. These events have been called out by Weibo netizens.
- **Military observer accounts continue focus along India-China border:** Satellite maps of Black Top on the South Bank of Pangong Lake in July this year have been shared with the observer specifically noting Black Top border defense highway on the north side of Black Top in which all terrain vehicles and electric trailers can move. (see image 1, 2 and 3). Latest satellite map of China's Galwan support base has also been shared with the deduction that it was once a major battlefield in the Sino Indian War of 1962 and can support Galwan to the West and hot springs to the south. (see image 4)

## II. News in China

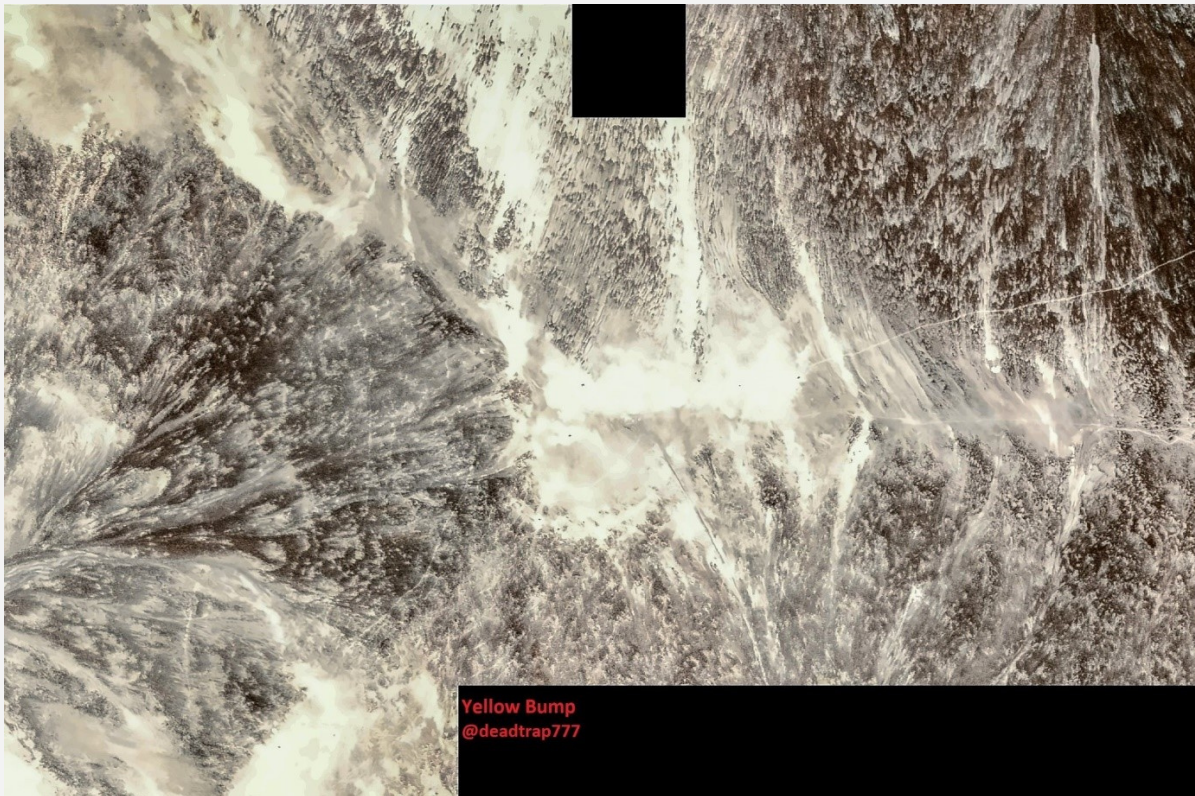
- ·Renowned Professor Ching Kwan Lee of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology has resigned post being accused of participating in Hong Kong protests. Associate Prof Ming Sing has also resigned. The university has stated that employees must strictly abide by Hong Kong Law (HSL). This shows the tightening security via the HSL on universities and broader freedom of expression in Hong Kong.

- Xi's Tibet visit is beginning to receive much focus within China; [CCTV Video](#) news agency conducted a 30 min bulletin on the same. Key excerpts were centered around Xi marking of the 70th anniversary of Tibet's 'peaceful liberation', enunciating the importance of Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to the country and Tibet, stressing on improving infrastructural connectivity in Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) especially along the border, speaking of plans for environmental protection of the region, reviewing the Sichuan-Tibet rail network, [meeting](#) with PLA officers stationed in TAR and speaking of implementation of social policies to make livelihood and lives of people in the region better.

### III. India Watch

- Xi's Tibet visit and focus on the border region marks the tightening focus by the CCP on TAR, especially as the Dalai Lama's succession debate draws closer.
- Xi's visit was not covered by the media until Friday morning and have gained traction over the past two days. Videos available have also been of Xi in Lhasa, not Nyingchi. This could be because of security concerns. India must view this security concern as a potential insight into how the region is vulnerable in terms of the control CCP has over it despite the confidence that the government shows.
- Bangladesh has stated that India can join the China-led South Asian initiative for COVID-19 vaccines and poverty alleviation. This comes amidst India's exclusion from the same when it was launched at the start of the month; Bhutan and Maldives were also notably excluded from the same.

**Images 1-3: Satellite maps of Black Top on the South Bank of Pangong Lake; specifically note Black Top border defense highway on the north side**



**Image 1**



**Image 2**



**Image 3**



**Image 4: Latest satellite map of China's Galwan support base**