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CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- Online event organized by the Chinese Consulate in Mumbai (India): The Chinese Consulate in Mumbai organized an online symposium titled "Towards better China-India understanding A study of CPC Resolution on History" which was attended by students, Chinese teaching institutes, and other experts of India.
- **Upcoming airbase at Duoma/Domar in Nagqu Prefecture's:** A Weibo military observer account has posted a satellite image of an airbase coming up in Duoma/Domar in Nagqu Prefecture. The post says that the images are from November end. (See Image 1)
- **Picture of PLA's tank:** Another Weibo military observer account has posted an image of Shiquanhe in Ngari Prefecture where PLA's tanks are parked which can give an estimate of their deployment in that area. (Image 2)

II. News in China

- Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno has announced that the country would <u>not be sending a delegation</u> of government officials to the Winter Olympics in Beijing. Even as Matsuno stated that the use of a specific term should be avoided, he said that "it is important that the universal values of freedom, respect for fundamental human rights and the rule of law be guaranteed in China". Japan will however send Olympic officials with direct ties to the Games, including the Tokyo Games president Seiko Hashimoto, as well as the heads of the domestic Olympic and Paralympic committees.
- China has <u>conducted a nuclear fusion experiment</u> for advancing its artificial sun project; it has fired it up 7 times warmer than the real sun to make unlimited energy.
- According to CCDI official Website, on December 23, Jia Leng, former Director of the Inspection Office of the Agricultural Development Bank of China, was investigated on suspicion of "serious violation of discipline and law". In June 2016, he was transferred to the director of the Agricultural Development Bank's inspection work office. He resigned in March 2017 at the age of 53. Nonmainstream HK media has reported that during Jia Leng's tenure at the Inner Mongolia Branch of the Agricultural Development Bank, Song Liang was the director of the Inner Mongolia Finance Office and both of them had connections with each other. Song Liang was dismissed on February 1, 2021, because of his ties with Tomorrow Group which was founded by Xiao Jianhua, a bagman of the Jiang and Zeng Faction. This inspection seems to be a part of the CPC's 8th round of inspections that specifically focuses on 25 financial institutions.

• Peng Bo, former deputy director of the Office of the Leading Group for Prevention and Handling of Cult Issues of the Central Committee also known as the '610 Office'(established by Jiang Zemin), was tried in Wuxi City Intermediate People's Court of Jiangsu Province and he pleaded guilty. He was charged with accepting bribes and property worth 54.64 million yuan.

III. India Watch

- In light of the 6th Plenum and the History Resolution, people from different Chinese organizations have been involved in propaganda work and have been reaching out to Indian students to write positively on the history resolution. A growing number of events by CHinese consulates, instututes and embassies in India --as well as across the world --highlights potential attempts at swaying young talent and must be watched carefully.
- Xi Jinping's crackdown on the Jiang faction continues and has seen a crossover with the financial institution inspections. As Xi attempts to further consolidate his power, it becomes important to follow developments in suspension, arrest and removal of former and present officials.

Image 1 : Upcoming airbase at Duoma/Domar in Nagqu Prefecture



Image 2: PLA's parked tanks

