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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Meng Wanzhou return celebrated:** Huawei CFO Meng's return (see our report from 24.9.21) has been celebrated with much pomp in China and on Weibo.
- **Popular Japanese drama removed from Chinese websites:** The classic Japanese special drama "Dijah Altman", which is very popular in China, "disappeared" on major video websites, suspected of being removed from the whole network. This marks continued tension in China-Japan public perception and ties.
- **Homicide video circulated:** A video of an unidentified female body found in a billboard in Taizhou Fortune Plaza was circulated on the Internet. A reporter learned from the police that the video is true and is currently initially ruled as homicide.
- **WeChat builds new payment methods:** In a continued push to go financially digital in China, WeChat app has launched a grayscale test that supports cloud flash payments. The first batch of small programs on the line include WeChat Reading and Tencent Video. That is, when users recharge through the applet, they can choose WeChat payment or cloud flash payment as the payment method.

II. News in China

- In what was long termed a case of 'hostage diplomacy', China has also returned Canadian national Michael Kovrig (known as Kang Mingkai (康明凯) in Chinese) and Canadian Michael Spavor (迈克尔·斯帕弗) amidst Meng's return. Meanwhile Beijing has reiterated that China's position on the Meng Wanzhou incident is consistent and clear: facts have long fully proved that this is an incident of political persecution against Chinese citizens, with the aim of restraining China's high-tech enterprises.
- Updates on the Party Chairman of Chinese Kuomintang (Nationalist Party), Taiwan show that in six years, the party chairman was changed four times, and the Chinese Kuomintang was once again at the helm of the "political actuary" Zhu Lilun. According to previous polls, Zhang Yatong and Zhu Lilun's support rate was almost equal, even surpassing Zhu Lilun at one time, and was called "black horse in the polls" by the media ".
- The Wuzhen Summit of the World Internet Conference in 2021 will open on September 26. The theme of this conference is "Towards a new era of digital civilization-join hands to build a community with a shared future in cyberspace".
- The J-20 flew over the Zhuhai Air Show for training.

- The "Stake Association", an anti-China and Hong Kong organization, is officially disbanded.
- Pakistan Border Corps raided a terrorist hiding point in Kalan, Balochistan province, and a total of six terrorists were killed in the crossfire. In addition, Pakistan's anti-terrorism department also arrested three terrorists in the province's Turkbati on the same day. Some of them participated in the terrorist attack on Chinese and other foreign investors at the Pearl Intercontinental Hotel in Gwadar Port in 2019.
- The second China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo opened in Changsha, Hunan. The exposition with "new start, new opportunities, new action" as the theme, invited Algeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa and Senegal 6 African countries as the guest of honor, Zhejiang and Jiangxi provinces are invited to serve as theme provinces
- India and Pakistan quarrel fiercely in the UN General Assembly. Quarrel included topics such as Abrogation of Article 370, terror financing, terrorism, USA withdrawal from Afghanistan, Human Rights Violation and Islamophobia.

III. India Watch

- Bloomberg analyzed that as India moves closer to the United States and its allies, India will launch a long-delayed military campaign to improve its defense capabilities and collectively confront China. At present, Prime Minister Modi will launch the largest three-armed reorganization plan since India's independence in 1947 to strengthen the comprehensive combat capability of sea, land and air.
- Harsh Vardhan Shringla, first deputy foreign minister of India's foreign ministry said at the press conference: Biden spoke highly of India's presidency of the UN Security Council, especially on the Afghanistan issue. President Biden made it very clear that he believes that India should have a fixed seat on the UN Security Council.