DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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I. Social Media Chatter in China

• **Chengdu rail hits man:** The official Weibo of the Suining Depot of the Chengdu Railway Bureau announced that on the afternoon of the 27th, the D763 train ran between Pengxi Station and Suining Station of the Dazhou Railway, it hit a man who hacked into the railway line and made an emergency stop.

II. News in China

- Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying has emphasized that Canadians Kang Mingkai and Michael wrote confession and repentance materials and were released on bail pending trial. He has stated their release is <u>not</u> <u>connected</u> to Meng Wanzhou's return.
- There are reports of risk of <u>total collapse of the power grid</u> in northeast region, dominated by plain terrain. Some power plants are even losing money to generate electricity, most likely risk of a grid collapse.
- Along the <u>Guangdong-Macao border</u>, armed police officers and soldiers stick to the battle position to ensure the safety and peace of the people. Eleventh Golden Week is approaching, and transportation hubs such as the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Highway Port continue to usher in the peak of inbound and outbound passenger flow.
- In a <u>party building review</u>, it has been highlighted that there is zero tolerance for party members and cadres and public officials to drink and drive. If they are found together and investigated together, it will lead to strict punishment.
- In a bid to <u>stregnthen faith in the 'One Country, Two Systems' policy,</u> Spokesperson of the Hong Kong Liaison Office has issued a statement in which the spokesman stressed that the global economy under the influence of the epidemic is generally in the doldrums, and China has become the only major economy in the world to achieve positive economic growth in 2020 by virtue of its unite institutional advantages and ultra-large-scale market advantages. The strong backing of the motherland is the greatest strength of Hong Kong's economic development.
- Wang Chen, member of the Politburo of the CPC Central Committee and vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, attended a seminar between the National People's Congress of China and the five Central Asian countries.
- Although it shows attitude of direct intervention in excessive price cuts, adjustment of Chinese real estate market may become the cause of China's economic downturn via increase in non-performing debts of financial institutions.

III. India Watch

- China's "well-off plan" aimed at promoting poverty alleviation and rural revitalization has aroused a security concern in India. Border villages of Moto, Gamba, Yadong and other places in Tibet are at forefront for this policy. A Tibetan compatriot who did not want to be named told the Global Times reporter that it is an objective fact that the Chinese people in the border areas are better off than the Indian people. As per the compatriot, India's border areas are basically one of the poorest areas in India, and the reason why the rural areas in China's border areas have better living "poverty alleviation conditions with comprehensive well-off are modernization".
- Indian Ambassador to China Vikram Misri said at the China-India High-Level second-track "dialogue" virtual meeting held last week that bilateral day-to-day affairs along the disputed border should be resolved through existing established agreements and protocols, which should not be confused with the long-standing mechanism established for a final settlement.