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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Shenzhen rushes to contain the rumours surrounding Covid-19:** Rising COVID-19 cases have residents of [China's technology powerhouse](#) of Shenzhen fearing a city-wide lockdown for the second time this year, even as officials try to dispel such fears prompted by the closure of another megalopolis to the west. Videos on Chinese social media depicted scenes of panic buying, with at least seven of Shenzhen's ten districts imposing restrictions, including the shutdown of amusement facilities and restaurants. Residents in the Futian and Luohu areas, where Covid cases have been discovered, have been ordered to stay at home. Other areas have been urged to avoid gatherings and keep as close to home as possible. Shenzhen officials have requested citizens to exercise calm and continue with their daily lives. They further stated that some of the Covid-19 guidelines were being misconstrued. According to an official notice from the city administration, citizens must continue to monitor official statements on the current Covid rules. Shenzhen currently houses more than 18 million people and is dubbed as the technology powerhouse of China. It hosts several technology giants such as Tencent Holdings Co. and Huawei Technologies Co.

## NEWS IN CHINA

- The [public security authority](#) in North China's Hebei Province announced on Thursday that approximately 27,600 criminal suspects had been arrested during the 100-day campaign to crack down on illegal behaviors that threatened social

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security, adding that public security organs across the province had solved 27,000 cases. Following a savage assault at a restaurant in Tangshan, Hebei, on June 10, the Chinese Ministry of Public Security initiated the 100-day campaign on June 25. The public security authorities in Hebei Province placed a high value on the campaign, safeguarding people's sense of happiness and security through strong practical efforts, according to a WeChat announcement on Thursday. In addition to the 27,600 criminal suspects, Hebei public security authorities reported that 838 criminal gangs were busted, 297 drug-related offenses were cracked, with 3.67 kg of drugs confiscated, and more than 876 million yuan (\$127 million) in funds involved being frozen. The provincial criminal investigative agencies busted 41 gang-related criminal organizations, solved 1,510 telecom and internet fraud cases, solved 22 cases of abducting and trafficking women and children, and saved 17 women and children who were missing or abducted.

- Chinese [President Xi Jinping](#) congratulated Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II on his reappointment as Head of State of the Independent State of Samoa on Tuesday. In his message, Xi stated that China and Samoa are comprehensive strategic partners with mutual respect and joint development and that bilateral relations have made significant progress since the establishment of diplomatic ties, promoting the mutual interests of both parties. Noting that he places a high value on the development of China-Samoa relations, Xi stated that he is eager to

collaborate with Tuimalealiifano to strengthen political mutual trust between the two countries, expand friendly exchanges and cooperation in various fields, and enrich bilateral relations in order to benefit the two countries and their people.

- According to a press briefing on Wednesday, [South China's Guangdong](#) Province has boldly pushed forward reform and opening-up over the last decade and has worked to lead other regions on the road toward establishing a modern socialist country in all aspects. Guangdong has maintained steady economic growth and achieved significant achievements in high-quality development over the last decade, according to Wang Weizhong, governor of Guangdong. Wang predicted that the province's GDP would more than double to 12.4 trillion yuan (approximately 1.8 trillion US dollars) in 2021, up from 5.7 trillion yuan in 2012. Its foreign trade will exceed 8 trillion yuan in 2021, with 1.3 trillion yuan in actual utilization of foreign investment during the next ten years. The province has spent 750 billion yuan in the last five years on environmental protection infrastructure and pollution control. In 2021, the average PM2.5 concentration in Guangdong fell to 22 micrograms per cubic meter.
  - [According to Liu Yuyin](#), spokesman for the Chinese Mission to the UN in Geneva, the so-called "assessment" on Xinjiang produced by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) "smears and slanders China and interferes in China's internal affairs." He went on to say that the so-
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called "assessment" is based on an assumption of guilt and is primarily based on disinformation and lies spread by anti-China organizations. Liu added, "it deliberately ignores authoritative information and objective materials provided by the Chinese government, maliciously distorts China's laws and policies, denigrates the fight against terrorism and extremism in Xinjiang, and turns a blind eye to the tremendous human rights achievements jointly made by people of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang." He stated that the "content is completely contradictory to the High Commissioner's mission statement issued after her visit to China." He added, "social stability, economic development, cultural prosperity, and religious harmony," and that "people of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang are living a fulfilling life in peace. It is the best human rights practice and the greatest human rights achievement."

cannot currently take an official stand as it does not dominate economically or politically in any international forum the way China or USA does.

## INDIA WATCH

- So far, India has been silent on the Uyghur issue and has not taken an official stand in any international forum. One of the senior Uyghur leaders has stated that he expects India to intervene in the matter and prevent a "genocide." India's neutrality on the issue is perhaps the correct stance, as issuing a statement for either side would hurt India in the shorter and longer run. If India sides with Uyghurs, China could make its exports expensive for the country or could use it as an excuse to initiate border incursions. However, if India takes China's side, its Western allies could potentially sanction India and strain India's relations with the Western world. India
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