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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **New bunkers near India-China boundary:** A military observer twitter account has posted satellite images of a new set of tunnels/bunkers being built next to the Qamdo Bamda Airport, around 200 km from the India boundary of Arunachal Pradesh. (See images 1,2 and 3)
- **PLA soldiers vow with blood signed notes to defence China:** Weibo military observer account has posted images in which the PLA soldiers have signed with their blood on a note vowing to defend their country. The post says around 30,000 soldiers did that during the Sino-India confrontation last year. (see images 4,5 and 6)

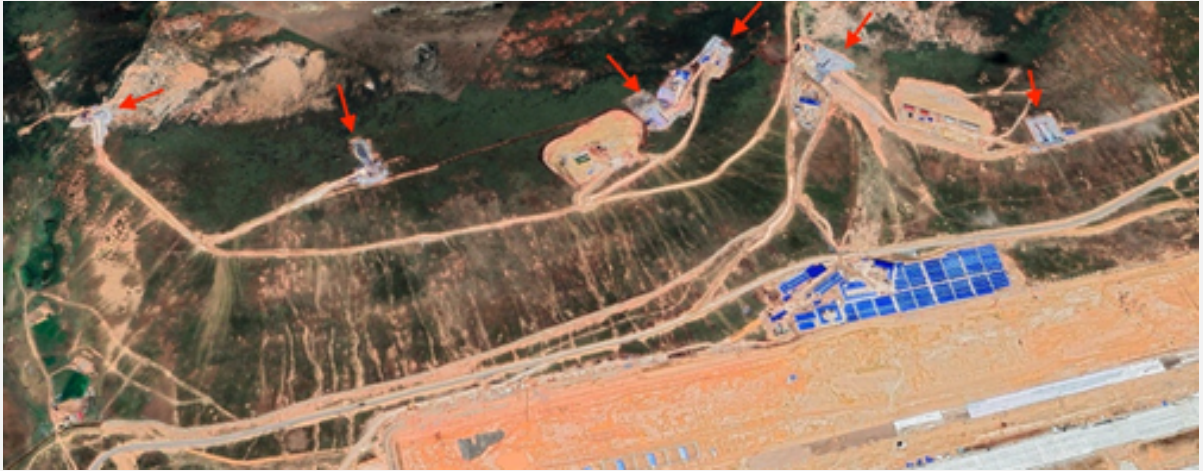
II. News in China

- Amid the ongoing electricity shortage in China, China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (CBIRC) has asked relevant institutions, esp. state-owned developmental & policy banks, to provide quick response & green channels to safeguard the "reasonable financing needs" of industries such as coal mining & power and iron & steel. The new notice, issued during the national holiday, requires banking & insurance institutions to "do everything possible" to increase support for securing supply, stabilising commodity prices, safeguarding people's basic livelihood & a "smooth operation of the economy."
- Shenzhen law enforcement authorities recently inspected more than 5,000 off-campus teaching and training institutions in the city and ordered 919 of them to shut down completely. They carried out raids on China's national day.
- In continuation to our previous report, non-mainstream HK media believes that by the wordings of CCDI report of Sun Lijun, he is most likely to get a Death sentence with reprieve.
- Weibo seems to indicate that a military aircraft accident occurred in some air force unit, and a mourning couplet was hung up at an air force base; but there is no official news about it. A weibo user uploaded an image of an elegiac couplet hanging outside an air force base with white wreaths in front of it.
- Liu Zongyi, Secretary General and Senior Fellow, South Asia and China Centre, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies published an article on 5.10.21 titled "Why is it essential for China, Pakistan to enhance coordination." He wrote that many scholars and media in India and the West believe that the successful seizure of power by the Afghan Taliban is a success of China and Pakistan, but a strategic failure of the US, the West and India. The reason why they have this faulty interpretation is mainly due to their geopolitical-competition thinking and zero-sum game thinking.

III. India Watch

- As per our resources, private tutors under the guise of providing housekeeping services, door-to-door repair of electrical appliances and other such guises continue secretly give students private classes. In Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Shanghai and other places, one-on-one tuition fees have recently soared to 3,000 yuan per hour, or even higher. The increase in last two months has multiplied 10 times.
- Liu's piece highlights how Chinese academic community views India. He wrote that in U.S. bid to contain China, India is an important pillar of the Indo-Pacific strategy. India also has the ambition to achieve its goal of becoming a global power through the Indo-Pacific strategy of the US and attempts to use the US' dependence on it to implement Hindu nationalist policies at home and in the region. To achieve its geo-strategic objectives, the US encourages India to play a greater role on the Afghan issue. The US attempts to sacrifice Pakistan's interests in exchange for India's strategic cooperation and make India its agent in the region. He further wrote that India has long been marginalized on the Afghan issue. If India is to play a role in Afghanistan, it is unlikely to play a positive one. India is likely to use its intelligence agencies and some forces cultivated in Afghanistan and its surrounding areas in the past more than 20 years to undermine and disrupt the stability of Afghanistan. This is unfavourable to Afghanistan and its close neighbours, including China and Pakistan.

Images 1-3: New bunkers near India-China boundary



Images 4-6: PLA soldiers vow patriotism in blood

