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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **After hearing that Shinzo Abe had been shot in Nara, there were anti-Japanese sentiments on Weibo:** Shinzo Abe was shot twice on Friday morning while giving a campaign speech in the city of Nara, and the shocking news is now top trending on Weibo, where many netizens have little sympathy for the former prime minister of Japan.
- **Close encounters between Chinese and foreign military aircraft are the new normal after expansion of the PLA's activities:** Chinese fighter jets have recently encountered military aircraft from Western countries such as Canada and Australia at close range, triggering a war of words between Beijing and Ottawa and Canberra. The interviewed scholars pointed out that the frequent close encounters between Chinese fighter jets and foreign military aircraft are the result of the wider scope of the PLA's activities, and it is also a reflection of Beijing's increasingly tough foreign policy after the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

II. News in China

- A week before the 2022 Summer Games will begin, many locations will welcome tourists, family members, and students. Railways and other departments have reinforced travel services and safety assurances and worked to enhance the travelling experience of passengers to guarantee the safe and orderly passage of passengers. According to the most recent data from China National Railway Group Co., Ltd., the national railways transported an average of 7.25 million passengers per day during the first week of the Summer Games (1–7), sending a total of 50.76 million passengers since the Summer Games' start on July 1. The national railroad is anticipating 7.8 million passengers on the 8th.
- This Monday, several police officials forcibly removed Chen Ziliang from Jinyun, where he was born and raised in Zhejiang. A friend of Chen Ziliang reported that Chen Ziliang was recovering in his hometown. He was allegedly accused of initiating fights and starting problems on the sixth when several national security guards forcibly dragged him into a police car. This arrest might have anything to do with Xu Guang, a different Democrat. Additionally, Democratic Party member Zou Wei was detained by State Security for six hours after speaking with international media regarding Xu Guang's arrest.
- The attention General Secretary Xi Jinping pays to using history, particularly the struggle history and great accomplishments of the party, to inspire the fighting spirit of the entire party and clarify the direction of forging ahead, use the party's illustrious tradition and a fine style of work to strengthen faith and gather strength, and use the party's practical creation and historical experience to inspire wisdom and sharpen character The party's history is the most compelling textbook, he

insisted time and time again.

- The case of Sun Lijun, a former member of the Party Committee and deputy minister of the ministry of public security, was heard in public on July 8, 2022, by the First Instance of the Intermediate People's Court of Changchun City, Jilin Province. Sun Lijun was accused of accepting bribes, manipulating the securities market, and illegally possessing firearms.
- At a news conference on Wednesday, Li Ang, the deputy director of the Beijing Municipal Health Commission, stated that once a hidden source of infection enters, there is a high danger of virus transmission in public locations, particularly closed spaces where people congregate. The city intends to put in place some epidemic prevention measures starting next week to play the role of new crown vaccination in epidemic prevention and management. Aside from individuals who are ineligible for vaccination, he declared that starting on Monday, everyone who enters crowd-gathering areas including theatres, museums, fitness centres, shows, and entertainment venues must be immunized.
- When Boris Johnson, the British Prime Minister, announced his resignation as the head of the Conservative Party, a piece of news that had been buried in the political news of Britain caught the attention of people all over the world. On Wednesday, June 6, the heads of the British and American intelligence services jointly warned the academic and corporate communities that China was the "greatest long-term threat" to the Western world. China responded to the action by strongly criticizing it.

III. India Watch

- The 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover to China is being commemorated, and a flurry of financial agreements has been introduced or publicized. There should be no question about Beijing's dedication to upholding and enhancing the city's status as a major financial centre. Despite the persistent doubters and doomsayers, Hong Kong will continue to be an important starting point for Chinese investors and enterprises seeking to access foreign capital as well as the main entry point for capital from across the world into the Chinese mainland for a very long time. The national government will guarantee it. The Hong Kong agreement marks the first time the People's Bank of China has made a bilateral yuan swap permanent, even though China has had hundreds of similar exchanges with different central banks throughout the globe. It will strengthen Hong Kong's position as the nation's leader in the drive to internationalize the yuan. Interest rate swaps, a type of derivative that will be available in a few months, allow investors to switch from one stream of future interest payments from one bond instrument to another. The swap connect for international investors aims to increase the volume and liquidity of offshore trades while hedging the risks associated with the 3.7 trillion yuan in offshore bonds that they own.