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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **President Xi Jinping gave condolences to Shinzo Abe's passing:** During the speech for parliamentary elections, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was shot in the western city of Nara. On this President Xi Jinping gave condolences and extended it to his family as well. He also added that Abe has worked hard to improve the relations between the two nations. Also, Japan's PM visited China in 2018, while President Xi Jinping was supposed to visit Japan in 2020 but the visit was postponed due to Covid-19.
- **Australia-China, G20 Summit:** At the G20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia, Australian Foreign Minister, Penny Wong met with Chinese Foreign Minister, Wang Yi and both of them deliberated on building good relations with each other while concerning over bilateral, regional, trade and consular issues which were not so well to do in the initial period.

## II. News in China

- On Sunday, Antony Blinken, the US Secretary of State said that President Joe Biden and Xi Jinping may meet each other face to face for the first time in the coming weeks of the G20 Summit. Before this, they met at a virtual summit in Beijing. Meanwhile, China is the main rival for the USA, which ensures that the USA should stabilize and prevent its relations with China through this meeting.
- After the political and economic failure in Sri Lanka, thousands of people engaged in protests outside the President's place and burnt the Prime Minister's place. China has already invested billions in Sri Lanka by introducing various projects and proposing loans to the Sri Lankan government. Due to the mass protest, the Chinese Embassy has issued a notice for Chinese nationals to stay away from protests and Sri Lankan masses. Meanwhile, the embassy has directed the Chinese nationals to abide themselves by local laws and regulations, by avoiding and moving out and keeping regular communication with the embassy, as a large number of people are working there on Chinese projects like Hambantota Port, which China has acquired on lease for 99 years.
- China watches Zimbabwe as a key location to spread its influence in Southern Africa. Recently, Chinese diplomat Yang Jiechi visited Harare and met President Emmerson Mnangagwa to insure Zimbabwe as China's economic and diplomatic ally in Africa. (Image 1) Meanwhile, China strongly supported removing the sanctions from Zimbabwe, which were imposed by the US and western nations over violation of human rights, resulting in the complete cutoff of Zimbabwe from the global capital market.
- The nations like the USA, China and Russia are developing highly dangerous weapons, over this, scientists have already warned about the danger of

miscalculation and retaliatory strikes as these weapons are greater in range and speed, which makes them difficult to locate on the radar. Recently China deployed the DF-17 hypersonic glide vehicle, Bomber launched an Anti-Ship missile (CH-AS-X-13) and tested orbital hypersonic glide vehicle. The main reason behind building these weapons is to counter countries like China and Russia.

- China has been accused of committing rights abuses such as the Forced Labour Act against Uygur Muslims and other minorities, which resulted in a ban on all products sourced from Xinjiang by Washington's Uygur forced labour act. The ban for 8 years will affect the global supply chain as Xinjiang produces around half of the world's polysilicon, and stands fourth and fifth for tomato and cotton production respectively.
- Several protesters in Zhengzhou, China, who were opposed to some rural banks freezing their customers' savings, said that they were hurt on Sunday when the mob was violently removed by security forces. (Image 2) In April, the banks froze deposits totalling millions of dollars while informing their clients that they were modernising their internal systems. Depositors claim that since then, the banks have not released any communications on the subject.
- The coalition administration, according to China's Foreign Minister, was the "root cause" of Australia's animosity. As per the summary released late on Saturday by China's foreign ministry, Wang expressed hope that Australia could "seize the opportunity, take concrete actions and come to a correct understanding of China and accumulate positive energy towards it in the G20 foreign ministers meeting in Bali on Friday.

### **III. India Watch**

- On Sunday, China and Pakistan announced their second edition of the sea guardian tactical drill. The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) and Pakistan Navy will be participating to hold this joint naval exercise in the Arabian Sea and the aerial space of Shanghai. The military experts of both nations mentioned that China and Pakistan face non-traditional security threats and the maritime terrorists in the Indian Ocean. This operation will help both countries improve their all-weather strategic partnership. Meanwhile, we're seeing that China has already stepped into the Indian Ocean after building a military base in Djibouti in Africa, acquired Gwadar Port and Hambantota Port of Sri Lanka for 99 years. This constant threat to India through China became more serious due to this tactical training between China and Pakistan, as it provides entry to India's major seaports like Mumbai, Kochi, New Mangalore, Okha and Mormugao in the Arabian Sea.

Image 1



Politburo member Yang Jiechi meets Zimbabwean President

Source: Xinhua

Image 2



Source: AP via Yang