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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Focus on 'rice culture' prevention in Chinese entertainment industry starts:** The rice culture industry --which focuses on fandoms related to Japan and South Korea --has seen crackdown by Chinese authorities (see [our earlier reports](#)). Actions to rectify the chaos in the rice circle have been launched in various places. Recently, the Heilongjiang Provincial Government announced that the Cyberspace Administration of China will remediate the chaos in the rice circle around ten key links, including the cancellation of the star artist list and standardizing fund-raising behaviors.

II. News in China

- [New guidelines were issued](#) by China Office and State Affairs that aims at deepening reforms for China's ecological compensation mechanism. The document calls for implementation of rights and responsibilities related to ecological protection. Additionally, there was a need to "accelerate green and low-carbon development and promote economic and social development."
- Guidelines also [highlight two goals](#); one for the year 2025 and the other for 2035. By 2025, the ecological compensation mechanism will be aligned with economic and social development while providing fiscal support for the system. The compensation mechanism will be market orientated and have participation from the entire society. By 2035, the mechanism will evolve to meet the needs of an ecological civilization.
- The Communist Party of China [could pass a resolution in its 20th congress meeting](#) next year that would bolster Xi's push for third term in power.
- Kindergartens across China are facing a [shortage of babies to enrol](#) into their schools due to declining birthrates.
- Baoneng Investment Group Co. Ltd is in [a massive debt crisis](#), facing a debt of close to 200 billion yuan with employees demanding for unpaid and company overdue on payments.
- [New data on energy vehicle](#) production and sales in China have been released, hitting 309,000 and 321,000 units respectively in August. Sales and production of electric vehicles reached 265,000 and 252,000 units respectively.
- China supports [peaceful reconstruction and economic development](#) of Afghanistan, as per Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Zhao Lijian.
- The former deputy director of Environmental Resources Protection Working Committee, Zheng Yajun, was [prosecuted on accusations of bribery](#). The announcement came from the Supreme Procurator's website after Zheng

was investigated for more than six months.

- Xi Jinping sent his condolences to the President of Portugal de Sousa after the death of former President Sampaio.
- China Mobile was asked to divest its shares in a Canadian subsidiary by the Canadian government on grounds of national security. This would force the company to leave the market and the company has moved to the federal court to revoke the order.

III. India Watch

- India has invested 1.5 million USD into early warning aircrafts. An early warning aircraft is an airborne radar system that is designed to detect other vehicles and missiles in the region. Six early warning aircraft will be based on a modified Airbus A321/A319 provided by Air India. Identifying a gap in the Indian air force capabilities, India could boost its defence industry while bolstering its air capabilities by building its own early warning systems. However, India still has to catch up to military and technological capabilities of China. Focus must be on improving technological warfare capabilities and not just arsenal increment.