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DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Are they vampires?:** A woman named Zhang, from Guangzhou in southern China, is being sued by her birth parents for 500,000 yuan (\$72,000). Her birth parents had abandoned their daughter when she was two years old and reappeared after discovering she has money and demanded that she buy her younger brother an apartment. When she refused, they took her to court, claiming that she must financially support them, and the court agreed with them. Outrage spread throughout China because Zhang declined to abide by their demands. Online users engaged in 316,000 interactions and 6,619 comments on the post, most of which were harsh criticisms of Zhang's birth parents' actions. One commented saying, "Are they vampires? The father sucked up the blood of his sister, and now he and his wife want to drain the blood from their daughter."

NEWS IN CHINA

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has urged all nations to take critical steps to combat the pandemic. China has served as one of the leaders in putting [WHO guidelines for COVID-19](#) into practice. Infection and death rates in China continue to be among the lowest in the world thanks to the country's dynamic zero-COVID policy. Zhuang Shilihe, a medical expert located in Guangzhou, stated that just because the pandemic is over does not imply the virus would permanently vanish. Since the very beginning, only China has adhered to the COVID-19 recommendations of the WHO. According to analysts, China's dynamic zero pandemic strategy is the most appropriate for its current circumstances and populace. China has the highest proportion of persons who have had a coronavirus vaccination worldwide, and its immunisation rates



are among the quickest in the world. The WHO has included three COVID-19 vaccines that were created in China on its list of emergency uses. The use of China's vaccines has been authorised in more than 100 nations and areas.

- Premier Li Keqiang made the remarks during the opening ceremony of Beijing's mass entrepreneurship and innovation week. Li emphasised the need for ongoing initiatives to support widespread innovation and entrepreneurship. Every year, new market organisations and startups create the majority of the 13 million new urban jobs. New business models, emerging industries, and innovative corporate structures are contributing more and more to China's overall economic growth. He continued by saying that China's tax rebates, tax cuts, and fee reductions this year were clearly more than those of 2020.
 - According to Huang Runqiu, China's Minister of Ecology and Environment, the past ten years have seen amazing advances in ecology and the environment for the creation of a "beautiful China." Days with good air quality made up 87.5 percent of 2021, according to the minister, an increase of 6.3 percentage points from 2015. Huang continued, "China has also achieved landmarks in legislating or updating legislation on the conservation of water resources over the years." Over the last ten years, China has reduced the intensity of its carbon emissions by 34.4 percent. Its installed renewable energy capacity has increased by 210 percent in the last 10 years to reach 1 billion kilowatts. In addition to establishing regulatory bodies for water eco-protection in seven key river basins, the nation is mass-screening outfalls along the Yellow River.
 - The Shanghai Cooperation Organization's growth demonstrates how well-liked its tenets and ideas are. In 2001, there were six original members of the organisation; today there are eight, plus four observer states and six dialogue partners. Ten or so nations have shown a desire to join the organisation or improve their standing there. According to SCO Secretary-General Zhang Ming, the group has developed several security agreements to fight terrorism, separatism, and extremism. Cooperation among member states has grown from security to encompass renewable energy, the digital economy, and the reduction of poverty.
 - More young overseas students now have the chance to experience China because of stronger cooperation between China and the other SCO countries.
 - As a result of their involvement in the sale of weapons to Taiwan, Raytheon and Boeing's CEOs are now subject to sanctions by China. According to a representative for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, the United State arms sales have significantly damaged China-U.S. ties as well as the peace and stability on the other side of the Taiwan Strait. The Taiwan Policy Act of 2022 was vehemently opposed by China when it was approved by the Senate on Wednesday.
 - Friday marked the beginning of the China-ASEAN Expo and CABIS in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, south China. The exhibition is a yearly occasion to promote commerce and interactions between China and ASEAN nations. The use of nuclear energy for good, architecture, and children's welfare are among the subjects covered. This year's online expo is anticipated to draw more than 2,000 businesses.
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INDIA WATCH

- In the wake of border clashes between the two countries in 2020, this is the first time that world leaders Xi Jinping and PM Modi have spoken face to face. Since then, there have been numerous rounds of high-level negotiations, and just a few days ago, Beijing and New Delhi finished disengaging at a crucial location in Ladakh. The 22nd annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization(SCO) held on Friday, discussed the regional security situation as well as ways to improve trade and connectivity.
 - India's regional policy has benefited greatly from its membership in the SCO. Indian policy has a regional focus and is rooted in the area and the SCO provides India with the chance to launch multilateral and regional counterterrorism activities as well as deal with the illegal drug trade, which is currently being used by its neighbours to do social harm and target India's youth. Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the "unprecedented" energy and food situation caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and the Ukraine conflict in his speech. The SCO might also serve as a venue for New Delhi to advocate for more regional and transregional connectivity, which could lead Pakistan to change its stance on tying together Central Asia and South Asia. While China leveraged the India-Pakistan rivalry to further its geopolitical interests. Additionally, it made use of the highly publicised Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to increase its commercial presence in Central Asia, which is strategically situated at the intersection of Asia and Europe. In terms of China-Uzbekistan ties and the growth of the SCO, President Xi's state visit to Uzbekistan and participation in the SCO Samarkand Summit are historic events marking a win-win situation.
 - The Chinese President and the Indian Prime Minister spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin about the violence in Ukraine. Further, Narendra Modi urged Putin to put an end to it quickly, declaring that "today's era is not of war". After Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke during an expanded session of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit in Uzbekistan, Xi Jinping said that China will support India for the presidency of the organisation next year.
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