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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Public Concerns in Tibet:** Leadership Message Board of People's Daily Online uncovered the chat of Secretary Wang Junzheng, Newly Appointed Secretary of the Party Committee of Tibet Autonomous Region, and received more than 200 messages. Netizens from Tibet provided advice and suggestions for the development and stability of Tibet. Most messages received are broadly around concerns of unemployment, medical security, urban construction, rural revitalization, tourism development, cadres and employees, and increasing infrastructure construction.
- **Requests to restore the former residence of Chen Duxiu:** Leadership Message Board of People's Daily Online was used by netizens for their calls to renovate the residence of Chen Duxiu (a Chinese revolutionary socialist, educator, philosopher, author and co-founder the Chinese Communist Party with Li Dazhao in 1921).
- **New Images of Galwan clashes released:** Pakistan Strategic Forum (PSF) an Islamabad-based defense-related think tank released a few more images of Galwan Clashes through their official Twitter account. These were re-shared across Chinese social media. (See Image 1-4)

II. News in China

- Meeting Xi Jinping via a video call, President Biden raised concerns about China's crackdown on Hong Kong, Muslims in Xinjiang, human rights, Taiwan. In response to Biden's concerns over Taiwan, Xi warned that interfering with China-Taiwan is playing with fire, and China is ready to take any measures required to reunite Taiwan with the mainland. The two leaders reached an agreement to ease visa restrictions on journalists that were imposed during Trump's tenure as president.
- Guanyu Zhou became the world's first Chinese Formula One driver, replacing Italian Antonio Giovinazzi at Alfa Romeo.
- Chinese authorities continue to crack down on Bitcoin and crypto mining. The National Development and Reform Commission called crypto mining "extremely harmful" in terms of carbon emissions. Due to the crackdown, the price of Bitcoin fell.
- Li Keqiang, Premier of the People's Republic of China, spoke with the Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen. Speaking about the Free Trade Agreement between the two countries, Li Keqiang spoke about the unique opportunity the agreement gave them in deepening cooperation in infrastructure, production capacity, the economy, and trade.

- After buying a missile defense system from Russia, India could seek to buy the Su-57 fighter jets, according to Dmitry Shugayev, Director of the Russian Federal Military-Technical Cooperation Agency. India was looking to buy the jets in 2012 but withdrew in 2018.
- After India's second aircraft carrier began its sea trials, India will look to construct a third carrier that will have both manned and unmanned fighters onboard. The unmanned drones will be used for both attack and surveillance, as per the Indian Ministry of Defence.
- Republican lawmaker John Cornyn, while speaking to the US Senate, stated that China is engaged in a "border war" with India after visiting India and Southeast Asia. As a part of the India Caucus Co-Chair, he got a "first-hand" experience at the challenges posed by China.
- After the 6th China-Africa People's Forum opened in Beijing, Xi Jinping sent a letter to the Forum, speaking on the need to work together in facing new opportunities, challenges and ensuring peace, development, equity, justice, democracy, and freedom.

III. India Watch

- As mentioned in the daily newsletter of ORCA dated 15.11.21, Russia continues to exercise its strategic and diplomatic autonomy. Comments made by Dmitry Shugayev prove that Russia will continue to maintain its relations with India despite tensions with the West and its alliance with China. Russia will not "fall into" the Chinese bloc and continue to exercise and assert its role as a global leader.

Images 1-4: PSF released images of Galwan clash through their official Twitter account



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4



