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DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **A video of Taiwanese Soldiers Staring At A Chinese Drone Goes Viral In China And Taiwan:** Video of two Taiwanese staring and throwing rocks at [Chinese drone](#) goes viral on Chinese platform Weibo. Taiwanese Media soon picked the video, and several Taiwanese social media users criticized and called it a "humiliation" for the island's armed forces. They further urged the defense ministry to increase its countermeasures against the Chinese drone. In a statement, the defense ministry stated that it would deploy anti-drone systems the following year and be placed on the smaller islands. Although China has not commented on it, millions of Chinese citizens have viewed it on social media and made fun of it.

NEWS IN CHINA

- Following the publication of "a letter to Taiwan compatriots," the Chinese embassy in Cambodia has received more than ten [requests for assistance](#) from Taiwanese citizens via telephone and email, the majority of whom are forced to engage in online gambling, telecommunications fraud, and face personal restrictions, or have even lost contact, the embassy revealed exclusively to the Global Times on Thursday. When the embassy receives information about Taiwanese citizens seeking assistance, it will immediately activate the rescue mechanism, instructing them, their family members or relevant personnel to report to Cambodian police as soon as possible and provide the embassy with valid information such as personal information and the location of the people concerned, according to the embassy in an email response to

the Global Times. According to the statement, the embassy will also actively communicate with local police departments to monitor the handling of relevant cases. "Taiwan compatriots are Chinese citizens, so if you have any difficulties, please contact the embassy," the Chinese embassy in Cambodia said in a statement issued Saturday night to Taiwan compatriots in trouble. Some were reportedly forced to participate in online gambling, telecommunications fraud, and other illegal activities and have been subjected to movement restrictions in Cambodia.

- The number of patent transfers and licenses in China has increased in the last year, according to Wednesday's top intellectual property (IP) regulator. The number of patent transfers and licenses nationwide reached 420,000 in 2021, a 15% increase yearly. At its monthly press conference, the National Intellectual Property Administration revealed that the growth rate in low-carbon industries such as green new energy is more than twice the national average. According to a spokesperson for the administration, the number of patent transfers and licenses in Chinese universities and research institutes reached 27,000, a 33.4 percent increase yearly, with 30 percent of the patents belonging to strategic emerging industries. According to Lei Chaozi, head of the Ministry of Education's science and technology department, the progress was attributed to efforts in talent cultivation. According to the official, over 100 Chinese universities have established IP undergraduate programs, with over 12,000 students. He also stated that university

patent transfer and licensing agreements have increased from 2,357 in 2012 to over 15,000 by 2021. The monetary value of patent commercialisation rose from 820 million yuan to 8.89 billion yuan (approximately 1.3 billion US dollars) during the period.

- China announced several economic policy measures on Wednesday to support the country's economy in the face of record heatwaves and drought, according to China Media Group (CMG), citing the latest remarks from a State Council meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang. According to the meeting, the country will support central power generation enterprises in issuing bonds worth 200 billion yuan (\$29 billion) and will provide 10 billion yuan in agricultural material subsidies. It also stated that China's central government would allocate an additional 10 billion yuan in reserve funds to support mid-season rice cultivation operations that the recent drought has severely impacted. Since July, several Chinese provinces, particularly those in the country's south, have experienced extremely high temperatures. On Wednesday, the National Energy Administration vowed to take additional steps to alleviate power supply shortages in Sichuan Province and Chongqing Municipality, as energy infrastructures in both regions were stressed by the extreme heat.
 - According to a report released on Tuesday, closer cooperation between China and Africa is boosting Africa's supply chains in the face of various headwinds. The China-Africa Business Council released a "Chinese Investment in Africa (2022): China-Africa
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Cooperation from a Supply Chain Perspective." It detailed China's role in African supply chains, Chinese enterprises' efforts in this area, and their challenges. The report stated that Africa's supply chains were stressed, citing negative factors such as diseases, regional conflicts, and logistical snags. The report emphasized Chinese contributions, both policy and local, that are critical in boosting Africa's supply chain development. Thanks to the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, the Belt and Road Initiative, and other government efforts, China and Africa have realized practical cooperation in many areas, mainly industrial and supply chain development. According to the report, deeper Belt and Road cooperation between China and African countries "will play an important role in building a more integrated African continent as well as connecting Africa to global supply chains."

at a pace where it is comfortable enough to invest due to its GDP. Like the vaccine diplomacy policy, India can increase its exports of wheat and other essentials to the northern part of the continent as the Russo-Ukraine war has increased the prices of several essential commodities. To bolster defense ties, India should hold frequent military drills with African countries and have defense expos on the continent.

INDIA WATCH

- China's deep relations with African countries might be a problem for India. China's developmental projects ensure that China would get the required permits for mining activities or to exert political influence on the continent. India needs to act soon and expand its investment projects to exert political influence on the continent. Moreover, Africa has the resources that India desperately needs, and developing investment projects in the continent will help the country secure them for an extended period. China's investment policy ensures that India remains isolated in case of an economic or political doldrum. Moreover, India has the opportunity to expand into the continent
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