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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Typhoon In-Fa made landfall, large scale evacuation in East China:** **Instagram** accounts of CGTN, China Daily as well as social media chatter is heavily covering the coastal areas of Jiaxing and Pinghu in East China's Zhejiang province as well as Shanghai municipality. Hundreds have been evacuated already.
- **Rescue work continues to be underway in Central China's Henan:** Weihui, Xinxiang City in Henan is seen the most amount of first-responders deployed. Weibo continues to remain a major source of online aid and connect during this time.
- **Flowers placed at Zhengzhou metro station, hidden by boundary:** People have placed flowers on the gates of Zhengzhou metro station line number 5. Chinese authorities have erected a temporary boundary around it so that the flowers couldn't be seen by commuters. Weibo users have questioned this action with comments like "what is it that they are afraid of" and "why have the metro authorities put all the responsibility on the disaster". (See image 1)
- **Military observer accounts report news of death of Assam police officers:** News of 6 Assam police officers being killed in violence with miscreants from Mizoram was uploaded by military observer accounts. One account stated that it "supports the resistance by the people of Mizoram" while arguing how students in Mizoram have used the slogan "Hello China, bye bye India" so Chinese people should support them. Comments are also in the same tune stating that "China should treat such incidents as opportunities to use".

II. News in China

- Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Xie Feng met for talks with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman. Feng stated that the China-US relationship is now in a stalemate and faces serious difficulties fundamentally because some Americans portray China as an "imagined enemy". People's Daily has carried a scathing piece attacking the US for "spreading the political virus" because of its "self-interest and geopolitical considerations of suppressing China".
- As also pointed out by a Chinese twitter user, China has raised a number of demands of the US at this meeting: Removal of visa restrictions for CCP members, their family members and Chinese students; removal of sanctions

on Chinese leaders, officials and government departments; stopping suppression of Chinese students, Confucius institutes and Chinese students; revoking designation of Chinese media as 'foreign agents'; withdrawing extradition of Meng Wanzhou; resolving xenophobic treatment towards Chinese and Asians in US; stopping interference in China's domestic matter of Taiwan, Xinjiang, Hong Kong, South China Sea; apology on wrong labelling of COVID-19 as 'China virus'; stop engaging in group confrontation under the pretence of values; Respect China's national sovereignty and national interests and stop 'demonizing' China.

- Hong Kong's High Court has found Tong Ying-kit — a 24 year old activist who rode a bike during the protests with the flag "Liberate Hong Kong, revolution of our time" — guilty in the city's first-ever trial under the Beijing-imposed national security law. He has been convicted of committing incitement to secession and terrorist activities. This ruling will likely set a precedent for upcoming national security cases.

III. India Watch

- As India-China are set to hold the 12th round of Corps Commander-level talks to resolve the standoff in Eastern Ladakh, reaching an implementable agreement for disengagement at Gogra and Hot Springs must be pushed. At the 11th round of talks, China reportedly refused to vacate two out of the four key friction points of the May 2020 clash; these are the Patrolling Point 15 (PP15) in Hot Springs and the PP17A near Gogra post. The other two major territorial friction points at the time had been PP14 in Galwan Valley and the northern bank of Pangong Tso lake; highest amount of ingress had been the Lake. Despite the five-point agreement between the two countries, reached on September 10, 2020, which called for quick disengagement of troops, China's initial acceptance to the same continues to lack implementation. To this extent, a Ministry of External Affairs official response on September 29, 2020 categorically blamed China for not showing "willingness" to effectively implement the border resolution process.
- With regards to the Kohistan attack that claimed nine Chinese lives in northern Pakistan last week, it would appear that forces hostile to China's presence in Pakistan have upped the ante. Beijing is unlikely to remain patient and has hinted at modifying its strategy to deal with opposition. It is

also believed that Chinese workers at several China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects are arming themselves seeing as Pakistani security forces have failed to protect them.



Image 1: Flowers placed at Zhengzhou metro station are hidden by boundary