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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **'Sam's Club' continues to be under attack:** After Carrefour, China Holding Ltd. and Alibaba's Hema supermarket chain accused Walmart Inc of forced exclusivity. Sam's Club posted on Weibo to clear out the air and state that it didn't "discover any such issues". See our report from 25.10.21 for more.
- **TikTok says it does not share information with China:** After being questioned by a Republican Senator, TikTok's head of public policy Michael Beckerman told Congress that TikTok does not share information with the Chinese government.
- **Post NBA ban due to his post, Kanter himself removed from all Chinese streaming services:** After Boston Celtic's player Enes Kanter called Xi Jinping a dictator and spoke about China's human rights abuses, Kanter has been removed from all streaming services in China.

II. News in China

- Xi Jinping attended the meeting that commemorated China's "50th anniversary of the restoration of the People's Republic of China's lawful seat at the United Nations". Speaking at the meeting, Xi emphasized China's commitment to peace, development, multilateralism, and adherence to the international order.
- Xi also met the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, talking about the necessity of co-existing peacefully and following the international order. Additionally, he spoke about vaccine cooperation and abiding by the Paris Agreement.
- Wang Yong wants state-owned enterprises to develop and pursue innovation through institutional reform, tackle core technological challenges, deepen cooperation between central and local governments, and develop greener technology.
- Wang Yi met the Taliban's deputy prime minister of the interim Afghanistan government, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar. Wang expressed the need to create an open and inclusive Afghanistan, protecting its women and minorities, ensuring stability and friendliness with its neighboring countries, while calling out the Western countries to lift sanctions off Afghanistan.
- Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs called on the United States to elaborate and explain the incident that took place in the South China Sea that involved a nuclear submarine.
- Mohammad Faisal, Executive Director of the Indonesian Center for Reforms of Economics (CORE), has warned that the Indonesian president's decision to allow the government to share the cost of a financially bloated China-backed railway project could deplete state coffers and lead Indonesia into a debt trap.

- Xi and Belgium's King Philippe marked the 50th anniversary of ties by exchanging congratulatory letters.

III. India Watch

- India is yet attempting to find its diplomatic outlook towards a Taliban backed Afghanistan; as China continues to build ties with the new Afghani government, India must lead its own, if not the democratic Asia's, new Kabul outlook by building on dialogue amongst regional powers and organisations like SAARC and ASEAN to see what best mutual approach can be implemented vis-a-vis Taliban recognition.