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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **YouTube suspends channel of an Odessa-based Chinese National:** YouTube has disabled the account of Chinese national Wang Jixian, who resides in Odessa and reported on atrocities committed as Russian troops retreated from Bucha. Wang, an Odessa programmer, has been uploading videos since Russia's invasion of Ukraine began last month, but hasn't done so since a video on March 30 in which he calls pro-Chinese Communist Party (CCP) critics "human trash" and translates news reports of gang rape by Russian troops in Bucha, which included a young girl.
- **Infants with Covid-19 separated from parents:** Young children who test positive for Covid-19 are separated from their parents at an infant quarantine station in Shanghai's Jinshan, even if their parents test positive for Covid-19. Many individuals on social media find these anti-epidemic tactics confusing and "inhumane."

II. News in China

- On April 1 2022, President Xi Jinping met with President Charles Michel of the European Council and President Ursula Von Der Leyen of the European Commission by video conference. President Xi recalled that he urged China and Europe forge a partnership for peace, prosperity, reform, and civilization, eight years ago and Beijing's viewpoint has remains unchanged even today. In fact, given the current state of affairs, it has become much more critical. China and the EU share many common interests and have a solid foundation for cooperation.
- International commentators have praised China's support to Afghanistan's peaceful and steady development. On Thursday, Chinese President Xi Jinping issued a written message to the third conference of foreign ministers from Afghanistan's neighboring nations, which took place in Tunxi, Anhui Province, east China. According to analysts, the Afghan people's unifying goal is peace and development, which is also in line with the interests of regional countries and the international community. According to them, Xi's remark has bolstered the Afghan neighbors' coordination and cooperation system.
- President Xi Jinping sent a message to Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic congratulating him on his reelection as president of the Balkan country. According to Xi, the comprehensive strategic cooperation between China and Serbia has accelerated in recent years, with political mutual trust built and great results in practical collaboration achieved. Xi emphasised that strengthening China-Serbia connections is very important to him, and that he loves the strong working relationship and friendship he has developed with his counterpart.
- Beijing would impose stricter coronavirus prevention and control measures on

imported non-cold-chain items to lower infection risks. Beijing reported one new locally transmitted Covid-19 sickness case between 4 p.m. Monday and 4 p.m. Tuesday. The patient had close contact with someone who had been confirmed to be infected the day before and works at a clothes store in Chaoyang that sells imported items. By 4 p.m. on Tuesday, six people in the garment industry had been affected. Another three confirmed cases revealed on Monday were family members of an earlier confirmed case.

- President Xi Jinping and his Armenian counterpart, Vahagn Khachaturyan, congratulated each other on the 30th anniversary of their nations' diplomatic ties. Xi stated that China and Armenia are traditional friendly partners, and that bilateral ties have maintained a sound and stable momentum for development since their diplomatic ties were established 30 years ago. Xi stated that the development of China-Armenia relations is of great importance to him, and that he is ready to work with President Khachaturyan to use the 30th anniversary of diplomatic ties to push for more achievements in bilateral relations and all-round mutual cooperation.
- According to a Guardian editorial, China's proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has provided hundreds of billions of dollars in infrastructure, public health, and internet connectivity to poor nations, and has been "avidly embraced" throughout the "Global South." "These essential investments have been neglected by western investors and development agencies for decades," wrote Tobita Chow, director of People's Action's Justice Is Global project, and Jake Werner, a Global China post-doctoral research fellow at the Boston University Global Development Policy Center.

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- The EU values China's global status and influence, as well as the deepening of relations with China. China and the European Union have had a long-standing mutually beneficial relationship. All parties are committed to safeguarding the ideals of peace and multilateralism. More interaction and collaboration between the EU and China is important in view of the current geopolitical situation. The EU reaffirmed its support for the one-China principle and stated its wish for an open and honest conversation with China. It also expressed its willingness to deepen cooperation with China in areas such as economy, trade, investment, energy, and green development in order to jointly address global challenges such as Covid-19, climate change, and biodiversity protection, as well as promote world peace, economic growth, and common prosperity.