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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
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MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Chinese talent prefers job opportunities abroad:** Netizens discussed Chinese talent migrating to the United States and Europe in search of better job possibilities. Every year, a huge number of graduates from China's top universities travel to foreign nations to work in international firms. Netizens advised that the government adopt preventative steps.
- **Netizens blames US for provoking India and China against each other:** Zhao Lijian, a spokesperson for China's Foreign Ministry, replied to charges that a Chinese hacking gang was assaulting Indian power systems. Mr. Zhao stated that it is another American lie and that the United States is the greatest danger to global cyber security. Netizens debated the topic, with many blaming the US for attempting to pit India and China against one other.
- **US presidency announces fresh sanctions against Russia:** US President Biden announced new sanctions on Russia, claiming that extending US sanctions against Russia for another year would set the Russian economy back 15 years. Chinese netizens reacted angrily to the news, with one saying that if "Russia goes back 15 years, Europe will go back 50 years".

II. News in China

- According to Bloomberg, Chinese state-sponsored hackers have attacked Indian power grid equipment near the union region of Ladakh. According to a Recorded Future assessment, at least seven power grid-load dispatch centers along the India-China border have been under Chinese monitoring for several months. These cyber-attacks are part of China's long-running cyber-espionage campaign against India, and they act as traditional intelligence collection for the Chinese government.
- Following her travels to Japan this weekend, U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi is expected to visit Taiwan. China has vehemently opposed any type of formal cooperation between the US and Taiwan. Beijing has warned of harsh retaliation in order to safeguard its national sovereignty and territorial integrity. China's Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian further stated that any potential repercussions will be entirely faced by the US side, and that Washington should cancel the trip.
- The United States has warned India and China that their backing of Russia during the invasion of Ukraine will have serious and long-term ramifications. This comment from Brian Deese, Director of the White House National Economic Council, came after Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov visited both New Delhi and China, following news of Russian military killings and attacks from the Ukrainian city of Bucha.
- In the midst of the Ukraine-Russia conflict, China has seen a chance to advance its

information proxy war against the US. The actual villain of the conflict in Europe, according to the tightly controlled and regulated media, is the United States. Although China professes to be impartial in the ongoing situation, the way the Chinese media has covered the conflict shows a different position. The Russian invasion of Ukraine is never mentioned in Chinese news outlets, and the fight is referred to as a "special military operation." The news of civilian casualties is also briefly and lately handled.

- Shanghai residents are "running out of food" amid the city's biggest ever COVID outbreak. The city has been put under strict lockdown and residents are confined to their homes, banned from leaving for even essentials. As people continue to suffer from the government's zero-COVID policy, people's anger is also being stoked by other extreme measures taken to contain the infection spread. Parents are angry over removal of their children if they are found positive. The lockdown extension has overwhelmed the government supply of essential food items, as a result many citizens in parts of the city have reported to be completely cut off from the ration supply.

India Watch

- China has threatened of a Ukraine like situation in Asia in response to the new AUKUS hypersonic missile agreement. Amid the new surge in Covid-19 cases in China and the widespread lockdown to contain the pandemic, this statement could also be seen as a distraction from the domestic dissatisfaction of people to its pandemic control measures. But this time, this threat has more weight to it. China has never been happy with the creation of AUKUS. But the new hypersonic missile deal has surely made China more nervous, as the hypersonic missile technology was the only advantage that China had against the West and its allies. China also knows that with the growing strength of Western allies, it is running out of time to fulfil its regional expansionist plans. In recent times, USA and Australia have also pointed out possibilities of more countries joining the AUKUS, and India might be the best possible candidate. The world should take this Chinese threat more seriously, and do much to safeguard Taiwan's security concerns.