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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
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MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **An extraordinary and devastating audio leak on YouTube of a top-secret People's Liberation Army meeting has exposed China's comprehensive attack strategy against Taiwan:** According to experts, the audio tape broadcast on the Lude media YouTube account looks to be genuine. It is believed to be happened for the first time that a tape of a top-secret military command conference has been released since the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949.
- **By offering free electronic amplification services, American corporations like as Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter are subsidising Chinese and Russian information warfare:** The US should prohibit Chinese and Russian state media giants from using huge social media platforms. If Congress does not act, American social media corporations will continue to undermine democracy by offering free electronic amplification services to Chinese and Russian state media firms engaged in information warfare.

II. News in China

- As the next generation of leaders emerges, China's children of the 1970s come to the spotlight. As most of the current party officials born in the 1960s are likely to retire with Xi, 69, when he takes his final bow, the following generation will constitute the new leadership core, however most of these potential leaders are unknown and the eventual conclusion is difficult to predict.
- China mobilises backing for an international security drive in Latin America as the United States turns to Asia. Last week, China's foreign minister went on the geopolitical offensive in Latin America, touting his country's proposed "Global Security Initiative" in the US' backyard as Washington attempted to strengthen relations in Asia. Wang Yi indicated over the phone with colleagues from Uruguay, Nicaragua, and Ecuador that China rejects efforts by "some states" to divide the international community via dogma and that it has no regional concerns when dealing with Latin America.
- US President, Joe Biden, in a subtle caution to China, warns the US is prepared to use force to preserve Taiwan. In one of the most robust and overt declarations in favour of Taiwan in decades, he stated that he would be willing to use force to defend Taiwan and that the US stands with other nations to ensure that China cannot use force in Taiwan. Mr. President went on to say that China is playing with fire in Taiwan by flying too close to the island. Beijing immediately responded, with foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin telling reporters that "Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory". "The Taiwan issue is a purely internal affair for China," he said. "On issues touching on China's core interests of sovereignty and

territorial integrity, China has no room for compromise or concession." "No one should underestimate the firm resolve, staunch will and strong ability of the Chinese people in defending national sovereignty and territorial integrity," he added.

- Australia's ties with China, its major trading partner, are at an all-time low amid disagreements on a variety of topics, including trade, the origins of the coronavirus, and Australian claims of foreign involvement. Before departing for a Quad meeting in Japan with US President Joe Biden and leaders of Japan and India, Australia's new Prime Minister Anthony Albanese indicated the country's relationship with China will remain tough. "It is China that has changed, not Australia, and Australia should always stand up for our values and we will in a government that I lead," Albanese said at his first press conference as the country's 31st prime minister.
- Michelle Bachelet, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, will commence her visit to China on Monday amid claims of human rights violations in the northwest area, which have prompted condemnation from human rights organisations throughout the world. According to Human Rights Watch, the four-day tour to China, which will include a visit to Xinjiang, should stress the need for justice for victims of abuses and responsibility for those involved.

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- The US President Joe Biden has begun the second leg of his maiden Asian visit to push his economic blueprint for counterbalancing China's dominance in the area. The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework is considered as Biden's attempt to engage a region increasingly dominated by China; the announcement was one of the highlights of Biden's Asia tour, which began last week in South Korea and will finish this week in Japan. Thirteen countries, including India and Australia, have endorsed Biden's vision for the future. While Asian countries have been looking for ways to collaborate with the US in order to reduce their reliance on China, the President is also dealing with protectionist attitudes at home, where economic hardship in the form of rising prices has emerged as the key issue in November's midterm elections.