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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **China's display of strategic soft power by sharing pictures of Chinese Ambassador to Australia over social media:** The Chinese Embassy shared a photo on social media of Xiao Qian, their ambassador to Australia, and Paul Erickson, the National Secretary of Australia. Erickson says Labour's policy is one of engagement, and he took the advice of the Albanese government in accepting the invitation to the meeting.
- **Social media users shed light on actual reality of the CCP's Zero -Covid Plan:** The Chinese Communist Party has frequently asserted that their Zero-Covid plan has been effective. However, the reality came to light thanks to a number of social media channels where users posted about the negative effects of the "Zero-COVID regulation."

II. News in China

- Chinese President Xi Jinping promised to accomplish economic goals for the year despite the nation dealing with cholera outbreaks and a poor property market in a keynote address at a virtual BRICS Business Forum on Wednesday.
- On Thursday, three new remote sensing satellites were successfully launched by China from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the Sichuan region in Southwest China. At 10:22 a.m. (Beijing Time), a Long March 2D carrier rocket successfully launched the satellites as the second batch of the Yaogan 35 family into their intended orbit.
- To avoid adopting an anti-China and anti-Russian stance, Yin Xiyue will attend the NATO summit and the Korean presidential palace.
- On Wednesday (June 22), six Chinese military aircraft entered Taiwan's air defence identification zone (ADIZ), making this month's intrusions number eleven. So far this month, China has sent 57 military aircraft into Taiwan's identification zone, including 36 fighter jets, seven bombers, one refuelling plane, and 13 spotter planes.
- China and India are currently holding another round of Lt General-level negotiations. In the Galwan Valley of eastern Ladakh, the two sides are debating how to reduce border tensions between the two Asian superpowers. For the first time since hostilities in the 1960s, bilateral ties between China and India have reached an all-time low. India and China have both lost people on the Line of Actual Control, or LAC, for the first time in as many years. The horrific fight on the night of May 15–16 claimed the lives of 20 Indian Army personnel. China also experienced casualties, though it has not yet provided a total.
- President Xi Jinping of China criticised the US and EU on Wednesday for applying sanctions against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine, claiming that doing so will damage people all around the world.

- Right after the meeting between US Deputy Secretary of State with Philippine President-elect Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Philippines again stated that it had filed a new diplomatic protest against Beijing over the alleged return of a massive Chinese fleet operating “illegally” around Whitsun Reef, within Manila’s Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the South China Sea.

Japanese Prime Minister ramped up the drive to counter China in the Southeast Asia region with an eye on China’s recent military assertiveness. Japan PM to deliver a keynote speech at Singapore, expressing his intention to formulate a plan to promote the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific".

- China extended its arm for military presence in Singapore by signing agreements that will deepen cooperation in military education for officers and academic exchanges among military academies and think-tanks

III. India Watch

- The start of the negotiation of talks between concerned authorities of India and China over Galwan Valley is an important step towards resolving matters of border dispute owing to the casualties it causes on both sides of the border.
- China’s support Russia on matter of Ukraine conflict is adding fuel to the fire between Sino- US relations.
- The launching of remote sensing satellites seems to be another addition used by the PRC to their long list of surveillance apparatus.