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**CONVERSATIONS  
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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Amazon to stop distributing Kindle in China:** Amazon stated on Thursday that it will stop distributing its Kindle e-readers to stores in China and will shut down its Kindle e-bookstore in China on June 30, 2023. Amazon announced its Kindle pullout in a statement on its official WeChat account, citing a shift in the company's strategic focus as the reason. On Thursday and Friday, the hashtags "Kindle Will Be Discontinued in China Next Year" and "Why Wasn't Kindle Able to Make It in China?" were trending on Weibo
- **Speculations on launch of Type 003 aircraft carrier circulates in China:** The Maritime Safety Administration of China (Image 1) reported the postponement of dredging work in an area related to the Type 003 aircraft carrier in Shanghai to June 30th, military observer accounts on Weibo have speculated that the launch of Type 003 aircraft carrier has been delayed and may be launched on the 101st anniversary of the CPC on July 1, 2022.

## II. News in China

- On June 6, US Trade Representative Dai Qi stated that trade policy with China should be "deliberate, prudent, and strategic," while also stating that the US is committed to deepening bilateral trade with Taiwan. On the same day, Taiwan's Kuomintang Chairman Zhu Lilun delivered a speech in the US. The Kuomintang was denounced as pro-China and anti-American at the meeting, and the 1992 accord was dubbed a "consensus without consensus."
- The Central Meteorological Observatory continues to issue yellow rain warnings, and numerous rivers are at or near flood stage. Meteorological experts warned that persistent heavy rainfall and localized intense convective weather in Jiangxi, Fujian, Guangdong, Hainan Island, and other areas, as well as secondary disasters and the superposition impact of rainfall, should be monitored.
- Shanghai has recently reverted to the new crown epidemic's "precise prevention and control" mode, which was adopted in March of this year. The authorities close the residential neighborhoods in Xuhui, Hongkou, and Jing'an if there is a positive infection. Another person discovered that, beginning July 1, residents will be responsible for their own nucleic acid testing, which will cost around 20 yuan each time.
- An Australian P-8A anti-submarine patrol aircraft entered and approached the area near Xisha, China, on May 26. Despite China's repeated warnings, it continued to approach Xisha, China's airspace. The Chinese People's Liberation Army's Southern Theater Command mobilized maritime and air forces to identify and verify the Australian military planes, and issued a warning to drive them away. China's sovereignty and security are jeopardized by the Australian military plane.

- The Chinese military's response tactics are competent, safe, reasonable, and legal as stated by the Ministry of National Defense spokesman Tan Kefei.
- The Ministry of State Security announced the departmental regulations "Measures for Rewarding Citizens for Reporting Behaviors Endangering National Security" (hereafter referred to as the "Measures") on June 6, which will take effect on the publication date. The "Measures" are based on encouraging citizens to report acts that endanger national security, and refining and clarifying the conditions, methods, standards, and procedures for national security agencies to implement reporting rewards in accordance with the provisions of higher laws and regulations.
- The Railway Public Security Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security conducted a video conference a few days ago to deploy the national railway public security organs to further investigate the accident of the D2809 train slamming into rapid debris flow off-line. Maintaining a safe and stable political and social environment for the successful convening of the Communist Party of China's 20th National Congress by faithfully performing the functions of supervision, inspection, and guidance, actively cooperating with all parties, continuing to conduct in-depth investigations and rectification of line safety hazards, resolutely ensuring the continued stability of railway security, and striving to create a safe and stable political and social environment for the successful convening of the Communist Party of China's 20th National Congress is said to be their goal.
- The Ministry of Civil Affairs and the Ministry of Finance recently jointly issued the "Notice on Effectively Safeguarding the Basic Lives of People in Difficulties" (hereinafter referred to as the "Notice"), directing all localities to fully implement the Party Central Committee and State Council's measures to stabilize the economy and improve the basic guarantee of social and people's livelihood.
- The Ministry of Natural Resources recently made public 24 concerns with erroneous findings and unimplemented rectifications, as well as 53 new typical examples of illegally occupying farmland and erecting dwellings. It will serve as a warning and education tool in typical cases, as well as a firm stop to the unlawful occupancy of cultivated land and construction of dwellings, and a firm hold on the cultivated land preservation red line.
- China's major soft power asset has been a fundamentally distinct intellectual approach and methodology in implementing its African economic ambitions. Even if it isn't flawless, given the extent of China's economic relationship with African states in just two decades, it has been effective.

## India Watch

- To reiterate the obvious, the exact articulation of China's economic statecraft in specific African countries varies and is typically influenced by the host country's

economic structure, political economy dynamics, and state features/capabilities. China does not have the same negative history with Africa as many Western countries do. China avoids lecturing or patronising down-talk in general. It understands and responds to African governments' concerns about being handled inhumanely. The paternalistic, self-righteous, and occasionally racist framing prevalent in communications from the US, UK, and EU is absent from Beijing's diplomatic framing and language. More importantly for African governments, China's loans have prompted a greater focus on and consideration of Africa's economic aspirations and ambitions.

Image 1



Maritime Safety Administration of China reported the postponement of dredging work