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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Modi's India plunged into US' friend circle, says Chinese commentator:** On Weibo, a current affairs commentator, Si Ma'nan, stated that "envy, jealousy and hatred" towards China has led India to befriend the US. The post states how the Russia-Ukraine War has forced India to make pragmatic decisions and has led to a new round of border talks between the Indian and Chinese armies being held soon.
- **Primary school students rally to usher in a new era:** In a video circulated online, primary school students in China can be seen holding a rally to "Usher in a new era, and to welcome the 20th Party congress". The video is from Pingliang City in Gansu province. Apart from this video, there are many other videos shared on Chinese Telegram groups that show school activities related to welcoming the 20th Party Congress in different regions in China.

## II. News in China

- The Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) on June 1, announced that the former mayor of Shenzhen, Chen Rugui is under investigation for alleged violations of law. Chen is also a member of the Party and deputy director of the Standing Committee of the Guangdong Provincial People's Congress. According to an article in Caixin, since 2002 Guangzhou's urban construction system has been demolishing unfinished buildings. Chen Rugui has been in charge of this work for more than ten years as the director of the Municipal Construction Committee and the executive vice mayor in charge of urban construction. This was the hardest-hit area of official corruption in Guangzhou. On May 31st, Zhang Jinghua, the former deputy secretary of the Jiangsu Provincial Party Committee, was expelled from the party and public office for serious violations of discipline and law. So far, Zhang Jinghua has become the 11th high-level official to be handed over punishment in 2022.
- On June 2nd, Liu Jianchao was transferred from the position of Deputy Director of the Central Foreign Affairs Commission to Director of CPC International Liaison Department. The Department which is the party's de facto foreign ministry is in charge of relations with North Korea and other socialist countries. It is more probable that Song Tao, who is expected to retire in 2022, may become the Foreign Minister.
- On Tuesday, Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev met with visiting Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Both parties reaffirmed their dedication to strengthening bilateral relations. Wang congratulated Kazakhstan on successfully holding a nationwide referendum on amendments to its constitution. Wang reiterated that China firmly supports Kazakhstan's pursuit of implementing the "New Kazakhstan" development strategy. China is also looking forward to

- strengthening its strategic cooperation and expanding areas of collaboration with Kazakhstan, said Wang. Wang emphasised the need to improve the capacity of the China-Europe Railway Express and promote the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route and take advantage of the China-Kazakhstan Cooperation Committee.
- After United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet recently concluded her visit to Xinjiang, China, CGTN has launched a new documentary series on terrorism in Xinjiang. Part 1 of this multi-series documentary was uploaded by CGTN on its website on and on Youtube on May 31st. It focuses on terrorist activities in Hotan and highlights how the terrorists operate. This video cannot be found in Chinese yet and has been uploaded on youtube which shows that it is projected toward outside audiences.
- On May 30th, 30 PLA aircrafts entered Taiwan's southwest Air Defence Identification Zone. While many believe that this was the first time that Su-35 aircrafts were part of the PLA exercise, a Taiwanese reporter believes that the last time Su-35 was used was in May 2018. The last time the PLA used a large number of aircrafts was on October 4th 2021 around China's National day when 56 aircrafts entered Taiwan's ADIZ.
- On Tuesday, China and Russia pledged to intensify cooperation along the Yangtze and Volga rivers at a virtual meeting of the chairmen of the Council of Cooperation between the upper and middle reaches of the Yangtze River and the Volga Federal District. Chinese State Councilor Wang Yong and Russia's Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Volga Federal District Igor Komarov, both agreed to promote the council mechanism to make further progress in deepening the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership and consolidating bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

## India Watch

- In terms of energy, weapons and historical traditions, India has long depended on Russia, but the war between Russia and Ukraine has forced India to make pragmatic decisions. The repositioning of Russia's energy strategy to the East has brought more opportunities for cooperation between Chinese and Indian enterprises in the Russian market.
- A recent article by WSJ highlighted how China is effective in shaping public opinion due to the strong placement of its propaganda material on YouTube and Google. This can be seen by the multi-series documentary uploaded by CGTN on its website on and on Youtube on May 31st. It focuses on terrorist activities in Hotan and aims to influence public perception of Chinese activities.