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**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
MEDIA**



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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Chinese dissident posts video:** Chinese dissident Wang Jingyu, who criticized Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for not sharing the truth regarding martyrs of Galwan, has uploaded a video on his twitter account. In the video, him and his fiancée Wu Huan --who claims she was kept in a "black prison" in Dubai --- are standing in front of the Chinese Embassy in Netherlands with anti-CCP posters in their hands saying "we protest CCP government's brutal destruction of Human rights and asked for immediate release of Zhang Zhan( journalist who reported on covid 19) and pastor Wang Yi (outspoken pastor who operated outside the Communist Party-recognized Protestant organization)." They also raised slogans against Xi and CCP.
- **Crackdown on private tuitions continues:** A video uploaded by a Chinese twitter account shows police, acting on information by a student, catching a teacher running a cram school in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia. Another video emerged online in which the police caught a teacher giving tuition classes to students during the pandemic period.
- **Weibo criticizes Pakistan:** In light of the suicide bomb attack targeting Chinese nationals in the port city of Gwadar on 20.8.21, Weibo users have criticized Paksitan for lax security and demanded a thorough investigation. Some netizens also believe that India is behind this incident.

## II. News in China

- After the regulations regarding off-campus tutoring were announced , provincial education departments are also setting up a reporting mechanisms so that citizens can report via telephone and email address about off-campus training in their area.
- The 30th meeting of the 13th National People's Congress Standing Committee closed on the morning of the 20th, in which three generals of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) assumed new roles in the National People's Congress. Wu Shezhou is now the vice chairman of the Nationalities Committee of the National People's Congress; Han Weiguo is now the vice chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress; Yuan Yubai is now the Vice Chairman of the Social Construction Committee of the National People's Congress.
- Before taking these offices, Wu Shezhou was the Political Commissioner of the Western Theater, Han Weiguo was the Commander of the PLA army, and Yuan Yubai was the Commander of the Southern Theater.

- On the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Tibet and the continuing sensitive moment in the Sino-Indian border dispute, China's CCTV revealed footage of a brigade plateau exercise in the Tibet Military Region, in which new equipment was unveiled. According to CCTV footage from China, the full crew of the brigade in the Tibet Military Region were given "Star Sky Camouflage" training uniforms, and equipped with third-generation Mammoth assault vehicles and the new 122 mm vehicle howitzers.
- A teenage Tibetan petitioner has been arrested in Ngaba by Chinese police authorities. Local sources have stated Sherab Dorjee may have been arrested for appealing for education in the Tibetan language.

### III. India Watch

- Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed responsibility for the 20.8.21 suicide bombing that killed at least two people in Gwadar, Pakistan. The blast, especially post the July blast in Kohistan, will lead to greater pressure by Beijing on Islamabad to ensure safety of Chinese citizens in Pakistan. BLA often targets development projects in Balochistan associated with the high-profile Chinese-funded China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). With China and Pakistan blaming the Kohistan attack on "third country intelligence services", it is possible that should BLA not have claimed responsibility, the same direction would have been applied to this attack.
- Xi's focus on Tibet has seen rapid public focus these past two months; from before his visit to Lhasa to the weeks post it. Now, Tibet's celebration must be perceived as highlighting Xi Jinping and his dedication to the 'snow plateau'. Tibetan representative Dan Zeng's speech also shows loyalty to Xi – "will support the love of General Secretary Xi Jinping and the great leader who loves us, just like the support of President Mao." Xi did not show up in person, but his presence seemed to be everywhere. In a video of the ceremony to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the "peaceful liberation" of Tibet broadcast by China's CCTV, there were no photos of past leaders on the podium, only plaques in Tibetan and Chinese with slogans reading "Thank the Party Central Committee".