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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Western Theater of People's Liberation Army (PLA) account posts of exercise:** WeChat public account of the Western Theater of the PLA published an article stating that in a recent exercise and assessment organized by a special operations brigade of the 77 Army Group, the QBZ95 guns of the soldiers were equipped with advanced holographic sights and also had a suspended grenade launcher under the muzzle. Using this holographic sight, the user can lock the target more quickly through the bullet point marked in the holographic scope, which will greatly enhance the PLA's special operations capabilities.

II. News in China

- China's Cyberspace Affairs Commission (CAC) has published a set of draft regulations for algorithms used in Internet services. It seeks to safeguard national security and social public interests, protect the legitimate rights and interests of citizens, legal entities and other organizations and promote the healthy development of Internet information services. Its salient features are: Users must be informed that algorithms are being used to recommend content or products to them, and must be allowed to opt out, and see non-personalized results; users must be provided with a convenient way to see and delete the keywords that the algorithm is using to profile them.
- Qi Jiabin who was the vice governor of Jiangsu Province has become the council member of the Organization Department of the Central Committee. He has now stated at a press conference that as of the first half of the year, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has more than 95.14 million party members and 4.86 million grassroots party organizations. He added that the CPC has continued to expand anti-corruption drive, and since eighteen party congress, there have been over 9,00,000 "unqualified members" who were removed from the party.
- Wang Jianxin, Minister of the Propaganda Department of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection and the National Supervision Commission, also mentioned in the meeting that up to the first half of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the national discipline inspection and supervision organs had filed and investigated more than 3.88 million cases and 4.17 million people, and have disciplined more than 3.8 million people. He stated that the party will continue to govern itself similarly in the future as well.

- PLA sent 3 aircrafts – 1 Y-8 ASW and 2 Z-8 into Taiwan's southwest airspace in the morning of August 27, 2021.
- Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), headquartered in New York, has called on the Chinese authorities to immediately release 11 Chinese citizens arrested for providing information on the Chinese Communist virus epidemic to the epoch times. Epoch times confirmed that they had indeed received photos submitted by these people "as citizens" (about the epidemic blockade in Beijing). The 11 detainees have been awaiting trial in the detention center for more than a year since their arrest in July 2020.

III. India Watch

- China's continued aggression with regards to Taiwan again highlights the need for New Delhi to form a stronger game-plan regarding its own policies towards Taiwan in a quid-pro-quo manner.
- The CAC will keep records of algorithms that have public opinion attributes or social mobilization capabilities which the service providers will have to share with authorities within 10 days of providing that service. Cyberspace and technology experts believe that the rules are very strict and look at par with EU's tech regulation if not surpassing it. They will definitely allow the government in China stronger control over its people all across sectors.