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## NEWS IN CHINA

- On 4th May, the National Computer Virus Emergency Response Centre of China and 360 Total Security released an investigative report named "[Empire of Hacking](#)." Mao Ning, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, briefed about this report, stressing the espionage activities of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The report discussed the CIA's cyber-attacks against other countries, where intelligence and information are gathered from foreign governments, citizens and enterprises to organize the "boundary covert actions." Substantially, it also highlighted the "Peaceful Evolution" and "Colour Revolution," that were secretly conducted by CIA around the world.
- Every year, May 4 is celebrated as "Youth Day" in China. On this occasion, [Xi Jinping](#) expressed his sincere wishes to the youth population of China. As a sign of encouragement, the Central Committee of Youth League and the All-China Youth Federation awarded 30 comrades with the 27th "[China Youth May 4th Medal](#)." Moreover, 19 awards were distributed to the youths for the development of a certain aircraft for the aviation industry. Subsequently, the Heilongjiang Provincial Committee of China awarded 20 young people with the 25th "[Heilongjiang Youth May 4th Medal](#)".
- Pazhou Hong Kong-Macau Passenger Port officially opened on Thursday. This event was marked with the sailing of high-speed passenger ship called "[Haizhu Lake](#)," connecting the passenger ports of Pazhou, Hong Kong and Macau. Besides, this route will bridge the gap in water with this high-speed passenger transport route from the central city of Guangzhou to Hong Kong. Through this water route, the passengers can travel across the borders without the immigration procedures of Hong Kong. As the passengers can take a ship directly to Hong Kong International Airport, this service is regarded to be the one-stop international service of "boarding the ship and

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boarding the plane.”

- On May 4, the Forestry Bureau of Guizhou Province reported that a wild mountain fire broke out of in the Xingyi City in Qianxinan Buyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture of the Guizhou Province. The local government has taken immediate steps by mobilizing the firefighting and rescue forces to the spot. As of now, no casualties have been reported.
- China witnessed two consecutive earthquakes on May 4, 2023. The China Earthquake Network officially determined earthquakes occurred in Xinjiang and Taiwan. A 3.0 magnitude earthquake was determined in Shaya Country of Aksu Prefecture, [Xinjiang](#). Adjacently, a 4.5 magnitude earthquake occurred in Hualien Country of [Taiwan](#). Previously in January, 2023 the largest earthquake of 6.1 magnitude, have occurred in the same county of Xinjiang.
- The Mudanjiang Border Management Detachment of the [Heilongjiang](#) Entry-Exit Frontier Inspection General Station seized precious animal products valuing 65.888 million yuan. On May 4, the station had arrested 9 suspects who were carrying 811 antelope horns, 10 musk incense and 24 bear bile. This detachment was cracked with a combined effort of the former along with the Suifenhe Customs Anti-Smuggling Branch. In 2021, a similar case of illegal animal products smuggling was filed by the Border Management Detachment of the Heilongjiang Province.

## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **16 Character Proverbs for youth trends in Weibo:** On the occasion of May 4th Youth Day, Xi Jinping’s sixteen-character maxims (#中国首位女消防飞行员真的太酷了#) were widely discussed in Weibo. These maxims were written in the year 2018, emphasizing on strengthening the ideals and beliefs of youth to set up great ambitions. Certainly, Xi’s words expressed the important values to be a promising youth for the nation, which includes, diligence, morality, sincerity, patriotism, inspiration and truth-seeking. The maxim “Live up to the times, live up to the Chinese years”, gained popularity among the commentators, that expresses an intense patriotism towards the motherland.

## INDIA WATCH

- The huge smuggling case in [Heilongjiang](#), brings into light the persisting issue of illegal wildlife trafficking. India is known for its rich flora and fauna. Over the years, in India there has been a significant rise in trafficking of animal products. States such as Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Assam are the prominent hubs for wildlife trafficking in India. Notably, these products were supplied mostly to the parts of China and South East Asia. Between 2011 and 2020, around 60,000 illegal wildlife species were seized in India. The Wildlife (Protection) Act of India of 1972, prohibits the trade of about 1800 species of wild animals, plants and their derivatives. As a part of this act, the Government of India has established a Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, under the
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Ministry of Environment and Forests to combat the wildlife crimes in India. In spite of these measures, the threat of illegal wildlife trafficking still remains unending. Moreover, with emerging technologies, the traffickers are utilising internet platforms to reconfigure their relations among suppliers, buyers and the intermediates. Along with political legislations, India needs to advance its technological capabilities to counter this evolving non-traditional issue of wildlife trafficking. Technologies such as DNA analysis to pinpoint the origins of illicit animal products by mapping it with the species population; satellite imaging for monitoring forests and border routes; acoustic traps to monitor the sound waves of any disturbances in the dense forest regions; camera traps to monitor the movement of poachers in forests without human interaction; and metal scanners like TRAFFIC will ease the process of tracing the traffickers and poachers indulging the illicit wildlife trade. In this way, a comprehensive and inclusive approach should be applied by the Government of India to get rid of this environmental cum national security issue.

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