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DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Disappointment over Pelosi's visit:** For much of Monday and Tuesday, many Chinese applauded the tough rhetoric from the government, military, and media personalities attempting to thwart Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan. Then, as Ms Pelosi's plane touched down in Taiwan late Tuesday night, some [social media](#) users expressed their disappointment with Beijing's lacklustre response.

NEWS IN CHINA

- China has launched several ballistic missiles into the waters surrounding [Taiwan](#) in response to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the self-ruled island. According to Chinese state media, the live-fire drills in six areas around Taiwan began at noon local time (04:00 GMT) on Thursday and will last until the same time on Sunday. The launches were confirmed by Taiwan's Ministry of Defence, which identified them as Dongfeng-class ballistic missiles.
- [The US](#) opposes unilateral efforts to change the status quo in Taiwan, particularly through force, and its policy on Taiwan has not changed, Secretary of State Antony Blinken told Southeast Asian counterparts on Thursday. He told a meeting in Cambodia, a day after US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan, that cross-strait stability is in the interests of the entire region. It was the highest-level visit by the United States in 25 years, infuriating China, which claims the self-ruled island as part of its territory.

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- Following House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, US-China relations are on the verge of collapsing. Despite the Biden administration's reservations, Pelosi was greeted warmly in Taipei and received widespread bipartisan support in Washington. Her trip, however, has enraged Beijing and Chinese nationalists, complicating already strained ties even after she departs. Already, China is preparing new displays of force in the Taiwan Strait to demonstrate that its claims to the island are unassailable.
 - On Wednesday, China and Greece pledged to deepen mutually beneficial cooperation and work together to improve bilateral relations for the next 50 years. Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said during a meeting with Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, that it has been 50 years since China and Greece established diplomatic relations. Wang hoped that the two countries would continue to promote strategic mutual trust, support each other's legitimate demands, and solidify the political foundation for the development of bilateral ties to work for better bilateral relations in the coming 50 years.
 - A meeting between China's and Japan's foreign ministers has been cancelled after the Group of 7 condemned Beijing for responding to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan with military drills and trade restrictions. On the sidelines of ASEAN events this week, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi was expected to meet

Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi in Cambodia.

- China intends to build its second major highway connecting Tibet and Xinjiang, 65 years after the G219 highway was completed in 1957. G219 crossed Indian territory in eastern Aksai Chin, and the proposed highway crosses it from the new bridge on the Pangong Tso and then across western Aksai Chin. This is a significant political and military development for India. G695 is located 20-50 kilometres from the Line of Actual Control all along the border. G219, on the other hand, was three to four times the distance. It will most likely engulf all existing minor roads along its path.

INDIA WATCH

- Aksai Chin has been a bone of contention between the two states – China and India and had resulted previously in a war between them. A new project covering the western portion of the region gives China more access and that eventually counts as a security threat to India.
 - China's strikes on Taiwan, which they framed under the title of a military drill are a cause for the instability in the region. The attack in the waters is metaphorical to showcase the power China holds over the region.
 - The US-China relations have further deteriorated due to the visit of the House Speaker, which indicates China's hesitance to let foreign envoys visit the territories of Taiwan. Moreover, the huge uproar on social media adds to the fact about extreme nationalism of the Chinese citizens about the actions of the US.
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