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# 印度这回,比1962年还蠢 India in 2020 is clumsier than in 1962!

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# **Summary**

What kind of a country dares to take military risk abroad in the face of ongoing pandemic, droughts and floods, and other natural disasters? What kind of a country dares to simultaneously fight on three fronts – separatist forces internally, long-term artillery battles externally, and still actively provoking the world's largest industrial nation? Do you think I am talking about the fascist Germany or the militarist Japan? No. Although the two were aggressive, they were not stupid or clumsy. The country I am going to talk about today is called India.

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On the night of August 29-30, India crossed into the Chinese side of the LAC and occupied areas near the southern bank of Pangong Tso and near Reqing La Mountain Pass, thus escalating the tension along the border. Currently, India has also brought over tanks along the LAC. The Indian media has claimed: "The two sides are within firing range of each other..."



India bans Chinese Apps Source: *Photo: xw.qq.com* 

This is purely an exaggerated claim. For in modern warfare, there aren't going to be such scenes as tanks shooting and steel torrenting. Chinese battle tanks 96, 99 respectively and latest improvised 99 all are the third generation MBT but they are not going to play around with the Indian T90.

How did the Americans slaughter the Iraqi tanks and armoured divisions back then? By relying upon air power, electronic suppression and communication systems to reduce dimensionality – just like a blind person with a discerning eye!

Modern warfare is fighting with comprehensive military strength and technical finesse rather than soldiers fighting soldiers, generals fighting generals, tanks versus tanks, motorcycles versus motorcycles, acrobatics versus military punches and with clubs, cudgels and stones.

If you really want to fight, then artillery fire, tactical bombing, missiles, rockets cover – nothing will be left.

What's more, in this plateau and high mountainous region, India has amassed tanks and armoured vehicles. The Indian T90 tanks are not designed for this type of a battle field. T90 is a low-altitude plain penetration tank with no firing angels. When climbing up the mountain, what else can you do (with T90) except roll over and kill yourself? The plateau hills are extremely difficult to occupy, the narrow ridges above 5000 meters sea level make it impossible even for a single soldier to spread out. Winters are approaching and without stable supplies and heating, how many days can it last?



Chinese young woman with her Indian fiancé Source: 360kuai.com

There are reports India has mobilised over 20,000 troops on the LAC...in fact, one should go over to the area to see for oneself or one should access Google map to find out, this kind of high mountain pass plateau is not at all suitable for "crowd tactics." Not to mention 200,000, even if you have 2 million soldiers stationed there, the real challenge will come when it is time to "retreat" from the area. Challenges such as "stomping on," "falling into the water," "freezing to death," and other "humanitarian disaster" and so on.

India shamelessly crossed over the Chinese side of the LAC and took control of dominating heights, which it sees as an advantage but actually it is not. India does not realize it is "riding the back of a tiger." The Indian wishful thinking is to forcibly cross the line, and then at the negotiating table force the PLA to "give in," try and take advantage of the "actual situation" (of the Indian occupied territory) and thus play to the domestic fanatic nationalistic sentiments.

However, India forgot, how can you take advantage of "lip service" in this world? Since you have already put your soldiers on the plateau and since you have already crossed the border, such a situation cannot end through "peace talks."

The Indian Army's this adventure has already aroused "nationalism" frenzy in India, people have even started celebrating the "big victory."

In contrast, the Indian Foreign Affairs Minister has resorted to a totally different set of rhetoric. He announced: "A solution to the India-China border row has to be found in the domain of diplomacy."

This proves the Indians are big-time thieves. What they are saying is they will never return the territory they have illegally occupied, and they are open to diplomatically resolve the issue "peacefully."

Internationally, India will strive for creating public opinion to establish India is "pursuing peace." On September 4, during the meeting between the defence minister of China and India in Moscow, the Chinese representative said: "China's territory cannot be lost. The Chinese military is fully determined, capable, and confident to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity."



In China, Indians are popularly called "A San" 阿三 $\bar{A}$  sān

Source: shnczq.org

The above statement makes the Chinese stand absolutely clear, ie, China is not going to tolerate the humiliation. This is not negotiation, nor is this some kind of diplomatic rhetoric. This is the bottom line. Everything else is sheer nonsense.

The hills of our country are there, will you retreat or not? You can reply in just one word, no need to blah, blah, blah... on "peaceful settlement." Don't have any fanciful ideas that China can compromise and give-in to your "dirty" tactics. You failed in 1962, you won't succeed today.

Actually, talking to Indians is more tiring than fighting!

What to you maybe a simple truth, the Indians believe in analyzing that in a meeting of Brahmin pundits (the implied meaning here is 'to first call for a *puja* ceremony - *translator*); what you think to be a bottom line, the Indians think that can be negotiated; you might think they (the Indians) are aware of their capabilities and strengths, but the Indians consider themselves to be invincible – just like

the protagonist of the Indian epic (the reference here is to *Ramayana* and/or *Mahabharata*).

Be it every day casual conversation or a serious discourse, the Indians are generally very impatient and restless. Be it the upper caste Indians or the lower caste, they all possess endless "appetite" for long, meaningless indulgence and draw upon ancient scriptures and numerous idioms which you might not heard in your "eight lives." While talking, their gestures such as shaking of head, gesticulating, touching mouth, shaking eyebrows, making signs etc. and so on, however without harmful intensions these no doubt are very unnerving.

Joseph Stilwell, who had lived both in China and India during the WW II, originally did not carry a good impression of the Chongqing officials as well as of the upper echelons of the Nationalist Army (the KMT or GMD – *Tr.*) After he moved to India from China, and having some time spent there, on his return to China he wrote in his memoir and vented out: "China is any day better. No matter how clumsy the Chongqing officials are, but they still talk sense."

If you engage with the Indian people in a serious discussion, you feel as if you are being punished for having committed a sin in past life; you feel as if you are being subjected to torture for sticking to your civility and politeness! I would rather listen to Black people singing Rap, which is far more refreshing (than talk to the Indian people).



The Indian media projects China as "enemy country"

Source: news.ifeng.com

Several fellow Chinese who have done business with the Indian people had similar experiences. You sell them a product costing 100 rupee and they will bargain it down to Rs. 10; you would imagine their order will be at least a truckload, but they will purchase only 10 pieces. You finally arrive at a figure after day-long bargaining, but they still believe that any price not favourable to them is a big loss to them.

This is India's traditional trickery. At times one feels what they demand is totally bizarre. During the early negotiations in 1962, the Indian side even proposed Tibet belonged with India, that Sichuan province be declared demilitarized zone, and last but not least they even demanded the Indian Army be permitted to be stationed at Chengdu (the capital of Sichuan province -Tr.) in order to monitor the implementation of the "demilitarized zone." The Chinese representatives were "stunned" (目瞪口呆 Mùdèngkǒudāi).

The Indian people behave like petty thieves. But even petty thieves cannot conceal their pettiness, tactical stupidity and short-sightedness.

Then too India crossed into the Chinese side of the LAC and provoked the trouble and misread China's restraint and patience as signs of "weakness" and "cowardice." In the end, when using "diplomatic means" during negotiation and mediation, India terribly misjudged situation and remained arrogant and put forward frantic demands putting the Nehru government in an awkward and desperate situation.

Consequently, China fought back and there was a 15-day battle during which China cleared off all of the Indian Army's strongholds within Chinese territory. A total of more than 8,700 Indian troops were either killed or captured, and a large number of weapons, equipments and materials were seized. The fighting and defeat discredited and disillusioned the so-called "Leader of the Third World."

Today's India is actually turning out to be far clumsy than in 1962. In 1962, India was much better off than China – it inherited from the colonial Britain a better industrial infrastructure, better transportation base and higher level of productive force. In contrast, China was still an agriculture economy, and had just encountered natural disaster...whereas currently India is struggling both internally and

externally and it is failing miserably in containing the corona pandemic. According the *Indian Express*, on September 3 India recorded a record number of COVID-19 positive cases in one day, ie, 83341 cases – highest in the world so far. For the past consecutive 36 days, each day 50,000 people have tested positive in India, exceeding the 80,000 figure four times. India's GDP in the second quarter fell by 23.9% year-on-year, a record low.



"Delicate relationship" 2000 Indians wearing Xi Jinping face masks welcomed the Chinese President in Chennai Source: rfi.fr

Faced with raging pandemic, dying industry, unprecedented unemployment at home, while continuous border and military conflicts happening with countries in the neighbourhood such as Nepal and Pakistan, sometimes simultaneously, India is making enemies on all sides...in such times, it is unbelievable that India wants to provoke trouble with China and even invade China?

Certain fascist countries insist on compelling a country that is the friendliest, gentle, and reasonable, believes in the spirit of internationalism and enjoys total industrial output value equal to that of combined value of the US, Germany and Japan, to indulge in a similar behaviour like their own, is it fair?

Perhaps it was too long ago and today's Indian political leadership as well as the Indian soldiers all have forgotten that they are facing a formidable enemy.

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