

## China to boost development of online media



Students use iPad during a class at a middle school in Nanjing. [File Photo]

China will boost the development of online media by encouraging eligible websites to go public and create new mainstream media institutions and groups during the 2016-2020 period, according to a government blueprint made public Sunday.

Issued by the general offices of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and the State Council, the outline for the 13th five-year program (2016-2020) on cultural development and reform vowed to gradually set up a modern communication system by 2020.

As a major project to “build public opinion fronts” online, efforts will be made to improve the communication abilities of major news websites and online radio and TV stations and develop a system for communication on the mobile internet.”

“Eligible websites will be encouraged to go public,” it said.

Authorities will give support to mainstream media institutions in developing their websites and new media. It will step up efforts to guide and standardize investment in the internet cultural sector with both state and private funds.

Meanwhile, existing laws and regulations on news and publishing will be

extended to cover the management of online media, according to the document.

“The licensing mechanism on sources of online news should be improved, while management over news gathering and reproduction qualifications should also be strengthened,” it said.

The outline also vowed to set up a sound system for online copyright.

Aiming to ensure a good order for communication, the government will intensify management over search engines, instant messaging tools and news Apps and clarify operators’ responsibilities for the content disseminated via microblog or WeChat, it said.

It also promised severe punishment for online rumors, harmful information, news extortion, as well as fake news, fake media institutions and fake journalists.

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## **18 killed in China coal mine accident**

A coal mine accident that happened on Sunday in central China’s Hunan Province has killed 18 people, local authorities said Monday morning.

A gas leaking occurred at the Jilingqiao colliery in Huangfengqiao Township, Youxian County, around 11 a.m. Sunday, when a total of 55 workers were working in the mining shaft.

Rescuers have brought 37 miners to safety and sent them for hospital treatment.

Investigators are still testing substances in the poisonous gas. Police have detained those responsible for accident pending investigation.

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## **HR/VP Federica Mogherini on the release of girls kidnapped by Boko Haram in Nigeria**

After many years far from their families, over 80 girls kidnapped by Boko Harm have been finally released in Nigeria.

This news is a glimmer of hope that one day all the kidnapped girls will once

again return home, live freely and have a peaceful future.

Our thoughts are with them as they have the chance to rebuild their lives and also with those that remain captive.

All must be done to ensure that those responsible of their ordeal are brought to justice.

The EU continues to stand shoulder to shoulder with Nigeria in its fight against terrorism and in its tireless work to free the girls.

The EU also continues to be fully committed to supporting humanitarian, development and reconstruction work in Nigeria.

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## [‘Family planning’ for Siberian tigers in China](#)



A breeder checks two Siberian tiger cubs in the Hengdaohezi Feline Breeding Center in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, April 24, 2017. [Photo/Xinhua]

Chinese researchers are using artificial breeding to control the population of captive-bred Siberian Tigers and improve their genetic quality.

There are about 1,000 Siberian tigers at China Hengdaohezi Feline Breeding

Center, the world's largest breeding center for tigers in captivity. Researchers control the number of newborn cubs to about 100 every year.

"Not all adult Siberian tigers are fit for reproducing. If we do not control reproduction, the quality of the offspring will be affected," said Liu Dan, chief engineer at the Siberian Tiger Park.

Researchers conduct DNA tests to select parents and to prevent inbreeding, he said.

Most Siberian tigers have more than one cub at a time. It is common for a mother tiger to give birth to three cubs at once, Liu said.

The oldest mother at the center is 15 years old. Some tigers can reproduce from the age of four until age 14, he said.

Researchers have also given the animals wildlife training.

"Wildlife training is an important way to maintain their quality. I hope one day we can release these captive-bred animals to the wild," he said.

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## [Jeremy Hunt has admitted what patients know: Tory failure on the NHS is "not acceptable" – Ashworth](#)

**Jonathan Ashworth, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary**, responding to Jeremy Hunt's interview on Marr, said:

"We've now had an admission of failure straight from the horse's mouth: the Tory-made A&E crisis is simply "not acceptable."

"Jeremy Hunt this morning was forced to admit to the British public that the 4-hour A&E target has not been hit in over two years. This shameful statistic is symptomatic of the crisis that the Tories have left our NHS in. Britain cannot afford another five years of Tory failure.

"Only Labour will give the NHS the resources it needs to deliver the service patients deserve."

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