Appendix:
China's Internal Security Diplomacy Dataset

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This dataset contains data on internal security diplomacy carried out by the People's Republic of China (PRC) from June 2022 to May 2025. Data were collected from state media, government statements, and other publicly available sources, provided in each tab. The dataset includes the following:

Support for GSI:

This tab tracks countries' official statements about the PRC's Global Security Initiative (GSI). It codes them as "clear support," or "soft support," or "no statement."

- "**Clear support**" designates countries that have explicitly stated that they "support" (支持), "praise" (赞赏), or "speak highly" (高度评价), or have pledged to cooperate with China to implement GSI or cooperate under the GSI framework.
- "**Soft support**" designates countries that have complimented GSI without dispositively stating support, as well as countries that have stated that they "welcome" (欢迎), "approve of" (认同, 认可), or otherwise express qualified or vague support for GSI.

GPSCFL Participation:

This tab records participation in the Global Public Security Cooperation Forum (Lianyungang) in 2022, 2023, and 2024. China invites participation from official country representatives and sub-national and unofficial actors. We therefore code three types of participation.

- "**Clear official representation**" refers to countries whose government representatives attended the forum in an official capacity.
- "**Unofficial or vague representation**" designates countries whose participants were either sub-national actors or experts rather than representatives of the government. If an attendee is not clearly a government representative, we use this category.
- "**Did not participate**" designates countries who cannot be dispositively proven to have attended the forum in any capacity.

We note that these data may undercount participation. GPSCFL organizers report topline participant counts that exceed those in our dataset, but provide no authoritative list of participants to verify these claims or to distinguish between official representation and other expert participation.

Security Diplomacy Meetings:

This tab records diplomatic meetings that occurred from June 2022 to June 2025 between leaders of various organs within China's internal security apparatus and foreign counterparts. It records meetings held by the following:

1. The head of the CCP Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission;
2. The commander of the People's Armed Police;
3. The Minister of State Security; and
4. The Minister, Vice Ministers, and Assistant Ministers of Public Security.

This tab records relevant information about each meetings, including: the meeting date; the PRC official participating; the counterpart country or international organization; the type of meeting; and the context of the meetings.

The column labeled "bilateral/multilateral" distinguishes between bilateral meetings, multilateral meetings, and sideline bilateral meetings (which are bilateral, but occur on the sideline of multilateral events). When a country is marked as a "sideline bilateral," the "context" column notes the multilateral event to which it is connected.

This tab uses leader-event as its unit of analysis. Some diplomatic interactions include more than one senior leader from China's internal security apparatus, so the "type" column records whether an interaction was a standard single-official meeting, or whether multiple officials attended. Our dataset contains seven such instances, marked as "meeting (attended with Chen Wenqing)" and "meeting (attended with Wang Xiaohong)" in the "type column." (Meetings marked as "meeting (attended with Xi Jinping)" are only recorded once in our dataset and can be treated as individual instances.) Users of this data should avoid overcounting meeting totals by recombining meetings in which a vice minister or assistant minister attended a ministerial-level meeting with the minister.

Official and Country Reference:

This tab provides a list of PRC internal security officials, their affiliations, and full titles. It also includes a standardized list of country and international organization names used throughout this dataset.