

## Appendix 2. Chronology of the 1961–1962 Sino-Indian Border Crisis

Date	Official Statements	Authoritative Commentary
<b>1961</b>		
8/12	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) protests repeated Indian encroachments on border since May 19	
10/7	MFA protests repeated Indian encroachments on border	
11/2	Two MFA “strong protests” of new encroachments and violation of airspace; New Delhi should not take Beijing’s “restraint and tolerance as weakness”	
11/30	MFA note urges New Delhi to cease “unlawful actions,” otherwise it must be “held responsible for new tensions”	
12/6	MFA note discloses several previous protests; says Beijing has “exercised self restraint” in face of Indian “war clamor”	
12/7		<i>People’s Daily</i> EDITORIAL advises that New Delhi will be held responsible for new border tensions
<b>1962</b>		
1/24	MFA “serious protest” against new Indian air intrusions; New Delhi “mistaken if it thinks it can profit from unscrupulous provocations” against Chinese border posts	
2/26	MFA note renews call for negotiation of boundary dispute	
3/22	MFA note again calls for negotiation of boundary dispute	
4/21	MFA “serious protest” on new Indian border intrusion	
4/30	MFA “strongest protest” over Indian troops establishing posts on PRC territory; warns that if they are not withdrawn, PRC border guards would be “compelled to defend themselves”	

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<b>1962</b>		
5/11	MFA “serious protest” of new intrusion and “provocative firing” by Indian troops in eastern sector; notes that PRC forces “firmly maintained a coolheaded attitude of self restraint”; situation on border “very grave”	
6/18	PRC Government “strong protest” of “atrocities” in which Indian troops shot four Tibetans; demands compensation and end to such incidents	
6/28	PRC Government “serious” protest of 59 Indian air intrusions in May	
7/8	PRC “strongest” protest of “serious intrusion” of Indian troops into Xinjiang; commends PRC forces’ self-restraint but warns that China “will never yield to deeper advances by India, nor will China give up its right to self defense when attacked”	
7/9		<i>People’s Daily</i> EDITORIAL, entitled “The Indian Government Should Rein in at the Brink of the Precipice,” warns that China will exercise right of self-defense in the face of unprovoked attacks
7/13	MFA “strongest protest” says New Delhi “turning a deaf ear” to past protests; warns that PRC has exercised forbearance and self-restraint but will be compelled to defend itself if Indian forces provoke an armed clash	
7/21		<i>People’s Daily</i> observer article, entitled “The Indian Authorities Should Not Miscalculate,” warns that if India continues to provoke armed clashes and compels Chinese forces to defend themselves, it will be “lifting a great stone only to drop it on its own foot”

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<b>1962</b>		
7/22	MFA "strongest protest" over clash in Xinjiang in which PRC forces were compelled to defend themselves; while China has exercised "greatest forbearance and restraint," it could not "sit idly by"	
8/4	MFA note calls for border talks as soon as possible	
9/7		<i>People's Daily</i> EDITORIAL calls on New Delhi to cease border provocations and enter negotiations
9/13	MFA note proposes opening border talks on October 15; notes that New Delhi has rejected Beijing's August 4 call for talks	
9/21	PRC Government "most serious and strongest" protest on new Indian border clashes	
9/22		<i>People's Daily</i> EDITORIAL entitled "Is This Tolerable?" warns that "Beijing's patience is limited" and that Beijing will be forced to "take necessary measures" to protect its border guards if New Delhi does not cease its provocations; New Delhi "cannot now say that warning has not been given in advance"
10/3	MFA note reiterates call for border talks to open on October 15; notes continuing clashes	
10/6	MFA note protests new "incidents of bloodshed" in the eastern sector, says New Delhi "continuing to play with fire"	

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<b>1962</b>		
10/11	MFA “strongest and most serious protest” over October 9 clash, killing several PRC troops; warns that if Indian forces do not cease, Chinese troops “will surely act in self defense”; second “strongest and most serious” protest over new Indian attacks in Tibet; warns that if New Delhi “does not rein in before the precipice and continues to spread the flames of war,” it will bear all the consequences	
10/13	MFA “strong protest” over new intrusions; notes Indian side moving more troops “in preparation for war”	
10/14		<i>People’s Daily</i> EDITORIAL entitled “Mr. Nehru! It’s Time to Pull Back from the Brink of the Precipice!”
10/17	Two MFA “serious” protests over continuing intrusions	
10/20	MFA “most urgent, most serious and strongest” note declares that New Delhi has refused to negotiate and launched broad attacks on PRC territory and so China has “no choice but to rebuff these frenzied attacks resolutely”; Ministry of National Defense spokesman states that “all-out attacks” by Indian forces compelled PRC forces to “strike back” and “recover territory occupied by Indian troops”	