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POLITICAL ISSUES

ALGERIA

1) China, Algeria to jointly push for progress in partnership

Algiers, 8 February 2015

During a meeting with Algerian Prime Minister Abdelmalek Sellal, Chinese state councillor Yang Jiechi said that both countries will work together to strengthen high-level dialogue. Yang also met with President Abdelaziz Bouteflika and pledged to work for closer ties.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-02/08/content_19521827.htm

IRAN

2) Iran president calls for stronger ties with China

Tehran, 16 February 2015

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani met visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and assured him that Iran wants to further advance its relations with China. He showed interest in China's Silk Road Economic Belt and Maritime Silk Road initiatives.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-02/16/content_19607087.htm

3) China calls for confidence over Iran nuclear issue

Beijing, 25 February 2015

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China called for confidence from all parties involved in the Iranian nuclear talks to achieve a comprehensive deal.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2015-02/25/content_19653502.htm

UAE

4) China, UAE agree to boost cooperation, ties

Abu Dhabi, 15 February 2015

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi held a meeting with his UAE counterpart Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed al-Nahyan and both agreed to boost strategic partnership and bilateral cooperation.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-02/15/content_19596235.htm

5) UAE ready to be gateway to better ties of China, Arab world

Dubai, 15 February 2015

While meeting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, UAE Vice President Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid -Maktoum said that his country would like to be the gateway to better ties between China and Gulf countries.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2015-02/15/content_19594545.htm

YEMEN

6) China calls for dialogue in Yemen

Beijing, 10 February 2015

Hua Chunying, Foreign Ministry spokesperson, said that China urged all parties involved in Yemen to resolve disputes through dialogue and restore national stability at the earliest.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://africa.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-02/10/content_19547798.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

EGYPT

7) Maritime Silk Road can increase Sino-Arab cooperation

Quanzhou, 13 February 2015

Galal Mohamed Noman, former Egyptian ambassador to China said that the Maritime Silk Road and New Suez Canal will make an unprecedented and innovative contribution to Chinese and Egyptian development.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/m/fujian/2015-02/13/content_19582302.htm

8) Thousands join in the festival spirit in Egypt

Cairo, 18 February 2015

Egypt celebrated the Chinese Spring Festival in the Maadi Island Park along the River Nile in Cairo. Liu Shiping, executive director of the China Culture Centre in Cairo said that the number of Egyptians taking part in the festival has risen from 2,000 in 2010 to 11,000 this year.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/epaper/2015-02/18/content_19617954.htm

ISRAEL

9) Chinese company launches innovation contest to tech companies in Israel

Tel Aviv, 3 February 2015

Chinese Shengjing360 group and Israeli venture capital firm Jerusalem Venture Partners (JVP) launched a new "Global Innovation" award for innovative start-ups. The award value is US\$1 million and would be awarded in August 2015.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2015-02/03/content_19478551.htm

10) Guizhou agriculture to benefit from Israeli links

Beijing, 12 February 2015

The Israel-Guizhou Agriculture Seminar opened in Guiyang, in the Guizhou province. The Agricultural Committee of Guizhou and Israeli Consulate General in Chengdu made agreements during the seminar to jointly build the Agricultural Cooperation Demonstration Zone covering 666,666 square meters in the next four years.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://africa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2015-02/12/content_19571162.htm

TURKEY

11) Turkish retired general urges purchase of Chinese missiles

Istanbul, 22 February 2015

Ismail Hakki Pekin, former head of intelligence unit of chief of staff and deputy-chairperson of the Turkish Patriotic Party, welcomed the Turkish decision to buy the Chinese long range surface-to-air missile system.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-02/22/content_19632752.htm

UAE

12) Air Arabia to enter China

Beijing, 7 February 2015

Starting from 10 February 2015, UAE carrier *Air Arabia* will launch non-stop services to China. Flights will depart Sharjah in the morning on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday and arrive at Urumqi that evening.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://africa.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2015-02/07/content_19519466.htm

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