

# CHINA WATCH

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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### ALGERIA

#### 1) China hails Algeria's efforts to settle conflicts in Mali, Libya

Algiers, Sunday, 14 June 2015

Chinese ambassador to Algeria Yang Guangyu lauded Algeria's mediation attempts to settle the ongoing conflicts in Libya and added, "convergence of views of China and Algeria regarding international and regional issues is based on both countries commitment to the principles of non-interference in the internal affairs of others and non-use of force to settle conflicts".

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/14/c\\_134325579.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/14/c_134325579.htm)

### EGYPT

#### 2) Egypt beefs up ties with China with landmark projects

Cairo, Wednesday, 3 June 2015

During a two-day visit to Cairo, China's state councillor Yang Jiechi said that China is ready to support Egypt's efforts to build hi-tech infrastructure and development projects.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/04/c\\_134295140.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/04/c_134295140.htm)

#### 3) China condemns terrorist attack in Egypt

Beijing, Tuesday, 30 June 2015

Foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China condemned the terrorist attack in Cairo that killed Egyptian Prosecutor General Hisham Barakat.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/30/c\\_134369574.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/30/c_134369574.htm)

### IRAN

#### 4) FM urges consistent efforts to clinch deal over Iran nuclear issue

Moscow, Monday, 8 June 2015

During a trilateral meeting with his Russian and Iranian counterparts, Sergei Lavrov and Mohammad Javad Zarif respectively, Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi urged all concerned parties to make consistent efforts to clinch a comprehensive Iranian nuclear deal.

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-06/08/content\\_20940614.htm](http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-06/08/content_20940614.htm)

#### 5) China calls for early, comprehensive agreement on Iran nuclear issue

Middle East Institute @ New Delhi, [www.mei.org.in](http://www.mei.org.in)

**Beijing, Wednesday, 24 June 2015**

China's deputy permanent representative to the UN Wang Min said that China hoped that "all parties will pay attention to and reasonably resolve legitimate concerns, avoid interference, and make a timely political decision to reach a comprehensive agreement on Iran's nuclear issue according to schedule."

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-06/24/content\\_21086953.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-06/24/content_21086953.htm)

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**KUWAIT**

**6) China condemns terrorist attacks in Kuwait**

**Beijing, Saturday, 27 June 2015**

Foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China strongly condemned the terrorist attack that took place in Kuwait.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/27/c\\_134361581.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/27/c_134361581.htm)

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**ECONOMIC ISSUES**

**ALGERIA**

**7) China stands as Algeria's top supplier in first 5 months this year**

**Algiers, Tuesday, 23 June 2015**

According to a report published by the National Centre for Informatics and Statistics of Customs (CNIS), China has been the largest supplier of Algeria during the first five months of 2015.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/24/c\\_134350030.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/24/c_134350030.htm)

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**ISRAEL**

**8) Fosun International takes stake in Israeli insurer**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 24 June 2015**

Delek Group Ltd., an Israel-based holding company has agreed to sell its controlling stake in Phoenix Holdings Ltd., Israel's fourth-largest insurance provider to China's Fosun International Ltd. for about US\$461.6 million.

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://africa.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2015-06/24/content\\_21086588.htm](http://africa.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2015-06/24/content_21086588.htm)

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**9) Qoros hinting at revitalizing image in Chinese market**

**Beijing, Monday, 29 June 2015**

The joint venture between China's Cherry Automobile and Israel Corp, Qoros is planning to renew its image and reposition itself in the Chinese market.

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/motoring/2015-06/29/content\\_21129768.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/motoring/2015-06/29/content_21129768.htm)

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**QATAR**

**10) Tycoon Li sells utilities stake to Qatar**

**Hong Kong, Wednesday, 10 June 2015**

Billionaire Li Ka-Shing sold a HK\$7.6 billion stake of Hong Kong Electric Investments Ltd. to the Qatar Investment Authority, which is a part of Qatar's sovereign wealth fund.

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/hkedition/2015-06/10/content\\_20955589.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/hkedition/2015-06/10/content_20955589.htm)

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## **UAE**

### **11) UAE aspires to join China's belt and road initiative**

**Abu Dhabi, Monday, 29 June 2015**

Chinese ambassador to UAE Chang Hua said that the UAE is very interested in China's "Belt and Road" initiative.

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://africa.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2015-06/29/content\\_21133209.htm](http://africa.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2015-06/29/content_21133209.htm)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

## **EGYPT**

### **12) Chinese firms hold charity banquets for Egyptian Muslims in Ramadan**

**Cairo, Wednesday, 24 June 2015**

China in Egypt Stone Material Association (CESMA) and the Egyptian Society for Integrated Development (ESID) held a charity banquet for Muslims during Ramadan.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/25/c\\_134353329.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-06/25/c_134353329.htm)

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## **QATAR**

### **13) Chinese legal aid display in Qatar**

**Doha, Tuesday, 2 June 2015**

In conjunction with the 13<sup>th</sup> United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, China put up an exhibition in Doha to explain its legal aid structure.

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/m/chinalic/2015-06/02/content\\_20888648.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/m/chinalic/2015-06/02/content_20888648.htm)

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## **UAE**

### **14) Chinese firms, tourists fuel UAE events industry**

**Dubai, Wednesday, 3 June 2015**

During the Middle East Event show, over 3,000 Chinese companies participated which increased the footfall of Chinese tourists to the UAE in 2015.

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/travel/2015-06/03/content\\_20896961.htm](http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/travel/2015-06/03/content_20896961.htm)

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### **15) Auto spare parts market in Mena booms, attracts Chinese investment**

**Dubai, Thursday, 4 June 2015**

In the three-day Automechanika, an exhibition for aftermarket vehicle spare parts held in Dubai, around 549 Chinese firms participated.

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/motoring/2015-06/04/content\\_20912036.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/motoring/2015-06/04/content_20912036.htm)

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### **16) Chinese tourists drive higher guest arrivals in Abu Dhabi**

**Abu Dhabi, Wednesday, 17 June 2015**

During the first four months of 2015, the number of Chinese tourists to visit Abu Dhabi increased by 75 percent to reach 79,713 people.

*Source: China Daily, Beijing*

[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-06/17/content\\_21027965.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-06/17/content_21027965.htm)

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