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# CHINA WATCH

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# **POLITICAL ISSUES**

#### IRAN

1) Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi urges no further delay in nuclear talks.

#### Vienna, Monday, 13 July 2015

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi expressed that no further delay should be made in the negotiation process with Iran.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-07/13/c\_134408652.htm

2) China to play a key role in modification of Iran's Arak heavy water reactor.

#### Vienna, Wednesday, 15 July 2015

The modification of Arak reactor was one of the core issues in the nuclear negotiation with Iran, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said.

Source: China Daily, Taiwan

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-07/15/content\_21292751.htm

#### IRAQ

#### 3) China condemns car bombing in Iraq that killed minimum of 120 lives.

#### Beijing, Thursday, 23 July 2015

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lu Kang expressed condolence for the lives lost in a car bombing in Iraq and added that China supports the effort to combat terrorism and safeguard national security.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-07/23/c\_134437538.htm

#### ISRAEL

#### 4) Chinese envoy calls on Palestine, Israel to resume peace talks as soon as possible. United Nations, Friday, 24 July 2015

During the Security Council Open Debate, deputy permanent representative to the UN Wang Min said that the present situation between Israel and Palestine is tense and both should resolve problems through negotiations.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-07/24/c\_134443957.htm

# **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

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#### EGYPT

# 5) Egypt's new Suez Canal to give China more investment chances

#### Cairo, Sunday, 26 July 2015

Egypt's former ambassador to China Mahmoud Allam said that the new Suez Canal area would give the Chinese side more opportunities to invest.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-07/26/c\_134446650.htm

#### IRAN

#### 6) The Iranian nuclear deal set to increase trade with china.

#### Vienna, Wednesday, 15 July 2015

Former Chinese ambassador to Egypt said that Iran has a strong desire to join China's silk route initiative and that closer economic ties will boost the 'going global' strategy of Chinese enterprises and help to enhance China's ties with other Middle East countries.

Source: China Daily, Taiwan

http://europe.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-07/15/content\_21292813.htm

#### ISRAEL

#### 7) China international exchange association signs agreement with Israeli foreign ministry. Beijing, Wednesday, 8 July 2015

China Association of International Personnel Exchanges reached a two-year co-operation agreement with the Foreign Ministry of Israel's International Co-operation centre.

Source: China daily, Taiwan

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/m/safea/2015-07/08/content\_21225450.htm

#### QATAR

#### 8) Qatar's ambassador to China highlights Ningxia's role along the belt

#### Beijing, Tuesday, 21 July

Ambassador of Qatar to China Sultan Al Mansouri said that Ningxia in China is an important pivot of the Silk Road economic belt since ancient days. He stressed on strengthening ties and pledged that Qatar would actively take part in the Road and Belt initiative.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2015-07/21/c\_134431617.htm

#### OMAN

#### 9) Oman wants to be china's key partner in Belt and Road Initiative

#### Muscat, Wednesday, 1 July 2015

Chinese Ambassador to Oman said that his country sits on a key spot along the Silk Road and said that Oman has shown much interest in the 'Belt and Road' Initiative.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-07/01/c\_134373552.htm

# **MULTILATERAL ISSUES**

#### 10) China, Arab states to build medical alliance.

#### Beijing, Wednesday, 22 July 2015

The Arab states and China will hold a forum on health co-operation from 10-12 September in Yinchuan district in China.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2015-07/22/c\_134436257.htm

### **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

#### IRAQ

#### 11) Chinese student detained in Iraq was freed.

#### Baghdad, Tuesday, 28 July 2015

A Chinese student named Liu Tuo was detained in northern Iraq as he was suspected of having links to the Islamic state militant groups. After it was proved false, he was freed by local police. *Source: China Daily, Taiwan* 

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2015-07/28/content\_21426456.htm

#### OMAN

#### **12) Bid Over Heron Towers**

#### Beijing, Sunday, 26 July 2015

Chinese insurer Anbang Insurance has put in a bid to purchase the Heron Tower in London, which is partly owned by Oman's sovereign wealth fund and by members of the Saudi Royal family.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2015-07/26/c\_134447235.htm

#### PALESTINE

#### 13) China donates 700 tons of rice to ease sufferings of Gazans

#### Gaza, Wednesday, 15 July 2015

China donated 700 tons of rice to Gaza, which was distributed by the Palestinian Red Crescent society to the people affected by the offensive Israeli measures.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-07/15/c\_134416002.htm

#### UAE

# 14) China's telecom giant partners with Dubai firms for regions most advanced mobile broadband.

#### Dubai, Thursday, 2 July 2015

Chinese ICT giant Huawei and Dubai based Emirates Integrated Telecommunications company signed a MoU to build the region's most advanced broadband network.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-07/02/c\_134377048.htm

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