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# CHINA WATCH

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# **POLITICAL ISSUES**

#### ALGERIA

#### 1) China vows to deepen cooperation with Algeria

Beijing, Friday, 4 September 2015

In a meeting between the Chinese premier Li Keqiang and President Abdelkader Bensalah of Algeria, both the leaders exchanged willingness to co-operate with each other.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/04/c\_134590471.htm

#### EGYPT

#### 2) Li Keqiang meets Egypt President

#### Beijing, Wednesday, 2 September 2015

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi visited Beijing to attend the event marking the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. During the event, the Chinese premier Li Keqiang stated that next year China and Egypt would celebrate 60 years of diplomatic ties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2015-09/02/c\_134581538.htm

See also: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/02/c\_134580549.htm

#### 3) China Egypt Friendship

#### Cairo, Tuesday, 29 September 2015

At a ceremony in Cairo to mark the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Cairo's governor Galal al-Saeed stressed on the importance of the Chinese-Egyptian ties. *Source: Xinhua, Beijing* 

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/30/c\_134672880.htm

#### IRAN

#### 4) Meeting on Iran Deal sends positive signals: Chinese FM

#### United Nations, Monday, 28 September 2015

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said in a meeting, which involved the Iranian Foreign Minister and the ministers from P5+1, that the recent nuclear deal has sent some positive signals for the promotion of the start of its implementation.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

#### http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/29/c\_134672063.htm

5) Chinese premier calls for concerted efforts to implement Iran nuclear deal

#### Beijing, Tuesday, 15 September 2015

Premier Li Keqiang met with the visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and called for concerted efforts to implement the nuclear deal reached in July between Iran and P5+1 countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/15/c\_134627078.htm

6) China, Iran consider lifting ties to "Strategic Partnership"

#### Beijing, Tuesday, 15 September 2015

China and Iran decided to launch consultation on establishing a strategic partnership, which would help in boosting the bilateral relation further.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/15/c\_134627018.htm

#### ISRAEL

### 7) The 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of PRC (People's Republic of China)

#### Tel Aviv, Thursday, 24 September 2015

The 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of People's Republic of China was celebrated in Tel Aviv. The National Day reception was hosted by the Chinese Embassy, which included performances by Chinese artists.

*Source:* Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/photo/2015-09/25/c\_134657412\_3.htm

8) Israeli President urges for closer cooperation between China and Israel.

#### Tel Aviv, Thursday, 24 September2015

Israeli President Reuvin Rivlin called for closer co-operation between China and Israel in issues, which involve threat posed by extremism in the Middle East.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/25/c\_134657026.htm

#### JORDAN

#### 9) China, Jordan calls for strategic partnership

#### Beijing, Wednesday, 9 September 2015

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Jordanian King Abdullah II signed a joint statement on the establishment of a strategic partnership between the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/09/c\_134607745.htm

#### SYRIA

#### 10) China calls for political solution to the Syrian Crisis

#### Beijing, Wednesday, 30 September

China stressed on resolving the Syrian crisis and expressed its willingness to work with the international community to strive for the settlement of the issue.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/30/c\_134676252.htm

# **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

#### EGYPT

#### 11) Egypt keen to strengthen ties with china

#### Cairo, Wednesday, 9 September 2015.

Egyptian Trade and Industry Minister Mounir Fakhry Abdel Nour said that the country is very keen in boosting its trade and economic relation with China. He also discussed the various memorandums signed between the two countries.

*Source:* Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/09/c\_134606720.htm

#### **KUWAIT**

#### 12) "Belt and Road" initiative facilitates China-Kuwait co-operation: Envoy.

#### Kuwait city, Wednesday, 9 September 2015

Chinese Ambassador to Kuwait Wang Di said that China showed positive signs to work with Kuwait and boost the bilateral friendship through the "Belt and Road" initiative.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/10/c\_134611054.htm

## **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

#### JORDAN

#### 13) Jordan signs deal with Chinese banks to finance oil shale project

#### Amman, Tuesday, 29September 2015

Mohhamad Maaitah, project partner of Attar Power Company (APCO), which is the owner of a shale oil plant, confirmed that the company has signed an agreement with the Bank of China and the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China to provide loan for financing the project.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/30/c\_134672744.htm

#### 14) Jordan says China's "Belt and Road" initiatives will boost trade with Arab Countries. Amman, Saturday, 5 September 2015.

Mohhamad Dawood the President of the Jordan Truck Owners Association said that the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st century Maritime Route would help in facilitating trade by reducing the costs and time for shipping cargoes.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/05/c\_134592444.htm

#### LEBANON

#### 15) China beats Lebanon at Asian Championship

#### Changsha, Monday, 28 September 2015

At the 2015 Asian Championship Games, China became the only unbeaten team by defeating Lebanon 90-70 in men's basketball category.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/28/c\_134668814.htm

#### **SAUDI ARABIA**

#### **16) Crane collapse in Mecca**

#### Beijing, Monday, 14 September 2015

China expressed its condolence to Saudi Arabia over the crane accident, which killed more than 100 people at the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/14/c\_134623351.htm

17) Three Chinese injured in Mecca Crane accident

#### Beijing, Monday, 14 September 2015

The crane accident that took place into Mecca's Grand Mosque injured three Chinese Muslims. *Source: Xinhua, Beijing* 

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2015-09/14/c\_134620834.htm

#### UAE

18) UAE invests in North West China tourism resort

Yinchuan, Wednesday, 16 September 2015

The UAE and China will jointly co-operate in a project involving the construction of a tourism resort, which includes the Liupan Mountain International Resort in Guyuan city in Ningxia Hui autonomous region covering an area of 817 hectares and is expected to be completed within two years.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing* http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-09/16/c\_134630428.htm

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