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POLITICAL ISSUES

IRAN

1) China urges sides concerned to accelerate redesign of Iran's Arak reactor

Beijing, Monday, 23 November 2015

Foreign Ministry spokesperson said that China has called on all relevant parties concerned to accelerate substantial work for design and reconstruction of Iran's Arak heavy water reactor.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/23/c_134846585.htm

ISRAEL

2) Israeli President calls for closer economic cooperation with China

Jerusalem, Wednesday, 11 November 2015.

At a meeting with Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin called for further tapping the potential of Israel –China cooperation in various fields.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/12/c_134807193.htm

3) Chinese Vice Premier urges closer agricultural cooperation with Israel

Jerusalem, Thursday, 12 November 2015

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang said that China and Israel should further strengthen bilateral co-operation in agriculture, including innovation, water management, seed research and development.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/13/c_134811282.htm

4) Israel ready to achieve more in economic cooperation with China: PM

Jerusalem, Friday, 13 November 2015.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a meeting with the visiting Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang expressed readiness to make joint efforts with China for further bilateral cooperation in economy and trade, science and technology, innovation, agriculture as well as culture.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/14/c_134814329.htm

PALESTINE

5) China supports Palestinian just cause, development: Vice Premier

Ramallah, Friday, 13 November 2015.

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Rami Hamdalla. He said that China supported Palestine's economy, livelihood and its capacity building, and would make every effort to implement the on-going plans and projects.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/14/c_134814459.htm

6) Chinese president urges comprehensive, fair solution to the Palestinian issue

Beijing, Tuesday, 24 November 2015

Chinese resident Xi Jinping stated that an early comprehensive and fair solution to the Palestinian issue serves the interest of all people in the Middle East region.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/24/c_134849573.htm

SYRIA

7) China reiterates stance of political resolution to Syria Crisis

Beijing, Sunday, 1 November 2015

A multilateral meeting on Syria was held in Vienna, which included regional players like China, Russia, the United States, Iran and Saudi Arabia. In the meeting, China reiterated that it supported a political resolution to the Syrian crisis.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/01/c_134771523.htm

8) China hopes Vienna meeting offers solution to Syria crisis

Beijing, Friday, 13 November 2015

China hopes that the second Vienna meeting on Syrian crisis would offer fruitful solutions to the conflict.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/13/c_134813883.htm

9) China proposes comprehensive ceasefire in Syria

Vienna, Saturday, 14 November 2015

China proposed a comprehensive ceasefire in Syria and called on the international community to take united efforts to fight against any form of terrorism. Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Li Baodong said that a ceasefire for the current scenario in Syria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/15/c_134816707.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

10) Arabic learning gets popularity in western China

Lanzhou, Friday, 13 November 2015

The Belt and Road initiative has began to generate jobs and business opportunities and due to this young Chinese people are becoming more interested in learning Arabic.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/13/c_134812701.htm

11) Political solutions key to Middle East issues: Chinese envoy

Amman, Tuesday, 17 November 2015

China's special envoy to the Middle East Gong Xiaosheng stated that China believes political solutions are key to resolving issues and conflicts in the Middle East.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/18/c_134826602.htm

12) Death of Chinese hostage held by IS

Beijing, Thursday, 19 November 2015

Fan Jinghui, a Chinese who was held hostage by the Islamic State in Syria, was confirmed dead by the Chinese authorities.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-11/19/c_134834554.htm

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