

# CHINA WATCH

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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### EGYPT

#### 1) Chinese President called for accelerating co operation

**Johannesburg, Friday, 4 December 2015**

Chinese President Xi Jinping met Egyptian Prime Minister Sherif Ismail on the side lines of the Johannesburg Summit of the forum on China-Africa cooperation and expressed the need for speedy progress in major production capacity project in the fields of electricity, transportation and infrastructure construction.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/05/c\\_134886773\\_2.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/05/c_134886773_2.htm)

### IRAN

#### 2) China and Iran vows to deepen strategic cooperation

**Islamabad, Wednesday, 9 December 2015**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javed Zarif and pledged to deepen the strategic cooperation between them.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/09/c\\_134901067.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/09/c_134901067.htm)

#### 3) Chinese envoy calls for steady implementation of Iran Nuclear Deal

**United Nations, Tuesday, 15 December 2015**

At a Security Council meeting, Chinese envoy Wang Min said that China wanted to promote steady implementation of the Iranian Nuclear Agreement.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/16/c\\_134922846.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/16/c_134922846.htm)

#### 4) China welcomes IAEA decision

**Beijing, Wednesday, 16 December 2015**

China welcomed the resolution adopted by the International Atomic Energy Agency to close the investigation into Iran's nuclear activities and appreciated the IAEA efforts in solving the issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/16/c\\_134923895.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/16/c_134923895.htm)

### IRAQ

#### 5) China and Iraq to establish strategic partnership

**Beijing, Tuesday, 22 December 2015.**

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, agreed to establish a strategic partnership with China during a meeting with President Xi Jinping.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/22/c\\_134942019.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/22/c_134942019.htm)

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## **SYRIA**

### **6) China offers proposal on Syrian political settlement**

**Beijing, Friday, 18 December 2015**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi proposed political settlement and anti-terrorism in Syria during the third Foreign Minister meeting of the International Syrian Support Group.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/18/c\\_134931294.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/18/c_134931294.htm)

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### **7) China welcomes the peace resolution on Syrian crisis.**

**Beijing, Sunday, 20 December 2015**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi who attended the third ministerial-level meeting of the International Support Group for Syria welcomed the unanimous adoption of the resolution on the Syrian Crisis.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/video/2015-12/20/c\\_134934359.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/video/2015-12/20/c_134934359.htm)

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### **8) China announces more humanitarian aid to Syria**

**Beijing, Friday, 25 December 2015**

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi met his Syrian counterpart Walid al-Muallem in Beijing and said that China would provide more humanitarian assistance to Syria and will continue to do so whenever it is possible.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/video/2015-12/25/c\\_134949945.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/video/2015-12/25/c_134949945.htm)

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### **9) China's role in promoting political settlement to Syrian crisis**

**Beijing, Saturday, 26 December 2015**

Visiting Syrian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Walid al-Muallem said that China has played an important role in promoting political solution to the Syrian Crisis and hopes to establish regional and international anti-terrorism alliances.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/26/c\\_134953825.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/26/c_134953825.htm)

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## **UAE**

### **10) UAE seeks further development of strategic partnership with China**

**Abu Dhabi, Wednesday, 9 December 2015**

Chinese ambassador to the UAE Chang Hua met Sultan Bin Ahmed Al-Jaber, minister of state and chairperson of the UAE Board of the National Media Council and stated that both countries would discuss ways to further their bilateral cooperation in various fields.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/10/c\\_134901082.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/10/c_134901082.htm)

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### **11) Crown Prince of UAE visits Shanghai.**

**Shanghai, Tuesday, 15 December 2015**

Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Mohamed Al-Nahyan visited the Shanghai stock exchange and Aircraft Corporation of China to see the prototype of C-919, China's first homemade passenger aircraft.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/photo/2015-12/16/c\\_134920856\\_2.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/photo/2015-12/16/c_134920856_2.htm)

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## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

### **BAHRAIN**

#### **12) Bahrain's China Town opens for public**

**Manama, Sunday, 27 December 2015.**

Bahrain's China Town business complex opened for public with hundreds of products for display. Bahrain's Senior Officials said that the project would help to stimulate Bahrain's economy and create considerable number of job opportunities.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/27/c\\_134955786.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/27/c_134955786.htm)

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### **EGYPT**

#### **13) Chinese product exhibition in Cairo helps to boost business**

**Cairo, Thursday, 3 December 2015**

The China Homelife Egypt Exhibition held in Cairo was another step towards progress in the field of economic co-operation between China and Egypt and brought Chinese manufacturers from sectors such as garments, home electronics, furniture, household and various gift items.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/04/c\\_134882709.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/04/c_134882709.htm)

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### **IRAQ**

#### **14) China pledges to Iraq's national security and economic reconstruction.**

**New York, Friday, 18 December 2015**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China would continue to support Iraq's economic reconstruction.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/18/c\\_134931411.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/18/c_134931411.htm)

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### **UAE**

#### **15) China extends currency swap agreement with UAE**

**Beijing, Monday, 14 December 2015**

Central Bank of China extended a currency swap agreement with the Central Bank of UAE and this would facilitate trade and investment activities between the two countries.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/14/c\\_134915525.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/14/c_134915525.htm)

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#### **16) UAE and China agrees to set up RMB clearing hub**

**Dubai, Sunday, 27 December 2015**

The UAE has signed an agreement with China for setting up of a clearing hub for the Chinese Currency (Renminbi). UAE is the second country in the Middle East after Qatar to set up a clearing hub for the Chinese Currency.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/27/c\\_134955709.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/27/c_134955709.htm)

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## MULTILATERAL ISSUES

### IRAQ

#### 17) China calls for dialogue on Iraq-Turkey tension

Beijing, Wednesday, 9 December 2015

China has called for better cooperation and dialogue between Iraq and Turkey in accordance with the UN Charter and basic norms of international relations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/09/c\\_134900817.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/09/c_134900817.htm)

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## MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

### EGYPT

#### 18) Chinese skipper in Egypt to promote “Belt and Road” initiative

Alexandria, Saturday, 12 December 2015.

Chinese skipper Guo Chuan on his sailing trip stopped at Alexandria and said that his trip was to promote the ‘Belt and Road’ initiative along all the port cities he would visit during his trip.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/12/c\\_134910345.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/12/c_134910345.htm)

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### IRAQ

#### 19) Iraqi Prime Minister lays wreath at Monument to the People’s Heroes.

Beijing, Wednesday, 23 December 2015

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi during his two-day visit to China laid a wreath before the Monument to the People’s Heroes in Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/23/c\\_134945821.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/23/c_134945821.htm)

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### UAE

#### 20) UAE’s Emirates Airline to launch flights to two more Chinese cities

Dubai, Monday, 14 December 2015

The Emirates Airline stated that from May 2016, it would launch four weekly flights to two Chinese provincial capitals namely, Zhengzhou and Yinchuan.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/14/c\\_134916424.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/14/c_134916424.htm)

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#### 21) UAE and China agrees on driving license reciprocity

Beijing, Wednesday, 16 December 2015

China’s Ministry of Public Affair stated that both China and UAE have signed an agreement which would recognize the validity of driving licenses issued by both the countries.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/17/c\\_134924386.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/17/c_134924386.htm)

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