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# CHINA WATCH

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### **POLITICAL ISSUES**

#### **EGYPT**

# 1) China-Egypt pledges to enhance their co-operation

# Cairo, Tuesday, 1 June 2016

On the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations China and Egypt pledged to further their ties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/01/c\_135403896.htm

#### **ISRAEL**

# 2) China supports two state solutions in Middle East

# Paris, Thursday, 30 June 2016

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China welcomes all efforts in easing tension between Israel and Palestine. The statement came during the Middle East Peace Initiative Ministerial Conference in Paris.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/04/c\_135411061.htm

#### **SYRIA**

#### 3) China's concern over Syrian Crisis

### Cairo, Monday, 6 June 2016

While attending a press conference at the headquarters of the Arab League China's special envoy Xie Xiaoyan said that China is ready to play a greater role in ending the Syrian crisis.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/07/c\_135417508.htm

#### **OMAN**

### 4) Advisors from China and Oman talks about their bi lateral relation

### Beijing, Friday, 3 June 2016

Political advisors from China and Oman suggested that both the countries should expand cooperation. Yu Zhengsheng, Chairperson of National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), urged the need to increase mutual trust along with frequent high-level diplomatic exchanges.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/03/c\_135410860.htm

#### **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

#### UAE

# 5) China continues as Dubai's top trading partner in 2016

# Dubai, Monday, 13 June 2016

In the first quarter of 2016 China became the leading trading partner of Dubai with a bilateral trade of 39 billion dirham (US\$10.6 billion). The growth in the volume has helped to boost their bilateral ties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/14/c\_135433968.htm

#### **MULTILATERAL ISSUES**

#### **EGYPT**

#### 6) China-Arab State expo is an opportunity to enhance mutual co-operation

# Cairo, Tuesday, 31 May 2016

Cairo hosted the three-day exhibition of China-Arab Expo 2016 with participation of 38 companies with almost 300 Arab and Chinese participants.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/01/c\_135402670.htm

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

#### **EGYPT**

### 7) Chinese Companies initiative to spread happiness during Ramadan

# Cairo, Friday, 10 June 2016

Chinese Embassy in Egypt and the Chinese Chambers of Commerce in co-operation with the Egyptian Society for Integrated Development organized an event during the holy month of Ramadan. The event was organized to provide food boxes as gifts to poor families.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/11/c\_135427911.htm

#### **LEBANON**

### 8) Beijing to host Lebanon's gourmet week

#### Beirut, Tuesday, 28 June 2016

Adnan Kassar, the former minister of economy and trade, said that the Lebanese Gourmet festival would be held in Beijing. It would be inaugurated on the occasion of 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/29/c\_135473553.htm

#### **SYRIA**

### 9) China's ambassador visits the key Syrian coastal cities

## Damascus, Saturday, 18 June 2016

During his visit to various coastal cities in the country, China's ambassador to Syria Wang Kejian, distributed several agricultural aids. He also visited the city of Tartous and met its governor Safwan Saadi. A treaty was signed between the Governor and the Ambassador.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/18/c\_135447313.htm

#### UAE

# 10) Chinese residents in Dubai can easily swap their driving license

Dubai, Thursday, 2 June 2016

Dubai Roads and Transport Authorities said that Chinese residents in Dubai can easily switch their driving license by only applying for a valid UAE driving permission.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-06/03/c\_135408362.htm

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