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# **POLITICAL ISSUES**

# EGYPT

# 1) Egypt's role in "Belt and Road" initiative

#### Beijing, Wednesday, 13 July 2016

Egyptian Minister of Investment Dalia Khorshid and Minister of Trade and Industry Tarek Kabil expressed Egypt's willingness to play a vital role in the construction of 'Belt and Road' initiative. They also said that Egypt would take active part in developing the 'Suez Canal Corridor' which can be integrated with the "Belt and Road" initiative.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2016-07/13/c\_135510200.htm

# IRAN

# 2) China- Iran cooperation on implementation of nuclear deal

# Beijing, Thursday, 7 July 2016

China and Iran have agreed to promote the implementation of a comprehensive agreement on Iranian nuclear issue. Recently President Xi Jinping's official visit to Iran has upgraded their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/07/c\_135493737.htm

3) Chinese Envoy insists on rapid implementation of Iran nuclear deal

# United Nations, Monday, 18 July 2016

Chinese envoy to the UN Wu Haitao said that there is a requirement for joint efforts to implement the nuclear deal between Iran and world powers. He also emphasized that the implementation process would face several challenges.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/19/c\_135522829.htm

# ISRAEL

# 4) China supports resumption of Israel-Palestine peace talks

# United Nations, Tuesday, 12 July 2016

China's envoy to the UN Wu Haitao proposed that Israel and Palestine should resume peace talks to promote peace and stability in the region. He also said that both Israel and Palestine should avoid any unilateral action or damage to the civilians.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

#### http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/13/c\_135510159.htm

#### JORDAN

#### 5) Jordan proposes to co-operate with China

#### Amman, Sunday, 17 July 2016

Jordan has expressed its willingness to co-operate with China in the field of media and expressed its eagerness to boost bilateral in various other areas.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing* 

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/18/c\_135519995.htm

#### LEBANON

#### 6) Beijing hosts the "Beirut to Beijing" event

#### Beirut, Thursday, 28 July 2016

The "Beirut to Beijing" event was organized to strengthen cultural ties, tourism and trade exchanges between China and Lebanon. The event was organized in Beijing by Fransbank group and took place from 15 July until the end of the month.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/29/c\_135547897.htm

#### SYRIA

# 7) Syrian Government renews support to China on the South China Sea issue

# Damascus, Wednesday, 20 July 2016

Syria's Foreign Ministry said that the country supports China's sovereignty over the South China Sea territories and also suggested that concerned countries should solve the issue through consultation and negotiation mechanism.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/20/c\_135527663.htm

# **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

#### ISRAEL

#### 8) Israeli Government provides loan to Hebei province in North China Shijiazhuang, Friday, 29 July 2016

Israel would provide a loan of US\$26 million to the Hebei province in North China to build elder care facilities.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/29/c\_135549407.htm

#### UAE

# 9) China's Huawei signs memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Dubai south

#### Dubai, Tuesday, 12 July 2016

Huawei has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Dubai South Business Park Free Zone. The MoU would enable Huawei to provide services to residents and businesses in the Park.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/12/c\_135507982.htm

**10) Abu Dhabi- Shanghai co-operation for free zone development** Dubai, Wednesday, 13 July 2016 Abu Dhabi Global Market has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Shanghai Free Trade Zone Authority to boost their bilateral relation and enhance the development of the financial centres of Abu Dhabi and Shanghai Free Trade Zones.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing* http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/13/c 135510747.htm

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