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# CHINA WATCH

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## **POLITICAL ISSUES**

#### **IRAN**

## 1. China- Iran deepens military cooperation

## Tehran, Monday, 14 November 2016

Chinese Defence Minister Chang Wanquan came to Tehran on a three-day visit and met Iranian Defence Minister Hossein Dehqan. Both expressed the willingness to enhance military cooperation and Chang also expressed that cooperation was also beneficial for world peace and stability.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-11/14/c\_135828820.htm

## **LEBANON**

## 2. Xi congratulates new president of Lebanon on assuming office

### Beijing, Friday, 4 November 2016

Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to the new President Michel Aoun and appreciated the bilateral relations and expressed willingness to continue cooperation between the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-11/04/c\_135806856.htm

## 3. China- Lebanon vows to strengthen their military cooperation

#### Beirut, Thursday, 17 November 2016

Fan Changlong, Vice Chairman of China's Central Military Commission, on a two-day visit to Beirut expressed his willingness to develop all around ties with Lebanon and strengthen and expand military exchanges.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-11/17/c\_135838047.htm

#### **TURKEY**

#### 4. Chinese Foreign Minister meets Turkish President and Prime Minister

## Ankara, Monday, 14 November 2016

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Binali Yildirim. Both sides agreed on the need to cooperate on several issues like, security and terrorism and strengthen bilateral ties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

#### http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-11/15/c\_135829143.htm

## 5. China to consider Turkey membership of SCO

## Beijing, Monday, 21 November 2016

China expressed its willingness to accept Turkey's entry into the Shanghai Cooperation (SCO) and its response came after Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan expressed a possibility to join the SCO.

Source: Global Times, Beijing

http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1019374.shtml

## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

#### **EGYPT**

## 6. Egypt's economic situation still manageable, China key supporter: experts

## Cairo, Wednesday, 2 November 2016

The lawmakers and economic experts at the State Information Service (SIS) headquarters in Cairo stated that economic situation in Egypt is difficult yet manageable and China is a major economic supporter to Egypt.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-11/03/c\_135801502.htm

#### **TURKEY**

### 7. China and Turkey signs 36 business deals

### Istanbul, Tuesday, 1 November 2016

Companies from China and Turkey held business talks and signed deals worth nearly US\$300 million which featured products like marble, chrome ore, soybean oil, flaxseed oil, clean wool, hazelnut, pistachio nut and cotton linter.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-11/01/c\_135797824.htm

#### UAE

#### 8. China and UAE cooperates in film industry.

### Beijing, Monday, 14 November 2016

The China Intercontinental Communication Centre (CICC) and Image Nation Abu Dhabi have signed an agreement to invest a film fund which is worth US\$300 million. The agreement which was signed in Abu Dhabi would help to boost the bilateral relations.

Source: Global Times, Beijing

http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1017874.shtml

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **EGYPT**

## 9. Cairo Int'l Film Festival hosts "China Night", Chinese director winning Excellence Award

## Cairo, Thursday, 17 November 2016

The 38th Cairo International Film Festival (CIFF) held "China Night", with China as the guest of honour. The show reflects the growing trust and friendship between the two countries and was a part of the Chinese-Egyptian Culture Year celebration, which marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

#### http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-11/17/c\_135836631.htm

## 10. Renowned Chinese modern dance group makes debut in Cairo

## Cairo, Sunday, 27 November 2016

A Beijing-based troupe performed Chinese Modern dance in Cairo with more than 100 Egyptians and Chinese audience. The show was a part of the 2016 China-Egypt Culture Year jointly launched by Egypt and China to mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-11/28/c\_135862170.htm

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