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POLITICAL ISSUES

Egypt

1. China, Egypt vow to strengthen cooperation

Cairo, Monday, 2 May 2011

Marking the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between their countries Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met his Egyptian counterpart Nabil el-Arabi to discuss their strategic cooperation partnership as well as the further possibilities of strengthening their bilateral relations.

Source: Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/03/c_13855772.htm

Iran

2. Iran calls for expanding cultural ties with China

Tehran, Thursday, 5 May 2011

Alongside the sidelines of a meeting with a Chinese delegation at the International Tehran Book Fair, the Iranian Culture and Islamic Guidance Minister Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini said that the expansion of cultural ties between the two countries could play an effective role in the introduction of both the countries' cultures to each other.

Source: Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/05/c_13860442.htm

3. China hopes for prompt resumption of Iranian nuclear talks

Beijing, Tuesday, 10 May 2011

The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Jiang Yu said that China hopes that the new round of talks between Iran and world powers could start at an early date and that China has always supported the proper resolution of Iran's nuclear issue through negotiations and dialogue.

Source: Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/10/c_13867981.htm

4. Iran invites China to visit disputed nuclear sites

Beijing, Tuesday, 23 May, 2011

In a fresh effort to persuade the world that its atomic activities should not attract sanctions, Iran has invited China to visit its nuclear facilities, said the Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi. He also stated that China could trust Iran as a stable supplier of oil to fuel its rapidly growing economy

Source: Reuters Africa

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFL3E7GN0AG20110523>

5. Chinese, Iranian FMs meet on bilateral ties

Beijing, Tuesday, 23 May, 2011

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met with his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Salehi, marking the 40th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral ties between the two countries and praised the development of their relations. They exchanged views on the Iranian nuclear issue and the situation in the Middle East.

Source: Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/23/c_13889897.htm

Also See: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/24/c_13891964.htm

Palestinian National Authority

6. China welcomes Fatah-Hamas reconciliation

Beijing, Thursday, 5 May 2011

The Chinese Foreign Ministry stated that China welcomed the reconciliation between the two leading Palestinian factions, Fatah and Hamas, and hoped that it would help enhance unity and cooperation in Palestine, and promote the peace process in the Middle East.

Source: Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/05/c_13860573.htm

Israel

7. China calls for Palestine-Israel dialogues for peaceful co-existence

Beijing, Tuesday, 24 May 2011

Following U.S. President Barack Obama's speech on the Middle East, the Chinese Foreign Ministry called for political dialogue and negotiations to 'resume peace in the Middle East and North African region.

Source: Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/24/c_13891873.htm

Libya

8. China urges "immediate" end to Libya conflict

Beijing, Monday, 2 May 2011

Expressing concern about the rising number of civilian casualties and reiterating that it has 'always opposed' any action not authorized by the Security Council, the Chinese Foreign Ministry urged an immediate end to the Libyan conflict.

Source: Reuters Africa

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE74100C20110502>

Also See: <http://english.cri.cn/6909/2011/05/03/1461s635485.htm>

Syria

9. UN resolution not to ease situation in Syria: FM

Beijing, Tuesday, 31 May 2011

Highlighting the importance of Syria in maintaining regional balance China has said that that a UN Security Council resolution on Syria which has been drafted and distributed by some countries, will not help diffuse the current situation there.

Source: Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/31/c_13903747.htm

10. EU draft U.N. resolution on Syria could hurt stability: China

Beijing, Tuesday, 31 May 2011

China has suggested that it could block any European draft resolution asking the United Nations Security Council to condemn Syria.

Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/31/us-china-syria-idUSTRE74U22E20110531>

Multilateral Issues

11. Chinese FM meets Arab League chief

Cairo, Tuesday, 3 May 2011

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met with Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa to discuss the deepening of bilateral cooperation between China and the Arab world as well as the joint promotion of the China-Arab Cooperation Forum.

Source: Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/03/c_13855878.htm

12. China, Arab countries seek deeper cooperation: Chinese FM

Cairo, Tuesday, 3 May 2011

On a two day visit to Egypt Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met his Egyptian counterpart Nabil el-Arabi and Hussein Tantawi, chief of Egypt's Supreme Council of the Armed Forces.

China and the Arab countries face new opportunities and good prospects in mutual friendly cooperation, he later stated.

Source: Xinhua

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2011-05/04/c_13857417.htm

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