

# CHINA WATCH

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## **POLITICAL ISSUES**

### **EGYPT**

**1. China congratulates Mursi on Egyptian election victory: FM spokesman**

**Beijing, Monday, 25 June 2012**

China congratulated Mohammad Mursi on his recent victory in the Egyptian presidential election.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/25/c\\_131675025.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/25/c_131675025.htm)

**2. Hu congratulates Mursi on election as Egyptian president**

**Beijing, Monday, 25 June 2012**

Chinese President Hu Jintao congratulated Mohammad Mursi for his victory in Egypt's first presidential election since former President Hosni Mubarak resigned early last year.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/25/c\\_131675350.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/25/c_131675350.htm)

### **IRAN**

**3. China welcomes Iran's engagement with IAEA: envoy**

**Vienna, Tuesday, 5 June 2012**

China welcomes Iran's engagement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on clarifying the possible military dimensions to the country's nuclear program.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/06/c\\_123240085.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/06/c_123240085.htm)

**4. China willing to enhance ties with Iran: top legislator**

**Beijing, Thursday, 7 June 2012**

China is willing to further enhance its relations with Iran, said top legislator Wu Bangguo when meeting with Iranian President.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/07/c\\_131638375.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/07/c_131638375.htm)

### **5. China urges flexibility in upcoming Iran nuclear talks**

**Beijing, Monday, 11 June 2012**

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman expressed hope that all parties concerned will show further flexibility and pragmatism in the upcoming talks on Iran's nuclear program in Russia.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/11/c\\_131645578.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/11/c_131645578.htm)

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### **6. Chinese assistant FM to attend Iran nuclear talks**

**Beijing, Friday, 15 June 2012**

Assistant Foreign Minister Le Yucheng will lead a Chinese delegation to attend the upcoming talks in Russia on Iran's nuclear program, the ministry announced.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/15/c\\_131655646.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/15/c_131655646.htm)

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### **7. Chinese delegation leaves for visits to Iran, Nepal**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 20 June 2012**

Ai Ping, deputy head of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, left Beijing with a delegation for visits to Iran and Nepal.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/20/c\\_131666331.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/20/c_131666331.htm)

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## **ISRAEL**

### **8. Israeli president meets senior Chinese political advisor**

**Jerusalem, Wednesday, 20 June 2012**

Israeli President Shimon Peres met with Chen Zongxing, vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/20/c\\_131666393.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/20/c_131666393.htm)

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## **LIBYA**

### **9. China, Libya vow to cooperate in Libyan reconstruction**

**Beijing, Monday, 11 June 2012**

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping and visiting Libyan Foreign Minister Ashour Ben Khayil vowed to boost cooperation concerning Libya's reconstruction.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/11/c\\_131645857.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/11/c_131645857.htm)

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### **10. Libyan FM hopes for Chinese firms' engagement in postwar reconstruction**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 12 June 2012**

Visiting Libyan Foreign Minister Ashour Ben Khayil said that an open Libya welcomes Chinese businesses' engagement in the postwar reconstruction of the war-battered country.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&feature=endscreen&v=cYIZt8eOZuI>

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## SAUDI ARABIA

### **11. Chinese envoy leaves for Saudi to mourn death of crown prince**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 19 June 2012**

A special envoy of Chinese President Hu Jintao left for Saudi Arabia to extend condolences regarding the death of Saudi Crown Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/19/c\\_131663316.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/19/c_131663316.htm)

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## SYRIA

### **12. China says int'l actions should help ease Syrian tension**

**Beijing, Monday, 4 June 2012**

China said that international actions on Syria should be conducive to defusing the current tension and promoting a political resolution to the issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/04/c\\_131630701.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/04/c_131630701.htm)

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### **13. China deeply concerned with current Syrian situation: FM spokesman**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 13 June 2012**

A Foreign Ministry spokesman voiced deep concern over the current situation in Syria, adding that China expects all relevant parties to create favorable conditions for political talks.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/13/c\\_131650912.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/13/c_131650912.htm)

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### **14. China urges world to back Annan's Syria efforts, stick to political path**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 13 June 2012**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said that the international community should fully support special envoy Kofi Annan's efforts on the Syria issue and adhere to the political path.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/13/c\\_131651167.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/13/c_131651167.htm)

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### **15. China opens to political proposals on Syrian conflict**

**Beijing, Thursday, 14 June 2012**

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said China is open to proposals on convening an international conference on Syria or establishing a contact group on Syria.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/14/c\\_131653417.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/14/c_131653417.htm)

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### **16. China urges Syria to cooperate with UN**

**Beijing, Monday, 18 June 2012**

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman urged all parties in Syria to cooperate with and support the UN observation mission to the country.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/18/c\\_131660908.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/18/c_131660908.htm)

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**17. China reaffirms constructive role in addressing Syrian conflict**

**Beijing, Thursday, 21 June 2012**

China on Friday reaffirmed its constructive role in addressing the Syrian conflict, urging all relevant parties concerned to cease fire and stop the violence immediately.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/21/c\\_131668751.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/21/c_131668751.htm)

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**18. China calls for early launch of political dialogue in Syria**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 27 June 2012**

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the international community should work on launching a timely political dialogue in Syria.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/27/c\\_131679810.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/27/c_131679810.htm)

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**19. China reaffirms support for political solution in Syria ahead of Geneva meeting**

**Beijing, Thursday, 28 June 2012**

China reaffirmed its support for a political solution to the Syrian conflict ahead of an international conference on Syria to be held in Geneva.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/28/c\\_131682259.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/28/c_131682259.htm)

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**20. Chinese FM to attend upcoming Geneva meeting on Syria**

**Beijing, Friday, 29 June 2012**

Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi will attend a ministerial-level meeting slated for June 30 in Geneva to discuss the Syrian conflict.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/29/c\\_131684198.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/29/c_131684198.htm)

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**TUNISIA**

**21. China, Tunisia confident in prospect of bilateral ties**

**Tunis, Friday, 1 June 2012**

Top officials of China and Tunisia said that the two countries are confident in the prospect of their bilateral ties.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/02/c\\_131626267.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/02/c_131626267.htm)

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**TURKEY**

**22. China hopes Turkey, Syria handle jet incident with restraint**

**Beijing, Monday, 25 June 2012**

A spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry voiced the hope that Turkey and Syria will maintain calm and exercise restraint in settling a dispute over a jet incident.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/25/c\\_131675056.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/25/c_131675056.htm)

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## ENERGY ISSUES

### IRAQ

#### **23. Chinese oil giant starts operating Halfaya oilfield in Iraq**

**Beijing, Monday, 18 June 2012**

China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC), China's top oil producer, said operations have begun at the first phase of its Halfaya oil field project in Iraq, with an initial annual capacity of 5 million tonnes.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/18/c\\_131661129.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/18/c_131661129.htm)

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## ECONOMIC ISSUES

### UAE

#### **24. Largest UAE banks to open offices in China**

**Dubai, Thursday, 7 June 2012**

Two of the largest banks of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Emirates NBD and National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD), are eyeing opening their branches in Chinese cities to benefit from the growing trade relations between the two countries.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/07/c\\_131638004.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/07/c_131638004.htm)

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#### **25. Guangdong UAE build fair kicks off amid high hopes**

**Dubai, Monday, 18 June 2012**

The Guangdong Build United Arab Emirates (UAE) 2012, the first fair and exhibition on building materials by companies from China's Guangdong province in the Gulf state, started on Monday in Dubai's neighboring sheikhdom Sharjah.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/19/c\\_131661459.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/19/c_131661459.htm)

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#### **26. UAE banks reach out to Chinese firms abroad, at home**

**Dubai, Tuesday, 19 June 2012**

Two largest banks of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) not only want to expand in China, but they also want to embrace the growing number of Chinese enterprises in the Gulf state.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7G-tYRzwYY&feature=related>

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### SUDAN

#### **27. Sudan to get Chinese medical volunteers**

**Beijing, Friday, 29 June 2012**

A Chinese charity organization held a ceremony to wave off its first group of medical volunteers to assist Sudan's maternity and family health care work.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/29/c\\_131685198.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/29/c_131685198.htm)

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