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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1. Egyptian President: Egypt hopes for new chapter in China-Africa cooperation

Beijing, Thursday, 19 July 2012

Egyptian President Mohammad Mursi said that Egypt hopes that the fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) will open a new chapter in China-Africa cooperation.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/19/c_131726308.htm

2. Chinese president meets Egyptian counterpart's special envoy, calls for closer cooperation

Beijing, Friday, 20 July 2012

President Hu Jintao called for closer cooperation between China and Egypt as he met with a special envoy of his Egyptian counterpart Mohammad Mursi.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/20/c_131728616.htm

3. Egyptian president looks forward to China visit: FM

Beijing, Friday, 20 July 2012

Egypt's Foreign Minister Mohammed Kamel Amr said that the Egyptian President Mohammad Mursi looks forward to visiting China.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/20/c_131728858.htm

IRAN

4. Iran, world powers start nuclear talks in Istanbul

Istanbul, Tuesday, 3 July 2012

Iran and six world powers started a new round of nuclear talks at the level of technical experts, trying to explore common ground for full-fledged talks after previous meetings failed to produce any breakthrough.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-07/03/c_131692391.htm

5. China calls for greater consensus during meeting on Iranian nuclear issue

Beijing, Tuesday, 3 July 2012

China on Tuesday urged all parties concerned to achieve greater consensus during an upcoming meeting on the Iranian nuclear issue to be held in Istanbul.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/03/c_131692601.htm

6. U.S. sanctions on Iran oil "kidnap world": newspaper

Beijing, Wednesday, 4 July 2012

A commentary carried by the People's Daily, a leading newspaper in China, said U.S. sanctions on third parties that purchase oil from Iran are "political tricks" intended to "kidnap the world."

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-07/04/c_131695634.htm

7. "Certain progress" achieved during Iran nuclear talks: FM spokesman

Beijing, Thursday, 5 July 2012

Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Weimin said that "certain progress" was made during talks held in Istanbul regarding Iran's nuclear program.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/05/c_131697681.htm

ISRAEL

8. China's police chief meets with Israeli Minister of Public Security

Beijing, Tuesday, 3 July 2012

China's Police Chief Meng Jianzhu met with Israeli Minister of Public Security Yitzhak Aharonovitch, pledging further cooperation to combat cross-broader crimes.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/03/c_131693087.htm

9. Negotiation only way to settle Palestine-Israel issue: Chinese UN envoy

United Nations, Thursday, 26 July 2012

China said that dialogue and negotiations are the only way to settle the Palestine-Israel issue, and calls for early resumption of the peace talk between the two sides.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/26/c_131738936.htm

LIBYA

10. China welcomes Libya's parliamentary election: FM spokesman

Beijing, Monday, 9 July 2012

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said China welcomes the parliamentary election held in Libya over the weekend, describing it as an "important step" in the country's political transition process.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/09/c_131704323.htm

SYRIA

11. China not to attend upcoming Syria meeting

Beijing, Thursday, 5 July 2012

China has received an invitation but does not plan to attend the upcoming "Friends of Syria" meeting, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/05/c_131697689.htm

12. Russia, China, Cuba vote against UN Human Rights Council resolution on Syria

Geneva, Saturday, 7 July 2012

Russia, China and Cuba voted on Friday against a resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Council which unilaterally condemns the Syrian government.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-07/07/c_123382602.htm

13. Clinton's criticism of China over Syria "unacceptable"

Beijing, Saturday, 7 July 2012

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman on Saturday said that U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's criticism of China at the latest Friends of Syria meeting is "unacceptable."

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/07/c_131701262.htm

14. China strongly condemns mass killing in Syria

Beijing, Saturday, 14 July 2012

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman strongly condemned the recent attacks in the Syrian village of Tremseh in the province of Hama, which reportedly resulted in over 200 deaths.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/14/c_131715879.htm

15. Ban, Chinese foreign minister discuss Syrian crisis over phone

Beijing, Monday, 15 July 2012

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi discussed the ongoing Syrian crisis over phone on Saturday

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/15/c_131717127.htm

16. China strongly condemns Syrian suicide bombing: FM spokesman

Beijing, Thursday, 19 July 2012

China strongly condemns Wednesday's suicide bombing in Syria and opposes all forms of terrorism and violence, said Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hong Lei.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/19/c_131726251.htm

17. World remains divided on Syria as UNSC fails to pass resolution again

United Nations, Friday, 20 July 2012

Russia and China for the third time vetoed a Western-proposed draft resolution, which threatens non-military sanctions by quoting Chapter VII of the UN Charter if the Syrian government fails to pull out troops and heavy weapons from populated areas.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-07/20/c_131727617.htm

18. China welcomes extension of UNSMIS: UN envoy

United Nations, Saturday, 21 July 2012

China welcomed the mandate renewal of the UN Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS) by the UN Security Council.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-07/21/c_123448914.htm

ECONOMIC ISSUES

IRAQ

19. China starts oil field operation in southern Iraq

Baghdad, Wednesday, 18 July 2012

Iraq and China's National Petroleum Corporation jointly launched the inauguration ceremony for the Halfaya oil field in the southern Maysan province.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-07/19/c_123431267.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

PALESTINE

20. Palestinians hail Chinese handicapped band's show in music festival

Ramallah, Monday, 9 July 2012

A Chinese band named "My Dream" that includes handicapped musicians presented an impressive show for the audience in Palestine International Festival for Music and Dancing which was held in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-07/09/c_131704615.htm

SUDAN

21. Sudan, China launch maternity, infant healthcare network project

Beijing, Wednesday, 4 July 2012

Sudanese Ministry of Health, China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation (CFPA) and the Sudanese Al-Birr and Tawasul Charity Organization (BTO) celebrated the launch of maternal and infant healthcare network project, based at Abuousher Friendship Hospital in central Sudan's Gezira State.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/04/c_131695623.htm

TURKEY

22. China's Huawei launches new smart phone in Turkey

Istanbul, Wednesday, 18 July 2012

China's Huawei Technologies launched its new smart phone Ascend P1 in a grand ceremony in Istanbul.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-07/19/c_131724052.htm

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