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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1. Egypt plans to lure more Chinese tourists after Morsi visit

Cairo, Sunday, 26 August 2012

Egypt's Tourism Minister Mohammad Hisham Zaazou said that several meetings with the Chinese tourist sector would be held during Morsi's visit to Beijing to increase the tourist flows into Egypt.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-08/27/c_123632406.htm

2. Chinese, Egyptian presidents hold talks on ties

Beijing, Tuesday, 28 August 2012

Chinese President Hu Jintao held talks with visiting Egyptian President Mohammad Morsi at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/28/c_131813136.htm

3. Egypt calls for more Chinese investment

Beijing, Wednesday, 29 August 2012

Egypt's investment minister said that Egypt hopes for more Chinese investment in its infrastructure, tourism and real estate sectors in the near future.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/29/c_131815464.htm

4. Wen Jiabao pledges economic cooperation with Egypt

Beijing, Wednesday, 29 August 2012

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao pledged to strengthen trade and economic cooperation between China and Egypt.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/29/c_131815710.htm

LIBYA

5. China welcomes peaceful power handover in Libya

Beijing, Monday, 13 August 2012

China welcomed the Libyan National Transitional Council's peaceful handover of power to its newly elected national assembly.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/13/c_131782776.htm

PALESTINE

6. China, Egypt back Palestine's statehood

Beijing, Thursday, 30 August 2012

China and Egypt have reaffirmed their support for an independent State of Palestine, according to a joint press communiqué issued during President Morsi's visit.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/30/c_131817942.htm

SYRIA

7. Syrian president special envoy to visit China

Beijing, Monday, 13 August 2012

The Chinese Foreign Ministry confirmed that Syrian president special envoy Bouthaina Shaaban would visit China.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/13/c_131782658.htm

8. Chinese FM meets Syrian president's special envoy

Beijing, Thursday, 16 August 2012

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met with Bouthaina Shaaban, the Syrian president's special envoy and political and media advisor, and discussed the current situation in Syria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/16/c_131790333.htm

9. China welcomes appointment of new Syria representative: FM spokesperson

Beijing, Saturday, 18 August 2012

China welcomes the appointment of Lakhadar Brahimi, a veteran Algerian diplomat, as the joint special representative of the United Nations and the Arab League for Syria to replace Kofi Annan.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/18/c_131793588.htm

10. Int'l division continues amid escalating violence in Syria

Damascus, Wednesday, 22 August 2012

A new round of international debate over Syria crisis began on 21 August amid escalating violence in that country, aimed at ending the disaster as soon as possible. Visiting Chinese State Councillor Dai Bingguo said that China believed the key to ending the crisis was to stick to a political approach and to urge all sides to exercise an immediate and full-scale ceasefire.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-08/22/c_131800522.htm

11. Chinese UN military observers return from Syria

Beijing, Saturday, 25 August 2012

The last four Chinese United Nations military observers finished their mission in Syria and returned to Beijing.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/25/c_131807508.htm

12. China calls for neutrality and impartiality in abating Syrian humanitarian crisis

Beijing, Thursday, 30 August 2012

China's UN envoy said that the humanitarian principles of neutrality and impartiality should be strictly complied in alleviating the humanitarian crisis in Syria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-08/31/c_131818773.htm

ECONOMIC ISSUES

LIBYA

13. Chinese company enforces position in Libyan telecom market

Tripoli, Monday, 27 August 2012

A Chinese telecom company launched a full-day workshop with Almadar operator engineers, aimed at jointly improving the quality of communication and internet services in Libya.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-08/27/c_123637306.htm

TURKEY

14. Turkey opens part of real estate market to Chinese nationals

Istanbul, Thursday, 23 August 2012

A new Turkish real estate law, which was approved by President Abdullah Gul recently, conditionally opens real estate market to Chinese nationals.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/23/c_131803851.htm

MISCELLANEOUS

15. China, Arab countries see booming trade despite political unrest

Beijing, Thursday, 16 August 2012

Trade between China and Arab countries has maintained steady growth since 2011, despite regional political unrest.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/16/c_131790200.htm

16. Chinese Muslims to shine in Turkey expo

Beijing, Wednesday, 22 August 2012

Chinese Muslims would bring their unique culture to Turkey in an Islamic cultural pageant to be held in Istanbul, Turkey's largest city, on Aug. 31, according to the Islamic Association of China (IAC).

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/22/c_131800744.htm

17. New Silk Road has potential for global significance

Dubai, Thursday, 23 August 2012

Many leading economists in Dubai believe that the growing ties between China and the oil-rich Gulf Arab states have the potential to expand further and to withstand global economic shocks.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-08/24/c_131803888.htm

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