

# **CHINA WATCH**

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## **POLITICAL ISSUES**

### **EGYPT**

#### **1. Chinese FM meets AL secretary-general, Egyptian FM**

**United Nations, Thursday, 27 September 2012**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met with Secretary-General of the Arab League (AL) Nabil El-Arabi and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Amr on the sidelines of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c\\_131879373.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c_131879373.htm)

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### **IRAN**

#### **2. China urges early dialogue between IAEA, Iran**

**Beijing, Monday, 3 September 2012**

China has urged the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iran to solve the outstanding problems regarding the nuclear issue through dialogue at an early date.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/03/c\\_131825129.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/03/c_131825129.htm)

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#### **3. China to maintain coordination on Iran: FM**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 5 September 2012**

At a joint press conference with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said that China will continue to maintain communication and coordination on Iranian nuclear tensions with the US and other involved parties.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/05/c\\_131829753.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/05/c_131829753.htm)

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#### **4. China's top legislator starts visit to Iran for closer ties**

**Tehran, Sunday, 9 September 2012**

China's top legislator Wu Bangguo arrived in Tehran on a four-day official goodwill visit to Iran.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/09/c\\_131838742.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/09/c_131838742.htm)

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#### **5. China "fair, objective" on Iran's nuclear issue: top legislator**

**Tehran, Tuesday, 11 September 2012**

China's top legislator Wu Bangguo said that China has always held a fair and objective stance on the Iranian nuclear issue and is opposed to the research, development and possession of nuclear weapon by any Middle East country.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/12/c\\_123702890.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/12/c_123702890.htm)

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**6. China hopes IAEA handle Iranian nuclear issue objectively: FM**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 12 September 2012**

China hopes that the IAEA will deal with the Iranian nuclear issue in an objective and balanced manner.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/12/c\\_131846265.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/12/c_131846265.htm)

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**7. China opposes excessive pressure, new sanctions on Iran**

**United Nations, Thursday, 20 September 2012**

A senior Chinese diplomat to the UN said that China is not in favour of putting excessive pressure or imposing new sanctions on Iran over the latter's controversial nuclear programme.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/21/c\\_131863549.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/21/c_131863549.htm)

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**8. China reiterates opposition to sanctions on Iran over nuclear programme**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 26 September 2012**

China reiterated its opposition to sanctions on Iran over Tehran's controversial nuclear programme. "The Chinese side has long been opposed to any unilateral sanctions on Iran," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/26/c\\_131875161.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/26/c_131875161.htm)

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**PALESTINE**

**9. China "deeply concerned" about stalled Palestinian-Israeli peace talks**

**United Nations, Thursday, 27 September 2012**

Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said that China has deep concerns over stalemate in the Palestinian-Israeli peace negotiations and hopes that the talks can be resumed soon.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c\\_131879681.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c_131879681.htm)

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**10. China reiterates support for Palestine's UN membership**

**United Nations, Friday, 28 September 2012**

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson voiced China's support for Palestinian endeavours for membership in the UN, calling on Palestine and Israel to resolve their status issue through political consultation.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c\\_131880221.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c_131880221.htm)

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**QATAR**

**11. Sr. Chinese legislator visits Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia**

**Beijing, Friday, 14 September 2012**

Senior Chinese legislator Ismail Tiliwaldi left Beijing for a goodwill visits to Qatar, Russia and Saudi Arabia.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/14/c\\_131851449.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/14/c_131851449.htm)

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**12. China expects Qatar to play positive role in upcoming climate change conference**

**Beijing, Monday, 17 September 2012**

Vice Premier Li Keqiang called on Qatar, host of an upcoming UN climate change conference, to play a positive role in aiding climate change negotiations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/17/c\\_131856046.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/17/c_131856046.htm)

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**SYRIA**

**13. China worried over spill over effect from Syrian crisis: FM spokesperson**

**Beijing, Monday, 3 September 2012**

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson expressed deep concern over a possible spill over of violence from the ongoing Syrian crisis.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/03/c\\_131824865.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/03/c_131824865.htm)

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**14. China opposes chemical weapon use, military intervention in Syria**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 4 September 2012**

China maintains its opposition to the use of chemical weapons or military intervention in Syria, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/04/c\\_131827231.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/04/c_131827231.htm)

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**15. Solution to Syrian crisis should come from Syrians: FM spokesperson**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 5 September 2012**

Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said that China has not taken sides in the ongoing Syrian crisis and believes that a solution to the crisis there should come from the Syrian people.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/05/c\\_131829451.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/05/c_131829451.htm)

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**16. Head of Syria's National Coordination Body to visit China**

**Beijing, Friday, 14 September 2012**

Hasan Abdul-Azim, general coordinator of Syria's National Coordination Body for Democratic Change, will head a delegation to China from 16-20 September.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/14/c\\_131851324.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/14/c_131851324.htm)

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**17. Political dialogue only way to settle Syrian crisis: Chinese FM**

**United Nations, Monday, 24 September 2012**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said that political dialogue is the only correct way to settle the Syrian crisis.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/25/c\\_131871714.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/25/c_131871714.htm)

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**18. China urges int'l community to seek political solution to Syrian crisis: FM**

**United Nations, Wednesday, 26 September 2012**

China urged the international community to stay on the right track of seeking a political solution to the Syrian crisis.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/27/c\\_131876602.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/27/c_131876602.htm)

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**19. China deeply concerned about worsening situation in Syria**

**United Nations, Thursday, 27 September 2012**

China voiced its deep concern at the longstanding tension and worsening humanitarian situation in Syria, which has been plunged into a political crisis and violence since March 2011.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c\\_131879684.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c_131879684.htm)

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**20. China not to blame for Syrian conflict deterioration: FM spokesperson**

**Beijing, Friday, 28 September 2012**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China is not responsible for deterioration in the Syrian conflict or the mounting casualties.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c\\_131880190.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c_131880190.htm)

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**SUDAN**

**21. China hails deals Sudan-South Sudan deals**

**Beijing, Friday, 28 September 2012**

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson hailed a series of deals signed by Sudan and South Sudan.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c\\_131879952.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c_131879952.htm)

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**TUNISIA**

**22. Tunisian PM attends reception on China's National Day**

**Tunis, Thursday, 27 September 2012**

Tunisian Prime Minister Hamadi Jebali attended a reception held by Chinese Embassy to Tunisia on the occasion of China's 63<sup>rd</sup> National Day.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/27/c\\_131877378.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/27/c_131877378.htm)

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**TURKEY**

**23. Wen Jiabao meets Turkish deputy prime minister**

**Urumqi, Sunday, 2 September 2012**

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao called on China and Turkey to continue to support each other on major issues concerning sovereignty and territorial integrity.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/02/c\\_131822652.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/02/c_131822652.htm)

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**YEMEN**

**24. China calls for peaceful, orderly political transition in Yemen**

**United Nations, Thursday, 27 September 2012**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said that the international community should support a peaceful and orderly political transition in Yemen, and help that country restore economy and improve security.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/28/c\\_123772247.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/28/c_123772247.htm)

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**Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)**

**25. Chinese FM, GCC officials discuss relations**

**United Nations, Wednesday, 26 September 2012**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and officials from the GCC exchanged views on the development of bilateral relations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/26/c\\_131874699.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/26/c_131874699.htm)

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## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

### **JORDAN**

#### **26. Ninth China products fair opens in Jordan**

**Amman, Sunday, 9 September**

The Ninth China Products Fair opened in Jordan with the participation of 800 major Chinese firms.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/10/c\\_123691995.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/10/c_123691995.htm)

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### **TURKEY**

#### **27. Istanbul holds conference to boost Turkish-China business**

**Istanbul, Tuesday, 11 September 2012**

More than 200 Turkish and Chinese business people held a conference here in a bid to boost trade and investment between the two countries.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/11/c\\_131843521.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/11/c_131843521.htm)

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#### **28. Chinese, Turkish banks jointly launch China business desk**

**Istanbul, Tuesday, 25 September 2012**

The Bank of China and Turkey's AK Bank jointly launched a China business desk to provide various services to both Chinese and Turkish firms and enterprises.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2012-09/26/c\\_123761393.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2012-09/26/c_123761393.htm)

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### **UAE**

#### **29. Emirates NBD opens first Chinese office**

**Beijing, Monday, 10 September 2012**

Emirates NBD, the largest bank of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), opened its first Chinese office in Beijing to benefit from growing trade relations between the two countries.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2012-09/11/c\\_131841337.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2012-09/11/c_131841337.htm)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

#### **30. Turkish, Chinese religious officials hail friendship between Muslims of two countries**

**Istanbul, Thursday, 6 September 2012**

Both Turkish and Chinese religious officials lauded the friendship between the Muslims of the two countries.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/07/c\\_131832877.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/07/c_131832877.htm)

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#### **31. Hundreds of passengers stranded due to Egyptair strike**

**Cairo, Friday, 7 September 2012**

Hundreds of Chinese passengers were stranded in Cairo's international airport due to a strike staged by Egyptair flight attendants.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/07/c\\_131834974.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/07/c_131834974.htm)

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**32. China, Arab states forum discusses diversified cooperation**

**Yinchuan, Wednesday, 12 September 2012**

An economic and trade forum emphasizing diversified cooperation between China and Arab region countries kicked off in northwest China's Ningxia, the country's only provincial-level autonomous region for the Hui ethnic group.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/12/c\\_131844872.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/12/c_131844872.htm)

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**33. China, Arab entrepreneurs discuss cooperation at forum**

**Yinchuan, Thursday, 13 September 2012**

Chinese and Arab entrepreneurs at the ongoing China-Arab States Economic and Trade Forum agreed that business cooperation between the two sides' companies should be deepened.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/13/c\\_123713583.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/13/c_123713583.htm)

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**34. CPC to enhance cooperation with Arab parties**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 18 September 2012**

A senior official of CPC said that the Communist Party of China (CPC) is willing to enhance cooperation with political parties in Arab countries to strengthen China-Arab relations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/18/c\\_131858433.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/18/c_131858433.htm)

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**35. Chinese Muslims well-served for annual pilgrimage to Mecca**

**Lanzhou, Wednesday, 26 September 2012**

The Chinese government has been of great service to the 13,800 Chinese Muslims making the annual Hajj pilgrimage by chartered flights.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/culture/2012-09/26/c\\_131875165.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/culture/2012-09/26/c_131875165.htm)

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**36. China backs Middle Eastern countries in independently handling internal affairs**

**United Nations, Thursday, 27 September 2012**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi voiced its support for the countries in the Middle East to independently handle their internal affairs.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c\\_131879425.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-09/28/c_131879425.htm)

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