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POLITICAL ISSUES

IRAN

1. China opposes unilateral sanctions against Iran, says FM spokesperson

Beijing, Tuesday, 16 October 2012

China is opposed to unilateral sanctions against Iran and has called on parties concerned to solve the Iranian nuclear issue via talks and cooperation, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/16/c_131910262.htm

2. China calls for peaceful settlement of Iranian nuclear issue

Beijing, Thursday, 25 October 2012

China has called for dialogue and negotiation to peacefully address the Iranian nuclear issue, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/25/c_131930410.htm

ISRAEL

3. Chinese president receives credentials from new foreign ambassadors

Beijing, Tuesday, 9 October 2012

Chinese President Hu Jintao received the credentials of Ambassador Matan Vilnai from Israel.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/09/c_131896043.htm

4. China urges substantial progress in Palestinian-Israeli peace talks

United Nations, Monday, 15 October 2012

China on Monday urged Palestine and Israel to adopt concrete measures, start peace negotiations at an early date and to make substantial progress.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/16/c_131908281.htm

5. China's Middle East envoy to start multinational trip on peace process: FM spokesperson

Beijing, Thursday, 18 October 2012

Chinese special envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike will visit Israel, Palestine, the United Nations Headquarters, and the US from 19-28 October, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said at a regular press briefing.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/18/c_131915119.htm

6. Israeli president praises Chinese achievements in past 6 decades

Jerusalem, Thursday, 18 October 2012

Israeli President Shimon Peres commended the Chinese people and the Chinese government for the achievements they have made since the People's Republic of China (PRC) was founded 63 years ago

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-10/19/c_131915527.htm

7. Chinese envoy urges Israel to make gestures for resuming talks with Palestinians

Jerusalem, Sunday, 21 October 2012

Chinese Special Envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike urged the Israeli government to take positive steps to create the atmosphere for resuming its peace talks with the Palestinians.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-10/22/c_123850520.htm

LEBANON

8. China condemns Beirut car bomb attack

Beijing, Tuesday, 27 October 2012

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson condemned a car bomb attack which rocked Beirut of Lebanon recently, and urged timely investigation of the incident.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/22/c_131922768.htm

PALESTINE

9. China reiterates support for Palestine's UN membership

Ramallah, Monday, 22 October 2012

Chinese Special Envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike reiterated China's support for the efforts of the Palestinian National Authority to gain the status of a non-member state in the United Nations.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/bilingual/2012-10/23/c_131925162.htm

10. Chinese envoy calls for early resumption of Palestine-Israel peace talks

Beijing, Wednesday, 24 October 2012

Chinese Special Envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike called on Palestine and Israel to make efforts for the early resumption of peace talks during his recent trip to the region.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/24/c_131927756.htm

SYRIA

11. China urges restraint as Syria-Turkey border tensions continue

Beijing, Tuesday, 9 October 2012

China on Tuesday called on parties concerned to show restraint as crossfire along the border area of Syria and Turkey continues.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/09/c_131895815.htm

12. China calls on relevant Syrian parties to support Brahimi's mediation efforts

Beijing, Wednesday, 17 October 2012

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson called for the support of relevant parties in Syria for the mediation efforts of UN-Arab League Joint Special Envoy to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/17/c_131912650.htm

13. China welcomes UN, AL leaders' call for Syria ceasefire during Islamic festival

Beijing, Saturday, 20 September 2012

China on Saturday said it welcomes the statement by leaders of the UN and the Arab League which called for a ceasefire in conflict-torn Syria during the upcoming Islamic festival of Eid al-Adha.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/20/c_131919339.htm

14. China support UN envoy's truce plan in Syria

Beijing, Wednesday, 24 October 2012

China has said it supports a temporary ceasefire during the upcoming Eid al-Adha Muslim festival proposed by UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/24/c_131927864.htm

15. China concerned about ceasefire violations in Syria: FM spokesperson

Beijing, Monday, 29 October 2012

China is concerned about violations of a truce plan implemented by the UN in Syria during the Muslim Eid al-Adha festival, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said at a press briefing.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/29/c_131937926.htm

16. China announces new proposal on Syria

Beijing, Wednesday, 31 October 2012

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi elaborated China's new four-point proposal on a political resolution to the Syrian conflict, urging all parties in Syria to ceasefire and begin political transition at an early date.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/31/c_131943136.htm

MULTILATERAL ISSUES

ARAB LEAGUE

17. UN-Arab League joint special representative to visit China

Beijing, Monday, 29 October 2012

Lakhdar Brahimi, the joint special representative of the United Nations and the Arab League for Syria, is to visit China from 30-31 October.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/29/c_131938113.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

IRAN

18. Iran, China book berths in 2013 FIVB World Youth Championship

Tehran, Wednesday, 31 October 2012

Iran and China booked berths in 2013 FIVB World Youth Championship by beating their rivals, Thailand and South Korea, respectively.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/sports/2012-10/31/c_131943120.htm

SAUDI ARABIA

19. Chinese Muslims head for Mecca

Beijing, Thursday, 11 October 2012

The first of two remaining charter flights carrying Chinese Muslims heading to the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia for an annual pilgrimage left Beijing.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-10/11/c_131900145.htm

TURKEY

20. Turkish director to launch film on Turkish, Chinese cultures

Istanbul, Wednesday, 3 October 2012

With the hope of deepening the understanding and friendship between people in Turkey and China, Turkish movie director Mustafa Altıoklar will launch his new documentary film on the two countries' cultures.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/entertainment/2012-10/04/c_131887118.htm

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