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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### EGYPT

**1. China, Egypt to enhance cooperation on irrigation: minister**

**Cairo, Saturday, 12 January 2013**

The Egyptian Water Resources and Irrigation Minister Bahaa-Eddin said that China and Egypt have agreed to enhance cooperation with Egypt on irrigation and water resources.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/indepth/2013-01/13/c\\_132099164.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/indepth/2013-01/13/c_132099164.htm)

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**2. China urges stability in Egypt after deadly clashes**

**Beijing, Monday, 28 January 2013**

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Hong Lei remarked that China called for stability in Egypt after deadly confrontations between protesters and security forces in three governorates.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/28/c\\_132134047.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/28/c_132134047.htm)

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### IRAN

**3. China welcomes Iran's nuclear weapon ban stance**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 16 January 2013**

A foreign ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China welcomes and attaches importance to Iran's latest stance of banning development of nuclear weapons.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/16/c\\_132107529.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/16/c_132107529.htm)

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**4. China encourages Iran, IAEA to further cooperate**

**Beijing, Friday, 18 January 2013**

During a press briefing a foreign ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China encourages Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to strengthen cooperation after the two parties ended their two-day talks in Tehran recently.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/18/c\\_132112610.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/18/c_132112610.htm)

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**5. China urges resumption of Iran nuclear talks**

**Beijing, Friday, 25 January 2013**

During a press conference Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Hong Lei remarked that China called for a resumption of the six-nation nuclear talks with Iran, and that China has been flexible and open toward the venue of the talks and added: "China has always believed the content of talks is far more important than the venue."

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/25/c\\_132128055.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/25/c_132128055.htm)

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## **ISRAEL**

### **6. Dialogue only way to settle Palestine-Israel issue: Chinese UN envoy**

**United Nations, 23 January 2013**

The Chinese permanent representative to the United Nations Li Baodong said that China believed that dialogue and negotiations remain the only way to settle the Palestine-Israel dispute, and called for early resumption of the peace talk between the two sides.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-01/24/c\\_132123584.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-01/24/c_132123584.htm)

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## **SYRIA**

### **7. China says open to generally accepted solution for Syria**

**Beijing, Monday, 7 January 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China would welcome any solution that is generally accepted by all parties in Syria to end the violence there.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/07/c\\_132086491.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/07/c_132086491.htm)

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### **8. Chinese FM holds telephone talks with UN-AL envoy on Syria**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 8 January 2013**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi held telephonic talks with the UN-Arab League Joint Special Representative Lakhdar Brahimi on the Syria issue. Brahimi conveyed his views on the current situation and briefed Yang on his mediation efforts.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/08/c\\_132089114.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/08/c_132089114.htm)

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### **9. China reiterates support for UN envoy's Syria mediation**

**Beijing, Thursday, 10 January 2013**

During the daily briefing Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China would support impartial mediation by UN-Arab League special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi to address the Syrian conflict.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/10/c\\_132094000.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/10/c_132094000.htm)

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### **10. China calls for "patience" over Syria crisis**

**Beijing, Monday, 14 January 2013**

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson, Hong Lei said at a daily press briefing that China called for relevant parties' patience in finding a solution to the Syria crisis, after no apparent resolution was found after the latest Geneva meeting on the issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/14/c\\_132102111.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/14/c_132102111.htm)

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### **11. China condemns violence in Syria**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 16 January 2013**

At the daily press conference a foreign ministry spokesperson remarked that China condemns a deadly blast at a Syrian campus and calls on all parties to cease fire immediately.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/16/c\\_132107340.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/16/c_132107340.htm)

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### **12. China urges Syrian government, opposition to be pragmatic**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 29 January 2013**

During news briefing foreign ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China urged the Syrian government and opposition to be pragmatic in finding a solution to the ongoing crisis.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/29/c\\_132136747.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/29/c_132136747.htm)

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See also: *Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/30/c\\_132139218.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/30/c_132139218.htm)

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### **13. China urges peace and stability in Syria**

**Beijing, Thursday, 31 January 2013**

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei remarked that China urged all parties in the region to maintain regional and stability following an Israeli airstrike on Syria.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/31/c\\_132142238.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/31/c_132142238.htm)

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## ECONOMIC ISSUES

### **SAUDI ARABIA**

#### **15. China, Saudi trade reaches record high of US\$73.4 billion**

**Riyadh, Wednesday, 30 January 2013**

The trade between China and Saudi Arabia reached the highest level of US\$73.4 billion in 2012, an increase by 14 per cent as compared with the previous year, according to Al Riyadh newspaper.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/30/c\\_132139397.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/30/c_132139397.htm)

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## MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

#### **16. China donates US \$ one million to UNHCR for Syrian refugees**

**Geneva, Wednesday, 30 January 2013**

According to United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) China has donated US\$1 million to the primarily for provision of emergency humanitarian supplies to Syrian refugees in Turkey.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/31/c\\_124301968.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-01/31/c_124301968.htm)

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