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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### BAHRAIN

#### **1. China welcomes Bahrain's resumption of national talks: FM**

**Beijing, Friday, 8 February 2013**

At a daily press briefing a foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China welcomes the decision by Bahrain's political groups to resume national dialogue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/08/c\\_132160523.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/08/c_132160523.htm)

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### EGYPT

#### **2. China's Egypt balloon crash work panel to arrive**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 27 February 2013**

A Chinese Foreign Ministry panel arrived in Egypt following the killing of nine Hong Kong tourists in an air balloon crash.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/27/c\\_132196614.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/27/c_132196614.htm)

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#### **3. Chinese embassy urges Egypt to guarantee tourists' safety**

**Luxor, Wednesday, 27 February 2013**

The director of consular affairs at Chinese Embassy in Cairo, Zhang Baoqi, urged the Egyptian government to take necessary measures to guarantee Chinese citizens' safe travelling in Egypt.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-02/27/c\\_124396038.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-02/27/c_124396038.htm)

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### IRAN

#### **4. China backs cooperation between Iran, IAEA: FM spokesman**

**Beijing, Friday, 1 February 2013**

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei remarked that China supports cooperation between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/01/c\\_132145033.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/01/c_132145033.htm)

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### **5. China expects progress for Iran, P5+1 talks in Kazakhstan**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 6 February 2013**

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Hua Chunying said that China called on Iran and the P5+1 to strive for progress in talks regarding Iran's nuclear programme to be held on 26 February 2013 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/06/c\\_132155448.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/06/c_132155448.htm)

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### **6. China urges Iran nuclear talk diplomatic efforts**

**Beijing, Friday, 22 February 2013**

Hong Lei, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, said that China called on all relevant parties to step up diplomatic efforts at the upcoming Iran nuclear talks in Kazakhstan.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/22/c\\_132185982.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/22/c_132185982.htm)

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### **7. China expects progress in Iran nuclear talks**

**Almaty, Tuesday, 26 February 2013**

An assistant Foreign Minister of China Ma Zhouxu, who headed the Chinese delegation to Iran, said that Beijing hopes that the talks held on the Iran nuclear issue would achieve positive results.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/26/c\\_132193588.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/26/c_132193588.htm)

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### **8. China and Iran meet ahead of nuclear talks**

**Almaty, Tuesday, 26 February 2013**

During his meeting with Ali Baqeri, Deputy Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, an assistant Foreign Minister of China Ma Zhouxu, said that China called for talks and dialogue as it is the only progressive solution to the nuclear issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/26/c\\_124390973.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/26/c_124390973.htm)

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### **9. China says Iran nuclear talks "candid, constructive"**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 27 February 2013**

During a press conference, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that the Iran nuclear talks in Kazakhstan were being conducted in a "candid and constructive" manner.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/27/c\\_132196451.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/27/c_132196451.htm)

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### **10. Iran nuclear talks make tangible progress: China**

**Almaty, Wednesday, 27 February 2013**

Ma Zhouxa, an assistant Foreign Minister of China said that the talks in Kazakhstan on Iran's nuclear issue have made tangible progress.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/27/c\\_132196828.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/27/c_132196828.htm)

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## ISRAEL

### **11. Israel-China ties on good trajectory: Israeli ex-diplomat**

**Tel Aviv, Tuesday, 19 February 2013**

Former Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon while addressing an event hosted by the Chinese Embassy in Tel Aviv to mark Chinese Lunar New Year said that Sino-Israel ties are based on friendship and respect.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/20/c\\_132180064.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/20/c_132180064.htm)

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## SYRIA

### **12. Chinese ambassador meets Syrian opposition leader in Cairo**

**Cairo, Tuesday, 5 February 2013**

Chinese Ambassador to Egypt Song Aiguo met with Syrian National Coalition for Opposition and Revolutionary Forces Chairman Ahmed Moaz Al-Khatib in Cairo. He said that China has all along been deeply concerned about and attached important to the Syrian issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/06/c\\_132153328.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/06/c_132153328.htm)

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### **13. China urges widely accepted Syrian solution**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 6 February 2013**

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met Faisal al-Miqdad, Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister and said that China is open to any solution to the ongoing conflict in Syria as long as it is widely accepted by Syrians.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/06/c\\_132155847.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/06/c_132155847.htm)

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### **14. China calls for immediate start of intra-Syrian dialogue**

**Moscow, Friday, 22 February 2013**

Chinese Foreign Minister said that China called for an immediate start of intra-Syrian talks in accordance with the Geneva agreements reached by world powers.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/23/c\\_132186461.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/23/c_132186461.htm)

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## ECONOMIC ISSUES

## UAE

### **15. UAE top lender launches Chinese RMB accounts**

**Dubai, Wednesday, 6 February 2013**

Emirates NBD, the biggest lender by assets in UAE launched Chinese currency (Renminbi) denominated accounts and deposits to support small and medium enterprises to conduct trade settlements.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2013-02/06/c\\_132155661.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2013-02/06/c_132155661.htm)

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## MULTINATIONAL ISSUES

### **16. China-GCC trade expands from goods to financial field**

**Dubai, Sunday, 24 February 2013**

Tian Zhiping, the regional CEO of ICBC Middle East, said that the recent trade figures between China and GCC states indicate that the Sino-Arabian trade has gone beyond tangible goods and have entered the world of banking, finance and business consultancy.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/25/c\\_132189265.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-02/25/c_132189265.htm)

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