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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### ALGERIA

#### **1. Xi eyes more comprehensive relations with Algeria**

**Beijing, Sunday, 7 April 2013**

On the sidelines of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013, Chinese President X Jinping met Abdelkader Bensalah, present of the upper house of the Algerian parliament, and called for stronger and more comprehensive China-Algeria relations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/07/c\\_124548679.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/07/c_124548679.htm)

### IRAN

#### **2. China hopes for consensus in Almaty nuclear talks**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 3 April 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that the Assistant Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu would head the Chinese delegation to attend the Iran nuclear talks in Almaty, Kazakhstan and added that China urged all concerned parties to take practical action to build mutual trust during the upcoming talks.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/03/c\\_132282911.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/03/c_132282911.htm)

#### **3. China calls for trust building steps in Iran nuclear talks**

**Almaty, Kazakhstan, Friday, 5 April 2013**

Ma Zhaoxu, Assistant Foreign Minister of China, called for trust-building steps during the new rounds of talk on Tehran's nuclear programme held in Almaty.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/05/c\\_132286526.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/05/c_132286526.htm)

#### **4. China urges conditions for resolving Iran nuclear issue**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 10 April 2013**

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China called on all relevant parties to create conditions for resolving the Iran nuclear issue and added that China hopes Iran can continue to maintain tangible talks with the five permanent UN Security Council members and Germany.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/10/c\\_124564922.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/10/c_124564922.htm)

#### **5. China expresses condolence on those killed in Iran quake**

**Beijing, Friday, 12 April 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei conveyed condolences of the Chinese government to those who were killed in an earthquake in Southwest Iran.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/12/c\\_132304473.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/12/c_132304473.htm)

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**ISRAEL**

**6. China's Middle East envoy to visit Palestine, Israel**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 23 April 2013**

Chinese special envoy to the Middle East, Wu Sike left for Palestine and Israel for a brief trip from 25-30 April.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/23/c\\_132334060.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/23/c_132334060.htm)

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**7. China calls for action on lasting peace in Middle East**

**United Nations, Wednesday, 24 April 2013**

China's permanent representative to the United Nations Li Baodong urged all the parties concerned to address the Israeli-Palestinian dispute and share their inputs for lasting peace in Middle East.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-04/25/c\\_124627702.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-04/25/c_124627702.htm)

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**8. China willing to help Israel, Palestinians resume peace talks: envoy**

**Jerusalem, Monday, 29 April 2013**

Chinese special envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike met Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Zeev Elkin and Justice Minister Tzipi Livni and assured them that China is willing to exert efforts for the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/30/c\\_132349622.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/30/c_132349622.htm)

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**MOROCCO**

**9. Chinese VP meets envoy of Moroccan king**

**Beijing, Friday, 19 April 2013**

Vice President of China, Li Yuanchao met Taib Fassi Fihri, special envoy of Moroccan King Mohammed VI. During the meeting, Li said that China and Morocco have seen healthy and stable development in bilateral ties since the establishment of diplomatic relations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/19/c\\_132323961.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/19/c_132323961.htm)

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**10. Chinese FM holds talks with Moroccan king's envoy**

**Beijing, Friday, 19 April 2013**

Foreign Minister of China Wang Yi held talks with Taib Fassi Fihri, special envoy of Moroccan King Mohammed VI. During the meeting Wang emphasized the traditional friendship and co-operation between the two.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/19/c\\_132324046.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/19/c_132324046.htm)

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**PALESTINE**

**11. China's Mideast envoy visits Palestinian territory over peace process**

**Ramallah, Saturday, 27 April 2013**

Chinese special envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike held talks with several Palestinian officials including Palestinian Secretary-General El-Tayib Abdul Rahim in a bid to push forward the stalled peace talks between Israel and Palestine.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/28/c\\_124642820.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/28/c_124642820.htm)

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## MILITARY ISSUES

### ALGERIA

#### **12. China Navy kicks off visit to Algeria**

**Algiers, Tuesday, 2 April 2013**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Escort Taskforce of the Chinese Navy arrived in Algiers for a four-day visit and the Taskforce comprised of two frigates and one supply ship.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/02/c\\_132280295.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/02/c_132280295.htm)

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### MOROCCO

#### **13. Chinese navy starts visit to Morocco**

**Casablanca, Wednesday, 10 April 2013**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Escort Taskforce of the Chinese navy arrived in Casablanca for a four-day visit to Morocco.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/10/c\\_124559453.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/10/c_124559453.htm)

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#### **14. Chinese navy concludes visit to Morocco**

**Casablanca, Saturday, 13 April 2013**

Li Xiaoyan, commander of the Escort Taskforce, said that the visit was successful and helped further boost the traditional friendly ties between China and Morocco.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2013-04/14/c\\_124577448.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2013-04/14/c_124577448.htm)

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## ECONOMIC ISSUES

### EGYPT

#### **15. China's investments in Egypt increases by 60 pct: ambassador**

**Cairo, Monday, 22 April 2013**

During a tour in an industrial zone in Giza, Egypt, China's ambassador to Egypt Song Aigua said that the Chinese investments in Egypt have increased by 60 per cent over the past two years to exceed half a billion U.S. dollars.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-04/22/c\\_124610218.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-04/22/c_124610218.htm)

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#### **16. Egyptian government, Chinese TEDA ink investment agreement near Suez Canal**

**Suez, Egypt, Saturday, 27 April 2013**

The Egyptian Government signed an investment agreement with Chinese TEDA Corporation to develop part of a joint industrial zone near the Suez Canal. The investment projects would be established in an area of six square kilometres in the industrial zone.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-04/27/c\\_124642790.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-04/27/c_124642790.htm)

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### IRAQ

#### **17. Iraq seeks to boost oil ties with China**

**Baghdad, Thursday, 4 April 2013**

During an interview with a local radio station Energy Minister of Iraq Abdul Kareem al-Luaybi said that Iraq is seeking to bolster its ties with China in the field of oil industry.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2013-04/04/c\\_132285043.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2013-04/04/c_132285043.htm)

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**18. Chinese to enjoy tailored Nile cruises**

**Beijing, Thursday, 11 April 2013**

China's biggest online travel agent, Ctrip started a new offer for tailored cruises in the Nile River for Chinese travellers.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/12/c\\_124570350.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/12/c_124570350.htm)

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**19. CISAR expresses concern about Iran quake**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 16 April 2013**

China International Search and Rescue team has expressed its concern about a powerful earthquake that jolted Iran-Pakistan border.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/17/c\\_132314411.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/17/c_132314411.htm)

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**20. Morocco sends condolences to China over earthquake**

**Beijing, Saturday, 20 April 2013**

In a message to Chinese President Xi Jinping, Moroccan King Mohammed VI expressed deep condolences to the victims of the earthquake in southwest China's Sichuan province which has killed over 150 people.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/21/c\\_132326246.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-04/21/c_132326246.htm)

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**21. China's top TV producer expanding UAE market**

**Dubai, Saturday, 20 April 2013**

Changhong, one of China's top consumer electronics producer, has appointed Al-Futtaim Electronics as its exclusive distributor for United Arab Emirates (UAE).

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2013-04/20/c\\_132326181.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2013-04/20/c_132326181.htm)

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