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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### BAHRAIN

#### 1) China's top political advisor meets King of Bahrain

**Yinchuan, Sunday, 15 September 2013**

Chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Yu Zhengsheng met with the King of Bahrain Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al-khalifa, on the sidelines of a China-Arab States Expo held in Yinchuan in China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/15/c\\_132722240.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/15/c_132722240.htm)

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#### 2) China pledges support for Bahrain's efforts to safeguard stability

**Beijing, Monday, 16 September 2013**

Chinese President Xi Jinping met with the King of Bahrain Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al-khalifa and pledged to back the latter's efforts to safeguard stability in the region.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/16/c\\_132725892.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/16/c_132725892.htm)

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### EGYPT

#### 3) China condemns bomb attack on Egyptian government minister: FM

**Beijing, Friday, 6 September 2013**

During a press briefing, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China condemned the bomb attack on Egypt's Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/06/c\\_132698759.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/06/c_132698759.htm)

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### IRAN

#### 4) China urges efforts to promote talks on Iran nuclear issue

**United Nations, Thursday, 5 September 2013**

China's deputy permanent representative to the UN Wang Min said that all parties should make efforts to maintain and promote the process of dialogue to find an appropriate settlement to the nuclear issue of Iran.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/06/c\\_132695742.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/06/c_132695742.htm)

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#### 5) China willing to make constructive effort on Iranian nuke talks: President

**Bishkek, Thursday, 12 September 2013**

Chinese President Xi Jinping met his Iranian counterpart Hassan Rouhani and said that China is willing to make constructive efforts on advancing the Iranian nuclear talks.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/12/c\\_132715698.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/12/c_132715698.htm)

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**6) China stresses diplomatic way to resolve nuclear issues in Iran, DPRK**

**Vienna, Monday, 16 September 2013**

During the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Chairperson of China Atomic Energy Authority Ma Xingrui said that China wanted the nuclear issue in DPRK and Iran to be settled peacefully through dialogue and negotiation.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/17/c\\_132725940.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/17/c_132725940.htm)

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**7) China eyes substantial progress of Iran nuclear issue solution**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei briefed the press about the political progress in the Iranian nuclear issue. He said that China has called on Iran to strengthen dialogue with the P5+1 (Russia, China, Britain, France, the U.S. and Germany) and make substantial progress in finding a win-win solution to the nuclear issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/17/c\\_132728791.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/17/c_132728791.htm)

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**8) Chinese FM to attend Iranian nuclear meeting**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 25 September 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei announced that Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi would attend a foreign ministers' meeting on the Iranian nuclear issue in New York.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/25/c\\_132749901.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/25/c_132749901.htm)

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**9) China supports communication over Iran's nuclear talks**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 25 September 2013**

China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Leo said that China encourages parties involved in talks on the Iranian nuclear issue to increase contact so as to promote the process of the negotiations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/25/c\\_132750142.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/25/c_132750142.htm)

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**10) China urges package deal on Iran's nuke issue**

**United Nations, Thursday, 26 September 2013**

During a meeting with the Foreign Ministers of P5+1, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi called for a package deal on Iran's nuclear issue through dialogues.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/27/c\\_132756548.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/27/c_132756548.htm)

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**11) Chinese FM urges dialogue on Iranian, Korean Peninsula nuclear issues**

**United Nations, Friday, 27 September 2013**

At the general debate of the UN General Assembly, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi called for peaceful solutions through dialogue to the nuclear issues in Iran and on the Korean Peninsula.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/28/c\\_132758252.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/28/c_132758252.htm)

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**12) China sees positive signs in U.S.-Iran diplomacy effort**

**Beijing, Monday, 30 September 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China sees recent development in U.S.-Iran relations as positive for peace in the Middle East.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c\\_132764954.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c_132764954.htm)

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**JORDAN**

**13) China's top political advisor meets King of Jordan**

**Yinchuan, Sunday, 15 September 2013**

Chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Yu Zhengsheng met with the King of Jordan Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein and spoke highly of the long-term friendship between China and Jordan.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/15/c\\_132722238.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/15/c_132722238.htm)

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**14) Chinese president, Jordanian King hold talks**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 18 September 2013**

Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks with visiting Jordanian King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein and urged him to promote bilateral cooperation.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/18/c\\_132731951.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/18/c_132731951.htm)

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**15) Chinese premier meets Jordanian King**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 18 September 2013**

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met with the Jordanian King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein and called for closer cooperation between the two countries.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/18/c\\_132732853.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/18/c_132732853.htm)

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**SYRIA**

**16) China concerned about unilateral military action: FM spokesperson**

**Beijing, Monday, 2 September 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China was seriously concerned about unilateral military action against Syria.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/02/c\\_132684869.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/02/c_132684869.htm)

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**17) China reiterates political solution in Syria**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 4 September 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China stressed on political solution to resolve the ongoing conflict in Syria.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/04/c\\_132691711.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/04/c_132691711.htm)

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**18) China urges calm, restraint on Syria issue**

**Beijing, Thursday, 5 September 2013**

The Chinese Foreign Ministry released a press briefing calling on relevant sides to "remain calm" and adhere to political measures on the Syria issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/05/c\\_132694944.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/05/c_132694944.htm)

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**19) Syria issue should be handled within UNSC framework: Chinese FM**

**Tashkent, Monday, 9 September 2013**

During a state visit to Uzbekistan, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that the Syrian issue should be dealt with the framework of the UN Security Council.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/09/c\\_125345973.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/09/c_125345973.htm)

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**20) Chinese premier reaffirms UN authority on Syria issue**

**Liaoning Province, Monday, 9 September 2013**

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met the Chairperson of the World Economic Forum Klaus Schwab and said that the international community should abide by UN Charter principles, maintain the authority of the United Nations and promote a political solution on the Syria issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/09/c\\_125354589.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/09/c_125354589.htm)

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**21) Syrian opposition delegation begins China visit**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

A six-member delegation of the opposition Syrian National Dialogue Forum started its visit to China at the invitation of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/10/c\\_132709043.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/10/c_132709043.htm)

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**22) China welcomes Syria's "major step" to ease tension**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 11 September 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that Syria has taken a "major step" in easing tensions in the country by showing support for a Russian proposal to place its chemical weapons stockpiles under international control.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/11/c\\_132712756.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/11/c_132712756.htm)

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**23) China calls for positive, rational response on Syria**

**Beijing, Thursday, 12 September 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China called for positive and rational response to the Syria issue and suggested a second international conference on Syria in Geneva at an early date.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/12/c\\_132715972.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/12/c_132715972.htm)

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**24) Xi says China supports Russian proposal on Syrian chemical disarmament**

**Bishkek, Friday, 13 September 2013**

While addressing the 13th summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Chinese President Xi Jinping said that Beijing supports Russia's proposal that Syria surrender its chemical weapons to international control for their eventual destruction.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/13/c\\_132719046.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/13/c_132719046.htm)

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**25) China urges Syrian resolution within UN framework**

**Beijing, Monday, 16 September 2013**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China called for early and proper resolution of the Syrian issue within the framework of the United Nations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/16/c\\_132725539.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/16/c_132725539.htm)

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**26) Chinese, Russian FM's discuss Syria crisis on phone**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 17 September 2013**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov exchanged views on the Syria crisis via telephone and both hoped that resolution to crisis would be achieved soon.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/17/c\\_132729346.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/17/c_132729346.htm)

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**27) China condemns attack on Damascus Russian embassy**

**Beijing, Monday, 23 September 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China strongly condemned an attack on the Russian embassy in Damascus, and urged all sides in Syria to protect foreign diplomats.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/23/c\\_132743670.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/23/c_132743670.htm)

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**28) China welcomes Syria's chemical weapons declaration**

**Beijing, Monday, 23 September 2013**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China welcomes Syria's submission of a full declaration of its chemical weapon inventory to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/23/c\\_132743671.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/23/c_132743671.htm)

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**29) China urges Security Council to adopt resolution on Syria's chemical weapons as soon as possible**

**United Nations, Wednesday, 25 September 2013**

During a lunch meeting with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that UN Security Council should reach a consensus and pass a resolution regarding chemical weapons in Syria as soon as possible.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/26/c\\_125447628.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/26/c_125447628.htm)

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**30) China firmly against use of chemical weapons: Chinese FM**

**United Nations, Friday, 25 September 2013**

Opening the plenary meeting of a UN event, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China is firmly against the use of chemical weapons and strongly backs the effort to seek a political settlement of the Syria chemical arm crisis.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/26/c\\_132753071.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/26/c_132753071.htm)

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**31) China supports UN on Syrian consensus**

**Beijing, Thursday, 26 September 2013**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China wants the UNSC to reach consensus a resolution of destroying Syria's chemical weapons as soon as possible.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/26/c\\_132753361.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/26/c_132753361.htm)

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### **32) Chinese FM calls for political solution in Syria**

**Beijing, Friday, 27 September 2013**

On the sidelines of the annual session of the UN General Assembly, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. He said that the inspection and destruction of chemical weapons in Syria and a political solution to the Syrian issue should be advanced together.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/27/c\\_132757328.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/27/c_132757328.htm)

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### **33) China urges early adoption of UN resolution on Syria's chemical weapons**

**United Nations, Friday, 27 September 2013**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi urged the UN Security Council to adopt a resolution on Syria's chemical weapons as soon as possible.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/28/c\\_125462573.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/28/c_125462573.htm)

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### **34) China hopes to see early launch of verifying, destroying Syrian chemical weapons**

**United Nations, Friday, 27 September 2013**

On the sidelines of the annual high-level debate of the UN General Assembly, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Walid Muallem, Syrian deputy prime minister and foreign minister and said that China hoped to see an early launch of international verification and destruction of the Syrian chemical weapons and an early end to the Syrian crisis.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/28/c\\_125462589.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/28/c_125462589.htm)

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### **35) China welcomes adoption of Security Council resolution on Syria**

**United Nations, Friday, 27 September 2013**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China welcomes the adoption of a UNSC resolution 2118 aimed at destroying Syrian chemical weapons under the supervision of OPCW.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/28/c\\_132758383.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/28/c_132758383.htm)

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### **36) Mortar shell hits Chinese embassy in Syria, 1 injured**

**Damascus, Monday, 30 September 2013**

A mortar shell fell into the compound of the Chinese embassy in Damascus, slightly injuring a Syrian employee and damaging the compound walls.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c\\_132765122.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c_132765122.htm)

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### **37) Chinese experts to join Syria weapons inspections**

**Beijing, Monday, 30 September 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China has decided to send experts to join in the inspections and destruction of chemical weapons in Syria.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c\\_132765324.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c_132765324.htm)

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### **38) China condemns strike on Damascus Chinese embassy**

**Beijing, Monday, 30 September 2013**

Spokesperson Hong Lei said that China condemned the attack on its embassy in Syria when a mortar shell hit its compound.



*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c\\_132765498.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c_132765498.htm)

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## **TURKEY**

### **39) Chinese premier meets Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey**

**Liaoning Province, Wednesday, 11 September 2013**

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met the Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan on the sidelines of the annual Summer Davos Forum and spoke highly of strategic relations between the two.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/11/c\\_132712755.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/11/c_132712755.htm)

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### **40) China and Turkey conclude US\$ 4 billion air defence deal**

**Beijing, Saturday, 28 September 2013**

Turkey signed an air defence deal with the China Precision Machinery Import and Export Corporation to co-produce long-range air and missile defence system.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/video/2013-09/28/c\\_132758231.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/video/2013-09/28/c_132758231.htm)

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## **YEMEN**

### **41) Chinese, Yemeni defence ministers hold talks**

**Beijing, Monday, 23 September 2013**

Chinese Defence Minister Chang Wanquan and his Yemeni counterpart Mohammed Nasser Ahmed held talks to promote bilateral cooperation.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/23/c\\_132743844.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/23/c_132743844.htm)

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## **ARAB LEAGUE**

### **42) Chinese FM meets Arab League chief**

**United Nations, Wednesday, 25 September 2013**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with the Arab League Secretary General Nabil al-Arabi at the UN Headquarters in New York and said that China's new leadership values the country's relationship with the Arab League and sees Arab countries as preferred partners.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/26/c\\_132752594.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/26/c_132752594.htm)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

## **ISRAEL**

### **43) Israeli, Chinese research institutes to launch tech cooperation**

**Jerusalem, Sunday, 29 September 2013**

Haifa-based Technion Institute of Technology and China's Shantou University will establish a new tech institute in China after receiving US\$ 130 million from the Li Ka-shing Foundation to set up the Technion Guangdong Institute of Technology in Guangdong province in southern China.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c\\_132762520.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/30/c_132762520.htm)

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## **TURKEY**

### **44) Turkey applauds China for joining Istanbul book fair**

### **Istanbul, Thursday, 26 September 2013**

Executive Vice President of China National Publications Import and Export Corporation Zhang Jichen and TUYAP Culture Fairs General Coordinator Deniz Kavukcuoglu announced that China will be the Country of Honour at the 32nd International Istanbul Book Fair that is to be held in November.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/26/c\\_132753608.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/26/c_132753608.htm)

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### **UAE**

#### **45) Bilateral summit eyes attracting more Chinese tourists to UAE**

**Abu Dhabi, Monday, 2 September 2013**

A two-day summit was organized by Nicholas Publishing International (NPI) in partnership with the Shanghai-based i2i Group for Chinese tourist operators and representatives from the United Arab Emirates (UAE)'s hospitality industry.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/03/c\\_132685489.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-09/03/c_132685489.htm)

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#### **46) Dubai customs delegation to visit China to promote trade**

**Dubai, Saturday, 14 September 2013**

A delegation from the Dubai Customs arrived for a five-day visit to China to promote trade and share experiences with their Chinese counterparts.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/14/c\\_132720345.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/14/c_132720345.htm)

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### **CHINA-ARAB STATES EXPO**

#### **47) China-Arab States Expo opens in Ningxia**

**Yinchuan, Sunday, 15 September 2013**

The first China-Arab States Expo, a key platform to promote the relationship between China and the Arab states, kicked off in China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/15/c\\_132722399.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/15/c_132722399.htm)

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#### **48) Chinese leader wants China-Arab energy cooperation**

**Yinchuan, Sunday, 15 September 2013**

Chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Yu Zhengsheng called for further expansion of cooperation with Arab countries in energy resources and trade during the opening ceremony of the China-Arab States Expo in Yinchuan.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/15/c\\_132722601.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/15/c_132722601.htm)

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