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# CHINA WATCH

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# **POLITICAL ISSUES**

#### **EGYPT**

1. China calls for dialogue after Egypt's clashes

Beijing, Tuesday, 8 October 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China calls for dialogue in the wake of recent clashes in Egypt to avoid further casualties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/08/c\_132780255.htm

2. China calls for social reconciliation in Egypt

Beijing, Thursday, 10 October 2013

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China calls for early realization of social reconciliation and national stability in Egypt.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/10/c 132786630.htm

#### **IRAN**

# 3. China supports Iran's participation in Syria talks: FM spokesperson

Beijing, Thursday, 10 October 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China has expressed support for Iran's participation in peace talks on the Syria issue.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/10/c\_125510763.htm

#### 4. China urges solutions on Iran nuclear issues

## Beijing, Tuesday, 15 October 2013

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China urged all parties concerned to use a new round of talks on Iran's nuclear issues and seek pragmatic solutions.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/15/c\_132801380.htm

## 5. China applauds opportunity on Iranian nuclear issue

#### Beijing, Thursday, 17 October 2013

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China urges all the parties to seize opportunities that have emerged after the latest round of talks on the Iranian nuclear issue.

She further added that China has always maintained that a solution based on dialogue and negotiation is in the interests of all parties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/17/c\_132807507.htm

# 6. China welcomes latest meeting between Iran, IAEA

# Beijing, Tuesday, 29 October 2013

The Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunting said that China has welcomed the latest meeting between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and hoped for further dialogue between the two parties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/29/c\_132841809.htm

# 7. Top Chinese legislator meets Iranian parliament's speaker Beijing, Wednesday, 30 October 2013

Top Chinese legislator Zhang Dejiang held talks with Iran's Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani and pledged to boost legislative cooperation between the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/30/c\_132845626.htm

# 8. Chinese state councillor meets Iranian parliamentary speaker

# Beijing, Wednesday, 30 October 2013

Chinese State Councillor Yang Jiechi met with Iran's Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani in Beijing and exchanged views on bilateral ties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/30/c\_132842317.htm

# 9. Chinese President meets Iran's parliamentary speaker

# Beijing, Wednesday, 30 October 2013

Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Iran's Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani in Beijing and vowed to jointly push forward friendly cooperation in multiple areas.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/30/c\_132845567.htm

# 10. China hopes Iran nuclear talks grasp opportunities

## Beijing, Thursday, 31 October 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China called on concerned sides to grasp opportunities in the upcoming Geneva talks on Iran's nuclear programme.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/31/c 132848933.htm

#### **ISRAEL**

## 11. China calls for substantial progress in Palestinian-Israeli peace talks

# **United Nations, Tuesday, 22 October 2013**

Wang Min, China's deputy permanent representative to the UN said, during a Security Council meeting that China called on Palestine and Israel to achieve substantial progress in their newly-resumed peace talks as soon as possible.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-10/23/c\_125581947.htm

# 12. Senior Chinese party official expects closer cooperation with Israel

# Jerusalem, Wednesday, 23 October 2013

Liu Qibao, a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC), met with the Israeli President Shimon Peres in Jerusalem and said that China and Israel will continuously strengthen cooperation in agriculture, science and technology, information, environmental protection and culture through joint efforts.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/24/c\_125588479.htm

# **LIBYA**

#### 13. Chinese Embassy in Libva marks China's National Day

# Tripoli, Tuesday, 1 October 2013

The Chinese Embassy in Libya held an official ceremony to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/01/c\_132766272.htm

#### **SYRIA**

## 14. China may help destroy Syrian chemical weapons

# Beijing, Tuesday, 8 October 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that the Chinese government has recommended 10 Chinese experts to the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to assist in the destruction of chemical weapons in Syria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/08/c\_132780266.htm

# 15. China reaffirms political solution to Syrian issues

## Beijing, Friday, 18 October 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China called for political solution to Syrian issue through the United Nations.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/18/c\_132810670.htm

## 16. China welcomes Syrian chemical weapons plan

# Beijing, Monday, 28 October 2013

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China welcomed the Syrian government's submission of a general plan for destroying its chemical weapons to a global watchdog.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/28/c\_132838010.htm

# 17. China supports Geneva II conference on Syria

# Damascus, Wednesday, 30 October 2013

The Chinese ambassador to Syria Zhang Xun said, after meeting with the visiting UN-Arab League joint special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, that China deems the political solution and the Geneva II conference on Syria as necessary in light of the current situation in the war-torn country.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-10/31/c\_132845753.htm

# **TURKEY**

# 18. FM spokesperson defends Turkey-China missile defence deal Beijing, Tuesday, 8 October 2013

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying responded to NATO and U.S. concern over Turkey's decision to co-produce a missile defence system with a Chinese firm by describing such military trade between China and Turkey as normal.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/08/c\_132780304.htm

## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

#### **TURKEY**

# 19. China, Turkey pledge to build Silk Road economic belt

Ankara, Friday, 25 October 2013

Liu Qibao, a member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), who is heading a CPC delegation to Middle East, met Turkish President Abdullah Gul and pledged to enhance cooperation to jointly build a Silk Road economic belt.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/25/c\_132831175.htm

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

#### **ISRAEL**

## 20. Senior CPC official visits Israel's Tel Aviv University

Tel Aviv, Monday, 21 October 2013

Liu Qibao, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and head of the CPC Central Committee's Publicity Department, visited a photo exhibition on major achievements in politics, economy, culture, science and technology that China has made in recent years at Xinhua Gallery, hosted by Jerusalem Bureau of Xinhua News Agency, at the Confucius Institute of Tel Aviv University in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/photo/2013-10/22/c\_132819367.htm

## **TURKEY**

# 21. Senior CPC official visits GB Times Program studios in Istanbul

Istanbul, Saturday, 26 October 2013

Liu Qibao, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, visited the GB Times Program studios in Istanbul, Turkey.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/27/c 132835136.htm

#### UAE

## 22. UAE low-cost airline to begin flights to China by 2014

Dubai, Monday, 28 October 2013

A representative of Air Arabia said that they will start flying from its home base Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to several cities in China by next year.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-10/29/c\_132838595.htm

## GCC

# 23. Third China-GCC talks come to Beijing

Beijing, Wednesday, 30 October 2013

Foreign Minister spokesperson Hua Chunying said that the third round of the China-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) strategic dialogue will be held in Beijing in the first week of November.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-10/30/c\_132845130.htm

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