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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### IRAN

#### 1. Senior Chinese diplomat to attend Iran talks

**Beijing, Tuesday, 5 November 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that Director-General of the department of arms control Pang Sen will lead a delegation to the talks between world powers and Iran on 7 November in Geneva.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/05/c\\_132861493.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/05/c_132861493.htm)

#### 2. China says Iranian nuclear issue cannot be resolved in one move

**Beijing, Monday, 11 November 2013**

After three-day intensive talks in Geneva between Iran and P5+1, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Qin Gang said that while the fresh round of Iranian nuclear talks made progress, resolution to the controversial nuclear program cannot be reached in one move.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/11/c\\_132878982.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/11/c_132878982.htm)

#### 3. China welcomes Iran nuclear inspection deal

**Beijing, Tuesday, 12 November 2013**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Qin Gang said that China welcomed the latest deal reached between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to enable the UN nuclear watchdog to access more Iranian nuclear facilities for inspection.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/12/c\\_132882261.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/12/c_132882261.htm)

#### 4. Chinese vice FM to attend Iranian nuclear talks

**Beijing, Tuesday, 19 November 2013**

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Li Baodong will attend the upcoming Geneva talks on the Iranian nuclear issue which will see negotiations between Iran and the P5+1.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/19/c\\_132901173.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/19/c_132901173.htm)

#### 5. China sees opportunity to resolve Iran nuclear issue

**Beijing, Thursday, 21 November 2013**

Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hong Lei said that China called for relevant parties to seize the current opportunity to achieve the best possible result in a nuclear dialogue with Iran.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/21/c\\_132907508.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/21/c_132907508.htm)

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#### **6. FM spokesperson: Iran nuke talks at final moment**

**Beijing, Saturday, 23 November 2013**

Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hong Lei said that Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi left Beijing for Geneva to participate in the dialogue between Iran and 5+1 nations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/23/c\\_132911659.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/23/c_132911659.htm)

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#### **7. Chinese FM hails agreement on Iran's nuclear issue as first-step success**

**Geneva, Sunday, 24 November 2013**

The agreement reached in Geneva early Sunday morning on Iran's nuclear program marked the first important step toward a diplomatic solution to the country's nuclear issue, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said in a press conference.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/24/c\\_132914131.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/24/c_132914131.htm)

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### **ISRAEL**

#### **8. China hopes for substantial progress in Palestinian-Israeli talks: Xi**

**Beijing, Monday, 25 November 2013**

President Xi Jinping said that China hopes the Palestinians and Israelis will maintain the momentum of dialogue and make substantial progress at an early date.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/25/c\\_132917205.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/25/c_132917205.htm)

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### **JORDAN**

#### **9. Jordan's foreign minister to visit China**

**Beijing, Thursday, 28 November 2013**

Jordan's Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh will visit China from 1-3 December, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Qin Gang announced.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/28/c\\_132926140.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/28/c_132926140.htm)

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### **LEBANON**

#### **10. China strongly condemns bomb attack in Lebanon**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 20 November 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China strongly condemns the suicide bomb attack near the Iranian embassy in the Lebanese capital of Beirut.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/20/c\\_132904301.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/20/c_132904301.htm)

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### **SYRIA**

#### **11. Chinese experts to join Syria weapons mission**

**Beijing, Friday, 1 November 2013**

Li Yang, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry's Department of Arms Control, said that three Chinese experts will take part in the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical

Weapons (OPCW) mission in Syria on the destruction and verification of Syrian chemical weapons.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-11/02/c\\_132852307.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-11/02/c_132852307.htm)

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### **12. China calls for early peace conference on Syria**

**United Nations, Monday, 4 November 2013**

China's permanent representative to the United Nations Liu Jieyi said that China called on all parties concerned to make greater efforts to bring about an international peace conference on Syria at an early date.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/05/c\\_132859575.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/05/c_132859575.htm)

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### **13. China calls for Geneva II conference support**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 6 November 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China calls for communication and consultation on the Syria issue and promotion of the Geneva II conference.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/06/c\\_132864878.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/06/c_132864878.htm)

See also: *Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/12/c\\_132882335.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/12/c_132882335.htm)

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### **14. Geneva agreement important first step: FM spokesperson**

**Beijing, Monday, 25 November 2013**

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said that the deal reached on Iran's nuclear program in Geneva is an important first step.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/25/c\\_132916744.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/25/c_132916744.htm)

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### **15. China welcomes Geneva II conference on Syria: FM**

**Bucharest, Tuesday, 26 November 2013**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China welcomes the second Geneva conference on the Syrian crisis slated for 22 January 2014 and hopes it can achieve results.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/26/c\\_132919955.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/26/c_132919955.htm)

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### **16. China urges Syrian parties to attend Geneva II without preconditions**

**United Nations, Tuesday, 26 November 2013**

At a General Assembly meeting on the Middle East, China's permanent representative to the UN Liu Jieyi said that China called on all Syrian parties to participate in the political process proactively and attend the Geneva II conference without any preconditions.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-11/27/c\\_132920581.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-11/27/c_132920581.htm)

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## **YEMEN**

### **17. Yemeni president to visit China**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 6 November 2013**

Yemeni President Abdal-Rab Mansur Al-Hadii will pay a state visit to China from 12-15 November.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/06/c\\_132864952.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/06/c_132864952.htm)

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**18. Chinese, Yemeni foreign ministers hold meeting**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 13 November 2013**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with his Yemeni counterpart Abu Bakr al-Qirbi, who is visiting China with Yemeni President Abdorabuh Mansour Hadi.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c\\_132885735.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c_132885735.htm)

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**19. Top Chinese political advisor meets Yemeni president**

**Beijing, Thursday, 14 November 2013**

Chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Yu Zhengsheng met with the visiting Yemeni President Abdorabuh Mansour Hadi and reviewed China-Yemen relations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c\\_132888831.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c_132888831.htm)

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**20. China, Yemen pledge to step up ties**

**Beijing, Thursday, 14 November 2013**

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met with the visiting Yemeni President Abdorabuh Mansour Hadi and pledged to improve bilateral relations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c\\_132888895.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c_132888895.htm)

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## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

### **BAHRAIN**

**23. Bahrain approves bill to avoid double taxation with China**

**Manama, Sunday, 3 November 2013**

Bahrain's cabinet approved a draft law ratifying a protocol of the Convention on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Income Tax Evasion between Bahrain and China.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-11/04/c\\_132855763.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2013-11/04/c_132855763.htm)

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### **IRAN**

**22. China's oil cooperation with Iran transparent: spokesperson**

**Beijing, Thursday, 21 November 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China's oil cooperation with Iran is transparent, open and reasonable.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/21/c\\_132907800.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/21/c_132907800.htm)

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### **PALESTINE**

**23. Palestinians hope to enhance economic ties with China**

**Ramallah, Sunday, 17 November 2013**

While meeting with Palestinian minister of economy Jawad Naji in Ramallah, China's vice commerce minister Li Jinzao welcomed a Palestinian request to let Palestinian goods and products into Chinese markets.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/18/c\\_125716055.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/18/c_125716055.htm)

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## KUWAIT

### **24. China, Kuwait looking for expanding cooperation**

**Beijing, Monday, 18 November 2013**

As the honoured guest of China-Arab States Expo, Kuwait held a China-Kuwait Cooperation Forum to enlarge investment cooperation between the two nations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/18/c\\_132897082.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/18/c_132897082.htm)

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## MULTILATERAL ISSUES

### **25. China, Gulf states talks delayed: FM**

**Beijing, Monday, 4 November 2013**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that the third round of the China-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) strategic dialogue has been postponed.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/04/c\\_132858475.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/04/c_132858475.htm)

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### **26. Chinese president sends congratulatory message to 3rd Arab-African summit**

**Kuwait City, Tuesday, 19 November 2013**

Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message via his envoy to the Third Arab-African Summit convened in Kuwait.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/20/c\\_125729175.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/20/c_125729175.htm)

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## MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

### **27. Int'l Muslim Entrepreneurs' Summit attracts Arab businessmen**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 5 November 2013**

The International Muslim Entrepreneurs' Summit has attracted a large number of Arab entrepreneurs to the Central Business District of Yinchuan, the Binhe New District and the Yinchuan Bonded Area for potential projects.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c\\_132887195.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c_132887195.htm)

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### **28. Chinese cars tap market potentials in UAE**

**Dubai, Wednesday, 6 November 2013**

While speaking at the ongoing biennial Dubai International Motor Show, Hisam Khan, the general manager of car Naser M. Alsayer Group, the sole distributor of Chinese car brand BYD (Build Your Dreams) said that sales of vehicles "Made in China" are gaining momentum in the markets of the UAE although shares remain marginal due to the strong position of Japanese and German car manufacturers.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2013-11/07/c\\_125662576.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2013-11/07/c_125662576.htm)

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### **29. Chinese Muslims return after Mecca pilgrimage**

**Beijing, Thursday, 7 November 2013**

A group of 288 Chinese Muslims, the last to return after their pilgrimage to Mecca this year, arrived in Beijing via charter flight.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/07/c\\_132868631.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/07/c_132868631.htm)

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### **30. China's Huawei wins business award for services in UAE**

**Dubai, Wednesday, 13 November 2013**

China's biggest provider of information and communication technology (ICT) Huawei has been awarded the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Business Award 2013 in the service category in UAE.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c\\_132885748.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c_132885748.htm)

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### **31. Yinchuan Bonded Area signs cooperation deals at China-Arab States Expo**

**Beijing, Thursday, 14 November 2013**

The Yinchuan Bonded Area, newly approved by the state, has signed three deals on cooperation projects at the China-Arab States Expo.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c\\_132888055.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/14/c_132888055.htm)

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### **32. China, Arab nations to pave "New Silk Road"**

**Beijing, Monday, 18 November 2013**

The five-day China-Arab States Expo concluded in Yinchuan, Ningxia. China and Arab nations that participated in the Expo have agreed to work together to pave a "New Silk Road".

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/18/c\\_132897063.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/18/c_132897063.htm)

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### **33. Chinese city seeks Mideast aviation investment**

**Dubai, Monday, 18 November 2013**

At the ongoing Dubai Airshow, Yunwei Xue, the vice mayor of Zhengzhou said that China's central city of Zhengzhou aims to become the country's next aerotropolis.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/19/c\\_125722623.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/19/c_125722623.htm)

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### **34. China's Huawei signs cooperation deal with Lebanon**

**Beirut, Thursday, 28 November 2013**

The Lebanese telecommunications ministry and the Chinese company Huawei signed a cooperation agreement aiming at training 10 Lebanese students in communication engineering for 5-8 weeks in 2014.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/29/c\\_132926850.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-11/29/c_132926850.htm)

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