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POLITICAL ISSUES

IRAN

1) China vows to advance Iran nuclear talks in Vienna

Beijing, Monday, 17 March 2014

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China is ready to make joint efforts with relevant parties to push forward Iran nuclear negotiations in an upcoming round of talks. Wang Qun, director general of the Foreign Ministry's arms control and disarmament department, will head a delegation for the talks in Vienna.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/17/c_133192964.htm

2) China to make further contribution over Iranian nuclear issue

Beijing, Thursday, 20 March 2014

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China would continue communicating with relevant parties and make contributions to reach an agreement on the Iranian nuclear issue as early as possible.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/20/c_133201831.htm

ISRAEL

3) China urges Israelis, Palestinians to strive for substantial progress

Ramallah, Sunday, 9 March 2014

Visiting Chinese Special Envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike urged Palestinians and Israelis to make efforts to achieve substantial progress in the ongoing peace talks.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-03/10/c_126241955.htm

JORDAN

4) Jordan's King condemns terrorist attack in China's Kunming

Amman, Friday, 7 March 2014

King Abdullah II of Jordan condemned the terrorist attack in a train station in Kunming city of China.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/07/c_133169733.htm

LIBYA

5) Chinese envoy urges int'l community to realize aid commitments for Libya

Rome, Thursday, 6 March 2014

China's Middle East Special Envoy Wu Sike called on the international community to realize aid commitments for Libya while fully respecting the country's sovereignty, independence and unity.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-03/07/c_133167295.htm

PALESTINE

6) Palestinian Fatah Party condemns terrorist attack in China

Ramallah, Sunday, 2 March 2014

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party denounced the terrorist attack at a train station in China's Yunnan province that killed at least 29 people.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/03/c_133154363.htm

SAUDI ARABIA

7) Saudi Arabia Crown Prince to visit China

Beijing, Monday, 10 March 2014

Saudi Crown Prince Salman Bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud will pay an official visit to China from 13-16 March, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Qin Gang said.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/10/c_133175343.htm

8) Chinese president meets Saudi Arabia Crown Prince

Beijing, Thursday, 13 March 2014

Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Saudi Crown Prince Salman in Beijing and pledged to strengthen strategic partnership of the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/13/c_126264400.htm

9) China, Saudi Arabia vow closer cooperation

Beijing, Friday, 14 March 2014

Chinese Vice President Li Yuanchao held talks with visiting Saudi Crown Prince Salman and called for closer bilateral cooperation in areas such as energy, high technology, infrastructure building and anti-terrorism.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/14/c_133187203.htm

10) Chinese premier meets Saudi Arabia Crown Prince

Beijing, Friday, 14 March 2014

Premier Li Keqiang met with visiting Saudi Crown Prince Salman and said that the two countries share the common pursuit of world peace, respect each other's development path chosen in accordance with their own national conditions and both play constructive roles in international and regional affairs.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/14/c_126270000.htm

11) Chinese defence minister meets Saudi Arabia Crown Prince

Beijing, Saturday, 15 March 2014

Chinese State Councillor and Defence Minister Chang Wanquan met with Crown Prince Salman.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/15/c_133188923.htm

SYRIA

12) China to continue supporting Syrian weapons elimination

Beijing, Friday, 21 March 2014

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China has praised the progress in removing and destroying Syria's chemical weapons, and promised to continue its coordination with parties concerned to ensure safe and smooth transport and elimination of remaining stockpiles.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/21/c_133204682.htm

TURKEY

13) Turkey condemns terrorist stabbing attack in Kunming

Ankara, Monday, 3 March 2014

Turkish Foreign Ministry issued a statement sharply condemning the terrorist attack at Kunming train station in the Yunnan province and extended sympathy and condolences to the victims and their families.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/04/c_133157506.htm

ECONOMIC AND ENERGY ISSUES

PALESTINE

14) Palestinian PM woos Chinese firms for oil exploration

Ramallah, Sunday, 9 March 2014

Palestinian Prime Minister Rami al-Hamdallah called on China to encourage Chinese companies to join a bid for petroleum exploration in the Palestinian territories.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2014-03/10/c_133173046.htm

SAUDI ARABIA

15) China, Saudi Arabia reaffirms commitment to energy cooperation

Beijing, Sunday, 16 March 2014

China and Saudi Arabia reaffirmed their commitment to intensify energy cooperation as Saudi Crown Prince Salman concluded his four-day official visit to China. In a joint communiqué, both sides pledged to strengthen cooperation in areas such as energy, trade, mineral resources, investment and infrastructure building, as well as in high-tech fields including aerospace and the peaceful use of nuclear power.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-03/16/c_133190505.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

16) Jinpeng to acquire Israeli healthcare provider

Shanghai, Tuesday, 25 March 2014

Guangzhou-based Jinpeng Group would the bid to acquire Natali Healthcare Solutions, the largest private healthcare and homecare service provider in Israel.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2014-03/25/content_17377938.htm

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