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POLITICAL ISSUES

ALGERIA

1) Xi congratulates Algeria's Bouteflika on re-election

Beijing, Saturday, 19 April 2014

Chinese President Xi Jinping congratulated Abdelaziz Bouteflika on being re-elected as the President of Algeria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/19/c_126409656.htm

See also: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2014-04/19/content_17447944.htm

KUWAIT

2) China, Kuwait vow to boost economic ties

Beijing, Thursday, 17 April 2014

Chinese Vice President Li Yuanchao met with Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Minister of Amiri Diwan, and discussed measures to boost economic ties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/17/c_133270983.htm

See also: China Daily, Beijing

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2014-04/17/content_17442955.htm

IRAN

3) Iran, powers to start expert-level nuclear talks

Tehran, Wednesday, 2 April 2014

Experts of Iran and six major world powers including, China, will meet for a new round of talks on Iran's controversial nuclear programme.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-04/02/c_133233649.htm

4) China calls for flexibility in Iran talks

Beijing, Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China called for Iran and six world powers to be flexible in the latest nuclear talks which started in Vienna.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/08/c_133246740.htm

See also: China Daily, Beijing

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2014-04/08/content_17415528.htm

5) Chinese vice premier pledges closer cooperation with Iran

Beijing, Tuesday, 22 April 2014

Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli met with visiting Iranian Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance Ali Tayebnia in Beijing and vowed joint efforts to enhance cooperation in various areas, especially in finance.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2014-04/22/content_17455293.htm

ISRAEL

6) China, Israel vow to further deepen cooperation

Beijing, Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks with his Israeli counterpart Shimon Peres and called for tangible progress in Israel-Palestine peace talks at an early date.

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2014-04/08/content_17415603.htm

7) Xi urges Israel to make brave decisions

Beijing, Wednesday, 9 April 2014

President Xi Jinping called on Israel to "make courageous decisions as early as possible" to push forward peace talks with the Palestinians, with efforts now "at a critical stage."

Source: China Daily, Beijing

http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/epaper/2014-04/09/content_17419355.htm

8) Top Chinese legislator meets Israeli President Peres

Beijing, Wednesday, 9 April 2014

Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) Zhang Dejiang met with President Shimon Peres and discussed measures to create stronger bilateral ties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/09/c_133249812.htm

9) Chinese envoy stresses patience, courage in resolving Palestine-Israel conflict

United Nations, Tuesday, 29 April 2014

While addressing an open debate of the Security Council on the Middle East, Liu Jieyi, China's permanent representative to the UN, pointed out that the Palestine-Israel conflict is the core of the Middle East issue, and called on all parties to maintain confidence in peace.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-04/30/c_133299645.htm

JORDAN

10) Jordan, China keen to push bilateral ties

Amman, Tuesday, 15 April 2014

Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh met Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Yesui in Amman and underlined the need for continued efforts to find a political solution to the crisis in Syria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-04/15/c_133264939.htm

PALESTINE

11) China welcomes Palestinian reconciliation deal

Beijing, Thursday, 24 April 2014

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Qin Gang said that China hailed a Palestinian reconciliation deal on ending a seven-year internal split and said that this would build Palestine's internal solidarity.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/24/c_133287501.htm

SYRIA

12) Syrian opposition delegation to visit China

Beijing, Monday, 14 April 2014

The head of the National Coalition of Syrian Opposition and Revolutionary Forces, Ahmad Jarba, would visit China from 15-18 April, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-04/14/c_133261462.htm

13) China calls for inclusive political transition in Syria

Beijing, Tuesday, 22 April 2014

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Qin Gang said that China called on all parties in Syria to continue advancing the Geneva peace talks and start an inclusive political transition as soon as possible.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/22/c_133281714.htm

14) China welcomes progress in destruction of Syrian chemical weapons

Beijing, Friday, 25 April 2014

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Qin Gang said that China welcomed the latest progress in Syria's chemical weapons destruction and called for continued international efforts to complete the mission at an early date.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/25/c_133290466.htm

15) China calls for ceasefire in Syria: FM spokesman

Beijing, Friday, 25 April 2014

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Qin Gang called on Syria's warring factions to cease fire and stop violence, push for a political resolution through dialogue, and restore national stability at an early date.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/25/c_133290360.htm

ECONOMIC ISSUES

ALGERIA

16) China overtakes France as Algeria's largest supplier in Q1

Algiers, Tuesday, 22 April 2014

China became the largest supplier of goods to Algeria in first three months of 2014, according to a report by the National Center for Information and Statistics in Algeria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/23/c_133282090.htm

TURKEY

17) Turkey expects China's investment in high speed railway project

Istanbul, Wednesday, 2 April 2014

Turkey expects China to invest in its high speed railway project from the eastern tip to the western part of the country, which would be an important part of the modern Silk Railroad, said the General Director of Turkish State Railway Suleyman Karaman.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-04/03/c_133233866.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

TUNISIA

18) First Sino-Tunisian co-produced film honours "China Dream"

Beijing, Friday, 18 April 2014

The renowned Tunisian director Rachid Ferchou's *China Dream*, currently in pre-production in Beijing, is the first Sino-Tunisian co-produced film. This is believed to be an important milestone in the cultural relations between the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-04/18/c_133273680.htm

19) UAE's Sharjah woos Chinese tourists

Beijing, Thursday, 10 April 2014

Sharjah, the third largest emirate of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), hopes to draw more Chinese tourists, Mohamed Ali Al Noman, chairperson of the Sharjah Commerce and Tourism Development Authority said.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-04/11/c_133253682.htm

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