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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### IRAN

#### 1) China to attend fresh round of talks on Iran

**Beijing, Wednesday, 2 July 2014**

China will attend the sixth round of talks on the Iranian nuclear issue in Vienna during 2-15 July and Wang Qun, director-general of the Department of Arms Control of the Foreign Ministry will head the delegation.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/02/c\\_133455656.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/02/c_133455656.htm)

### IRAQ

#### 2) Chinese in Iraq are in relatively safe regions: ambassador

**Baghdad, Tuesday, 1 July 2014**

More than 10,000 Chinese nationals are now in relatively safe regions despite clashes between the Iraqi government troops and advancing Sunni militants. Some 80 percent of the Chinese, many of whom are employees with Chinese firms operating in Iraq live in the southern provinces, 10 percent in areas around the capital Baghdad, and the remaining 10 percent in the northern Kurdish region, Ambassador Wang Yong told Xinhua during an interview.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/01/c\\_133451458.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/01/c_133451458.htm)

#### 3) China backs Iraq's efforts to safeguard sovereignty

**Beijing, Friday, 4 July 2014**

"China supports Iraq's efforts to safeguard independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, speed up political reconstruction and national reconciliation and crack down on terrorism," said Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei at a daily press briefing.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/04/c\\_133461145.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/04/c_133461145.htm)

#### 4) China supports Iraq to maintain sovereignty, calls for inclusive gov't: envoy

**Baghdad, Monday, 7 July 2014**

China's special envoy Wu Sike met with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to exchange views on the bilateral ties and the current situation in Iraq. He said that China firmly stands with the Iraqis in its efforts to preserve sovereignty, independence and combat terrorism.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/08/c\\_133466755.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/08/c_133466755.htm)

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## **ISRAEL**

### **5) China expresses sorrow over deaths of Jewish teens**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 1 July 2014**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China has expressed heart-felt sorrow over the killing of three Jewish teenagers in the West Bank.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/01/c\\_133452744.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/01/c_133452744.htm)

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### **6) China urges restraint for Palestine, Israel**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 2 July 2014**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei expressed worry about escalation of the situation after Israeli aircraft bombed the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip. He said that China urged Palestine and Israel to maintain calm and restraint.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/02/c\\_133455593.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/02/c_133455593.htm)

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### **7) China urges Palestine, Israel to cease fire**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 9 July 2014**

China is deeply concerned about the Palestine-Israel tensions and calls for an immediate ceasefire, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said. He further added that “military forces cannot resolve the issues, but create more feuds.”

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/09/c\\_133471974.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/09/c_133471974.htm)

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### **8) China advises Palestine, Israel against escalating tensions**

**Beijing, Friday, 11 July 2014**

China urged Palestine and Israel to avoid any action that may escalate tensions. “Military forces don't work but wreak more havoc on people,” spokesperson Qin Gang said at a daily press briefing.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/12/c\\_133477870.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/12/c_133477870.htm)

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### **9) Chinese envoy to visit Middle East**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 15 July 2014**

China's Special Envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike will visit Palestine, Israel and some other Middle East countries from 15 to 26 July in a bid to ease tensions in the region.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/15/c\\_133485710.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/15/c_133485710.htm)

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### **10) China urges immediate ceasefire between Palestine, Israel**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 15 July 2014**

During his meetings with Palestinian ambassador to China Ahmad A. M. Ramadan and the Charge D'affaires ad Interim of the Israeli Embassy in China Dana Benvenisti, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Ming said that China expressed deep concern about the conflict between Palestine and Israel and urged both sides to achieve a ceasefire immediately.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/15/c\\_133485996.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/15/c_133485996.htm)

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### **11) China again urges Palestine, Israel to show restraint**

**Beijing, Friday, 18 July 2014**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei reiterated China's concern and urged Palestine and Israel to show restraint and respond to the international community's call for ceasefire immediately.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/18/c\\_133494703.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/18/c_133494703.htm)

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**12) China calls for immediate ceasefire in Gaza**

**United Nations, Friday, 18 July 2014**

Liu Jieyi, China's permanent representative to the UN urged Israel and Palestine to immediately achieve a ceasefire, avoid any military ground operations and other actions that may lead to further escalation in the Gaza Strip. She made the appeal at an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/19/c\\_133494980.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/19/c_133494980.htm)

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**13) China seriously concerned about Gaza conflict, Chinese president says**

**Caracas, Sunday, 20 July 2014**

During talks with his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro in Caracas Chinese President Xi Jinping said that China is seriously concerned about the escalating conflict in Gaza and will continue its efforts to ease tensions between Palestine and Israel.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/21/c\\_133499337.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/21/c_133499337.htm)

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**14) China calls for ceasefire as Gaza death toll soars**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 22 July 2014**

China called for a ceasefire between Palestine and Israel as violence has killed more than six hundred Palestinians and around 30 Israelis.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/22/c\\_133503148.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/22/c_133503148.htm)

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**15) China envoy supports Egypt's ceasefire deal, calls for talks**

**Cairo, Tuesday, 22 July 2014**

Chinese envoy on Middle East affairs Wu Sike said that China firmly supports Egypt-sponsored ceasefire deal between the two warring sides in the Gaza Strip, and hoped all parties can work together to end their conflict at an earlier date.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/23/c\\_133503191.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/23/c_133503191.htm)

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**16) Chinese envoy urges end to "vicious cycle of violence for violence" in Gaza**

**United Nations, Tuesday, 22 July 2014**

Liu Jieyi, China's permanent representative to the UN called on Israel and Palestine to stop the "vicious cycle of violence for violence" and cooperate with international good offices so as to achieve an unconditional ceasefire immediately.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/23/c\\_133503440.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/23/c_133503440.htm)

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**17) China's envoy urges Israel-Palestine ceasefire**

**Doha, Thursday, 24 July 2014**

China's special envoy on Middle East Affairs Wu Sike called for a ceasefire between Israel and Palestine during a meeting with Hamas chief Khaled Masha'al.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/25/c\\_133510281.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/25/c_133510281.htm)

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### **18) China condemns attack at UN-run school in Gaza**

**Beijing, Friday, 25 July 2014**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that China condemned an attack at a UN-run school in the northern Gaza Strip, and urged Israel and Palestine to cease fire immediately and unconditionally. The attack in the town of Beit Hanoun killed 16 and wounded dozens of civilians who took refuge at the school.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/25/c\\_133511387.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/25/c_133511387.htm)

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### **19) China calls for ceasefire in Gaza**

**Beijing, Monday, 28 July 2014**

China's special envoy on Middle East Affairs Wu Sike said that China will continue to promote a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/28/c\\_133516211.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/28/c_133516211.htm)

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### **20) China "devastated" by continuing Palestine-Israel conflict: FM**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 29 July 2014**

During talks with his Canadian counterpart John Baird in Beijing, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China is devastated by continuing conflicts between Palestine and Israel and that "any abuse of force that led to mass casualties of civilians was unacceptable."

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/29/c\\_133518689.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/29/c_133518689.htm)

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## **LIBYA**

### **21) China welcomes Libya election results**

**Beijing, Thursday, 24 July 2014**

China welcomed the declaration of the results of Libya's parliamentary election, calling for dialogue to address disputes in the war-afflicted country, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/24/c\\_133507526.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/24/c_133507526.htm)

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### **22) China urges nationals to leave Libya**

**Tripoli, Monday, 28 July 2014**

The Chinese Embassy in Libya urged all Chinese businessmen, corporate personnels and contract workers in foreign companies to leave Libya as soon as possible as the rival militant clashes in Tripoli and Benghazi are escalating, according to a statement published on the embassy's website.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/28/c\\_133516129.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/28/c_133516129.htm)

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### **23) China again urges nationals to leave Libya**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 30 July 2014**

A Foreign Ministry statement said that China again urged its nationals to leave Libya immediately citing the deteriorating security situation.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/31/c\\_126816293.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/31/c_126816293.htm)

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#### **24) Chinese nationals to evacuate from warring Libya**

**Tripoli, Wednesday, 30 July 2014**

About 1,100 Chinese nationals are now leaving warring Libya on roads, by air and are planning to leave by sea due to a deteriorating security situation, according to Political Counsellor for the Chinese Embassy in Libya Yan Jianqun.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-07/31/c\\_126816388.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-07/31/c_126816388.htm)

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#### **25) Eighty Chinese nationals to be evacuated from Libya by Greek vessel**

**Athens, Thursday, 31 July 2014**

Eighty Chinese nationals were among the dozens of people to be evacuated from Libya by a Greek navy frigate.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/31/c\\_133523137.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/31/c_133523137.htm)

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#### **26) More Chinese evacuated from Libya**

**Tripoli, Thursday, 31 July 2014**

A political counselor Yan Jianqun said that a total of 221 people were evacuated out of Libya. As of this moment, there are still around 900 Chinese still in Libya.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-08/01/c\\_126820691.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-08/01/c_126820691.htm)

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### **SYRIA**

#### **27) China urges implementation of resolution on cross-border humanitarian access to Syria**

**United Nations, Monday, 14 July 2014**

China's permanent representative to the UN Liu Jieyi said that China called for practical implementation of a resolution adopted by the Security Council to authorize cross-border delivery of humanitarian aid to Syrians in desperate need. She made the appeal at a meeting of the Council which unanimously adopted Resolution 2165 aiming at increasing access to civilians in difficult-to-reach areas by authorizing the delivery of assistance across borders and conflict lines.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-07/15/c\\_126752441.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-07/15/c_126752441.htm)

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### **TURKEY**

#### **28) Turkish president vows to further ties with China**

**Ankara, Thursday, 10 July 2014**

Turkey attaches great importance to its relations with China and adheres to the one-China policy, President Abdullah Gul said at new Chinese ambassador's credential presentation ceremony.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/11/c\\_133476816.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/11/c_133476816.htm)

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## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

### **TURKEY**

### **29) Railway project speeds up Turkey-China economic ties**

**Ankara, Sunday, 27 July 2014**

Economic cooperation between Turkey and China has continued to grow with Chinese firms help in finishing one of the signature projects of Turkish government in connecting the capital of Ankara with the country's largest city Istanbul through the high-speed railway link.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/27/c\\_133513680.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/27/c_133513680.htm)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

### **30) Senior Chinese military officer meets with Turkish naval commander**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 8 July 2014**

Vice Chairperson of China's Central Military Commission Fan Changlong met with Bulent Bostanoglu, Commander of the Turkish Naval Forces. He praised Turkey's adherence to the one-China policy and support to China on counter-terrorism. He further expressed the hope that Turkey could continue to support China on issues concerning sovereignty and territorial integrity.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/08/c\\_133468803.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/08/c_133468803.htm)

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### **31) China "deeply saddened" by Algerian plane crash**

**Beijing, Monday, 28 July 2014**

China said that it is "deeply saddened by the crash of Air Algerie flight AH5017", Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Qin Gang said.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/28/c\\_133516227.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-07/28/c_133516227.htm)

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