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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1) Chinese, Egyptian FMs agree to promote bilateral cooperation

Cairo, Sunday, 3 August 2014

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shukry and other ministers to further advance cooperation between the two countries. He expressed China's strong support for the ongoing political transition in Egypt and said that he was optimistic about Egypt's prospects for future development.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/03/c_133527351.htm

2) China supports Egypt to promote stability, economic growth: FM

Cairo, Sunday, 3 August 2014

In his meeting with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China is ready to offer firm support for Egypt's efforts to maintain social stability and promote economic growth.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/04/c_133528890.htm

3) Chinese FM calls for strategic, pragmatic, sustainable China-Egypt ties

Cairo, Monday, 4 August 2014

Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi called for "keeping up the strategic, pragmatic and sustainable bilateral ties between China and Egypt," during talks with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shukry.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/04/c_133529101.htm

4) China, Egypt agree to enhance defence cooperation

Beijing, Monday, 25 August 2014

Chinese Defence Minister Chang Wanquan met with Egyptian Vice Defence Minister Fouad Abdelhalim Elsayed Saad. The meeting focused on boosting defence cooperation between the two countries.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/25/c_126916111.htm

IRAQ

5) China supports Iraq in combating terrorism

Beijing, Friday, 8 August 2014

Foreign Ministry spokesperson's office said that China supports efforts made by Iraq in safeguarding sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as combating terrorism. *Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/08/c_133543057.htm

6) China to support Iraqi government in stabilizing situation: Xi

Nanjing, Saturday, 16 August 2014

During a meeting with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in Nanjing, President Xi Jinping said that China will continue to support Iraq in stabilizing the situation in the country.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/16/c_133561024.htm

ISRAEL

7) Chinese FM to visit Cairo on Mideast truce

Beijing, Friday, 1 August 2014

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi will leave for Cairo soon to discuss with Egyptian and the Arab League officials regarding a truce between Israel and Palestine.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/02/c_126824511.htm

8) China FM urges cease-fire in Gaza with five-point proposal

Cairo, Sunday, 3 August 2014

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi urged both Israel and the Gaza-ruling Hamas to stop the ongoing fighting, calling on Israel to lift its blockade and release the Palestinians. He raised a five- point proposal on ceasefire in Gaza which included mutual safety, establishment of security mechanism and the pursuing of unilateral demands through force.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/04/c_133528898.htm

9) China welcomes extending ceasefire between Israel and Palestine

Beijing, Thursday, 14 August 2014

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that China welcomes the five-day extension of the temporary ceasefire between Israel and Palestine.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/14/c_133556798.htm

10) Gaza ceasefire significant step to ease tension: Chinese FM

Beijing, Wednesday, 27 August 2014

During a meeting with visiting Sudanese Foreign Minister Ahmed Ali Karti, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that the indefinite ceasefire in Gaza is a significant step to ease tension and people's suffering in the region.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/27/c_133590878.htm

LIBYA

11) 121 Chinese evacuees reach Tunisia from violence-hit Libya Tunis, Friday, 1 August 2014 Around 121 Chinese employees of a steel plant passed the Ras Jadir border crossing and reached Tunisia, an official from the Chinese Embassy Liu Kaiyuan said.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/01/c_133525641.htm

12) 508 Chinese evacuated from Libya

Tripoli, Friday, 1 August 2014

Xiao Wensheng, a commercial counsellor in the embassy said that the Chinese embassy in Libya facilitated the evacuation of 508 Chinese nationals out of Libya. However, around 340 Chinese nationals are still in Libya.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-08/02/c_126824505.htm

13) Chinese evacuees from Libya arrive safe in Greece, to return to China in 3 days

Athens, Saturday, 2 August 2014

Greek navy frigate *Salamis* helped evacuate 79 Chinese nationals to Greece among a total of 187 citizens. The evacuees arrived at Piraeus port near Athens from Tripoli and were to continue their trip back home to China in coming days by flights.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/03/c_126825975.htm

14) 878 Chinese nationals evacuated from Libya: ambassador

Tunisia, Monday, 4 August 2014

Chinese Ambassador to Libya Li Zhiguo said that a total of 878 Chinese nationals have been evacuated from Libya.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-08/04/c_133531418.htm

TURKEY

15) 3 Chinese workers missing in Turkey: Chinese embassy

Ankara, Sunday, 3 August 2014

Three Chinese workers went missing in south eastern Turkey, the Chinese embassy in Turkey said.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/26/c_133584293.htm

16) Xi congratulates Turkey's Erdogan on election as president

Beijing, Wednesday, 13 August 2014

Chinese President Xi Jinping congratulated Recep Tayyip Erdogan on being elected as president of Turkey.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/13/c_133554079.htm

MULTILATERAL ISSUES

17) Chinese FM, AL leader meet on further cooperation

Cairo, Monday, 4 August 2014

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Arab League (AL) Secretary General Nabil al-Arabi held talks to further cooperation between the two sides.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/05/c_133531450.htm

18) China calls on Israel, Palestine to actively respond to int'l peace appeal

United Nations, Wednesday, 6 August 2014

China's permanent representative to the UN Liu Jieyi called on Israel and Palestine to actively respond to the peace appeal by the international community, including China's proposal on settling the conflict, during an informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/07/c_133537296.htm

19) China calls for enhanced efforts to combat ISIL through UNSC resolution

United Nations, Friday, 15 August 2014

China's permanent representative to the UN Liu Jieyi said that China supports the Security Council resolution to cut down support for extremist groups in Iraq and Syria.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-08/16/c_126878304.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

20) Leading newspaper denies China's exploitation of Iraq

Beijing, Wednesday, 13 August 2014

An opinion of the *People's Daily* rebutted U.S. President Barack Obama's labelling China as a "free rider" in Iraq. The opinion said "The U.S. assertion that China is a 'free rider' in Iraq is ridiculous."

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/13/c_133553351.htm

21) China trains medical staff for Hajj

Beijing, Friday, 15 August 2014

China finished the training of more than 50 ethnic minority doctors on health service and disease prevention for 14,490 people who are preparing for their pilgrimage to Mecca.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-08/15/c_133559721.htm

22) Syria receives Chinese humanitarian relief

Damascus, Tuesday, 19 August 2014

The Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) announced in Damascus that it has received a batch of humanitarian relief from China.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-08/20/c_133569071.htm

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