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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### ALGERIA

**1) China welcomes release of two Algerian diplomats kidnapped in Mali**

**Beijing, Thursday, 11 September 2014**

China welcomed the release of two Algerian diplomats kidnapped in April 2012 in northern Mali, and expressed condolences to the families of another two diplomats who were killed earlier.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/11/c\\_133636283.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/11/c_133636283.htm)

### EGYPT

**2) Egypt cabinet forms committees to enhance ties with China, Russia**

**Cairo, Wednesday, 17 September 2014**

Egyptian Prime Minister Ibrahim Mahlab decided to form two ministerial committees under his supervision to enhance the country's ties with China and Russia.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-09/17/c\\_133650673.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-09/17/c_133650673.htm)

### IRAN

**3) China calls for comprehensive settlement of Iranian nuclear issue**

**United Nations, Monday, 15 September 2014**

Wang Min, China's deputy permanent representative to the UN called on all relevant parties to adopt a flexible and pragmatic approach so as to reach a comprehensive settlement of the Iranian nuclear issue in the next phase of negotiations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/16/c\\_133645086.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/16/c_133645086.htm)

**4) China calls for creativity in Iranian nuclear talks**

**Beijing, Monday, 29 September 2014**

China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said that Iranian nuclear talks have reached a final crucial stage and China hopes all parties could creatively seek a solution to difficult issues.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/29/c\\_133682496.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/29/c_133682496.htm)

### IRAQ

**5) China calls for respect of sovereignty as U.S. widens airstrikes in Iraq, Syria**

**Beijing, Thursday, 11 September 2014**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying called for respect of sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the countries concerned as U.S. President Barack Obama vowed to stage an air campaign against Iraq and Syria.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/11/c\\_133636369.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/11/c_133636369.htm)

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**6) China urges int'l support for Iraq's fight against terrorism**

**United Nations, Friday, 19 September 2014**

Liu Jieyi, China's permanent representative to the UN said that China called on the international community to provide support for Iraq in its efforts to combat terrorism.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/20/c\\_133657563.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/20/c_133657563.htm)

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**7) China hopes for Iraq's early return to security, stability: FM**

**United Nations, Saturday, 27 September 2014**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China hoped that security and order can be restored in Iraq as soon as possible.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/28/c\\_133679867.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/28/c_133679867.htm)

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**SAUDI ARABIA**

**8) Chinese, Saudi FMs agree to enhance bilateral cooperation**

**New York, Friday, 26 September 2014**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met his Saudi counterpart Prince Saud Al-Faisal on the sidelines of the UNGA and pledged that China would work with Saudi Arabia to keep their strategic relationship at a high level.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/27/c\\_133676941.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/27/c_133676941.htm)

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**SYRIA**

**9) China welcomes Mistura's efforts on Syria issue**

**Beijing, Tuesday, 9 September 2014**

China welcomed the efforts by former Italian deputy foreign minister De Mistura to resolve the Syrian crisis following his appointment as the new UN envoy.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/09/c\\_133630805.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/09/c_133630805.htm)

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**TUNISIA**

**10) Senior CPC official meets Tunisian Ennahda delegation**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 17 September 2014**

Senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official Zhao Leji met with a delegation of Tunisian Ennahda led by its leader Rached Ghannouchi and discussed ways to improve bilateral relations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/17/c\\_133650782.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/17/c_133650782.htm)

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**TURKEY**

**11) China, Turkey vow to boost strategic cooperative ties**

**United Nations, Saturday, 27 September 2014**

China always viewed and developed its relations with Turkey from a strategic height, and is willing to make concerted efforts to lift their strategic cooperative relationship to a higher level, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said during a meeting with his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu, on the sidelines of the UNGA.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/28/c\\_133680085.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/28/c_133680085.htm)

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## **UAE**

### **12) Minister hails UAE-China relations**

**Dubai, Monday, 8 September 2014**

Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, the UAE minister of culture, youth and community development, said that the Emirati-Chinese relations are strong, deep and robust.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/09/c\\_133628474.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/09/c_133628474.htm)

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## **YEMEN**

### **13) China backs Yemeni peace deal**

**Beijing, Monday, 22 September 2014**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying hoped that Yemen's political parties seriously carry out their new peace agreement.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/22/c\\_133663402.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/22/c_133663402.htm)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

### **14) China appoints new Middle East special envoy**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 3 September 2014**

Senior diplomat Gong Xiaosheng was appointed as China's new special envoy on Middle East affairs, replacing Wu Sike.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/03/c\\_133618375.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/03/c_133618375.htm)

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### **15) Chinese Muslims start annual Mecca pilgrimage**

**Yinchuan, Friday, 5 September 2014**

A charter flight with 297 Chinese Muslims left Yinchuan, capital of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, for the annual hajj pilgrimage.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/05/c\\_133623858.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/05/c_133623858.htm)

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### **16) Xi offers congratulations on China-Arab friendship years**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 10 September 2014**

Chinese President Xi Jinping extended congratulations on the opening of China-Arab friendship years. China and Arab states have designated 2014 and 2015 as the years of China-Arab friendship during which a series of exchange events would be held.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/10/c\\_133633823.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/10/c_133633823.htm)

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### **17) Chinese Vice Premier unveils China-Arab friendship year**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 10 September 2014**

During the opening of China-Arab Friendship Year and the Third Arabic Arts Festival, Chinese Vice Premier Liu Yandong called for stronger collaboration between China and Arab countries in all fields.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/11/c\\_126972748.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/11/c_126972748.htm)

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**18) Chinese firm to build fertilizer factory in Jordan**

**Amman, Monday, 15 September 2014**

Jordan Phosphate Mines Co. signed a memorandum of understanding with China's Chongqing Minmetal and Machinery Import and Export Co. Ltd. to build a factory for producing fertilizers in Aqaba in southern Jordan.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/16/c\\_133644929.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/16/c_133644929.htm)

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**19) Over 14,000 Chinese Muslims set for Mecca pilgrimage**

**Beijing, Wednesday, 17 September 2014**

A total of over 14,000 Chinese Muslims have embarked on the annual pilgrimage held in the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/17/c\\_133650482.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/17/c_133650482.htm)

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**20) China deeply concerned about situation in Middle East: envoy**

**Beijing, Friday, 19 September 2014**

China's Special Envoy on the Middle East Gong Xiaosheng said that China is very much concerned about the "complicated situation in the region."

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/19/c\\_133656189.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/19/c_133656189.htm)

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**21) Chinese worker dead in northern Turkey mine collapse**

**Ankara, Friday, 19 September 2014**

One Chinese worker was killed and another injured in a coal mine collapse in the Black Sea region of northern Turkey.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/19/c\\_133656708.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/19/c_133656708.htm)

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**22) Chinese carrier to launch Lanzhou-Urumqi-Dubai flights**

**Beijing, Saturday, 20 September 2014**

China Southern Airlines, the country's largest airline by fleet size, would launch flights from Lanzhou to Dubai via Urumqi on 29 September.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/20/c\\_133658700.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/20/c_133658700.htm)

*See also: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/29/c\\_133683027.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/29/c_133683027.htm)

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**23) Middle East issues should be resolved by its own people: China's envoy**

**Cairo, Tuesday, 23 September 2014**

Visiting China's Special Envoy on Middle East Gong Xiaosheng said that Middle East issues should be resolved by its own people.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-09/24/c\\_127024474.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-09/24/c_127024474.htm)

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**24) Chinese National Day celebrated in Dubai**

**Dubai, Sunday, 28 September 2014**

More than 700 guests and Chinese compatriots celebrated the 65th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/29/c\\_133681082.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/29/c_133681082.htm)

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