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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### ALGERIA

#### 1) China pledges to boost ties with Algeria: ambassador

Algiers, Monday, 27 October 2014

China was willing to boost the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and Algeria, the new Chinese ambassador to Algeria Yang Guangyu said.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/28/c\\_133747517.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/28/c_133747517.htm)

### IRAN

#### 2) China appeals for creativity in Iran nuke talks

Beijing, Wednesday, 15 October 2014

China expects parties involved in Iranian nuclear talks to seek opportunities and show creativity in seeking solutions, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/15/c\\_133719152.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/15/c_133719152.htm)

#### 3) More political will, creativities needed to promote Iranian nuclear talks: Chinese envoy

Vienna, Thursday, 16 October 2014

Wang Qun, China's envoy to the Iranian nuclear talks and Director-General of the Department of Arms Control of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that more political will and creativities are needed to overcome difficulties in the Iranian nuclear talks.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/17/c\\_133722549.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/17/c_133722549.htm)

#### 4) Chinese Defence Minister meets Iranian Navy Commander

Beijing, Thursday, 23 October 2014

Chinese Defence Minister Chang Wanquan met with visiting Iranian Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari and discussed ways to improve and strengthen naval cooperation.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/23/c\\_133737257.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/23/c_133737257.htm)

#### 5) Chinese state councillor meets Iranian foreign minister

Beijing, Friday, 31 October 2014

Chinese State Councillor Yang Jiechi met with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on the sidelines of the fourth ministerial conference of the Istanbul Process on Afghanistan.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/31/c\\_133757288.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/31/c_133757288.htm)

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## **IRAQ**

### **6) China calls for peaceful means in addressing security threats**

**United Nations, Tuesday, 7 October 2014**

Liu Jieyi, China's permanent representative to the UN said that China supports Iraq in safeguarding its national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, and calls for greater humanitarian aid to help the Iraqi people.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/08/c\\_127069997.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/08/c_127069997.htm)

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## **ISRAEL**

### **7) China calls on Israel to create conditions for peace talks with Palestine**

**United Nations, Tuesday, 21 October 2014**

Liu Jieyi, China's permanent representative to the UN called on Israel to create necessary conditions for the resumption of peace talks with Palestine and urged it to put an end to the construction of settlements on occupied territories, lift the blockade on Gaza, and release Palestinian prisoners as soon as possible.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/22/c\\_127124763.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/22/c_127124763.htm)

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### **8) China urges Israel to halt settlement activities for resuming peace talks**

**United Nations, Wednesday, 29 October 2014**

Liu Jieyi, China's permanent representative to the UN said that China urged Israel to be serious in halting all settlement activities immediately for resuming peace talks with Palestine.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/30/c\\_133753669.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/30/c_133753669.htm)

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### **9) China supports UN in playing due role in Palestinian-Israeli issue**

**United Nations, Thursday, 30 October 2014**

Wang Min, China's deputy representative to the United Nations said that China supports the role UN Security Council as a mediator in the Palestinian-Israeli issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/31/c\\_133754857.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/31/c_133754857.htm)

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## **JORDAN**

### **10) China, Jordan agree to further promote media cooperation**

**Amman, Saturday, 18 October 2014**

Jordanian Prime Minister Abdullah Ensour said that his country attached great importance to developing friendly ties with China, and seeks to promote exchanges in media and culture.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/19/c\\_133726497.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/19/c_133726497.htm)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES**

## **IRAN**

### **11) Xinhua to promote ties with Iranian media: editor-in-chief**

**Tehran, Sunday, 12 October 2014**

China's state media Xinhua News Agency is willing to help deepen media cooperation and exchange between China and Iran so as to jointly build a "Silk Road of Information," Xinhua's Editor-in-Chief He Ping said.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/13/c\\_133711054.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/13/c_133711054.htm)

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## **ISRAEL**

### **12) Israel lays cornerstone of new Chinese-built seaport**

**Jerusalem, Tuesday, 28 October 2014**

Senior Israeli ministers and Chinese businessmen laid the cornerstone of a new multi- million dollar seaport in the city of Ashdod in southern Israel.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/29/c\\_133749304.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/29/c_133749304.htm)

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## **TURKEY**

### **13) Three kidnapped Chinese workers released in Turkey**

**Ankara, Friday, 10 October 2014**

Three kidnapped Chinese workers were released in south-eastern Turkey, the Chinese Ambassador to Turkey Yu Hongyang said.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/10/c\\_133706169.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/10/c_133706169.htm)

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## **UAE**

### **14) Confucius Institute greatly contributes to China-UAE cultural exchange: scholar**

**Dubai, Thursday, 16 October 2014**

Eesa M. Bastaki, president of the University of Dubai said that The Confucius Institute at the University of Dubai (CIUD) has made substantial contribution to the cultural exchange between China and the UAE.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/culture/2014-10/16/c\\_133721092.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/culture/2014-10/16/c_133721092.htm)

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## **ARAB COUNTRIES**

### **15) China, Arab states vow closer ties between libraries**

**Beijing, Monday, 13 October 2014**

China and the League of Arab States agreed to strengthen ties between their libraries and establish a long-term cooperation mechanism for information and literature preservation.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/13/c\\_133713729.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-10/13/c_133713729.htm)

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