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POLITICAL ISSUES

ALGERIA

1) China, Algeria vow to boost comprehensive strategic partnership

Algiers, Friday, 3 November

Chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Yu Zhengsheng said that the legislative bodies of China and Algeria would promote exchanges and work together to boost bilateral cooperation.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/03/c_133762738.htm

BAHRAIN

2) China to promote friendly cooperation with Bahrain

Manama, Tuesday, 7 November

Chairperson of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Yu Zhengsheng held a series of meetings with Bahraini leaders, including King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Crowned Prince Salman, Deputy Prime Minister Muhammad, Speaker of House of Representative Khalifa bin Ahmed Al-Dhahrani, as well as Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, speaker of the Consultative Council. During these meetings he reiterated that China's willingness to join Bahrain to promote cooperation to new levels based on mutual respect, benefit and equality.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/07/c_133771440.htm

3) Bahrain appoints cultural attaché to China

Manama, Thursday, 9 November 2014

The Minister of State for Information Affairs and government spokesperson Sameera Rajab highlighted that Bahrain is set to appoint a cultural attaché to China after a cabinet approval.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/09/c_133776847.htm

4) China welcomes Bahrain's successful elections

Beijing, Monday, 27 November 2014

China welcomed Bahrain's successful parliamentary and municipal elections, and called for the country's long-term stability.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/27/c_133818658.htm

IRAN

5) Chinese, Iranian FM's have phone talks over nuclear issue

Canberra, Thursday, 16 November 2014

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif held a phone conversation over the Iranian nuclear issue.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/16/c_133793458.htm

6) China urges solution in Iranian nuke talks

Beijing, Sunday, 19 November 2014

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei called on parties involved in Iran's nuclear talks to seek a package of solutions for key issues that hinder a comprehensive deal within a reasonable timeframe.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/19/c_133800828.htm

7) Chinese FM to visit Vienna for Iranian nuclear issue

Beijing, Thursday, 23 November 2014

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi would visit Vienna to participate in the next rounds of talks on the Iranian nuclear issue.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/23/c_133808757.htm

8) China's FM proposes considering extension of Iran's nuclear talks

Vienna, Friday, 24 November 2014

The parties involved in Iran's nuclear talks may consider extension of the negotiation if time is not enough for a deal, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/24/c_133810648.htm

9) Chinese, Iranian FM's hold talks over nuclear issue

Vienna, Friday, 24 November 2014

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif on the sidelines of a multilateral dialogue on Iran's nuclear issue.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/24/c_133810777.htm

10) Progress in Iran nuclear talks lays solid foundation for final deal: Chinese FM

Vienna, Friday, 24 November 2014

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that progress made in the Iran nuclear talks has laid a solid foundation for reaching a final deal over the Iranian nuclear issue, and China is optimistic about the prospect of the negotiations.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/25/c_133812480.htm

11) Iran, world powers extend nuclear talks

Vienna, Saturday, 25 November 2014

Iran and six world powers agreed to extend negotiations on the Iranian nuclear issue by seven months after days of intensive talks have failed to produce a comprehensive deal.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-11/25/c_133812553.htm

IRAQ

12) China to play big role in Iraq's reconstruction: Former Iraqi official

Beijing, Sunday, 5 November 2014

A former Iraqi official Samir Sumaida'ie, who served as Iraqi ambassador to the US from 2006 to 2012 said that China would have the chance to play a big role in Iraq's reconstruction when his country is more stable.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/05/c_133768424.htm

ISRAEL

13) China strongly condemns Jerusalem synagogue attack

Beijing, Monday, 20 November 2014

China strongly condemned the attack on a synagogue in West Jerusalem, which killed five and injured many and called on both Israeli and Palestinian sides to show restraint and avoid escalating tension.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/20/c_133803405.htm

14) Chinese president urges Palestinians, Israel to resume peace talks

Beijing, Saturday, 25 November 2014

Chinese President Xi Jinping called on Palestinians and Israel to restart talks at an early date to restore peace.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/25/c_133812695.htm

JORDAN

15) China, Jordan on track to deepen all-round pragmatic cooperation

Amman, Thursday, 9 November 2014

China and Jordan agreed to deepen all-round cooperation and work together to promote the peace process in the Middle East during chairperson of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Yu Zhengsheng's visit to the country.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/10/c_133776858.htm

LEBANON

16) China offers donation to aid Syrian refugees in Lebanon

Beirut, Sunday, 5 November 2014

Lebanon's Minister of Social Affairs Rashid Derbas and Chinese Ambassador to Lebanon Jiang Jiang signed an agreement for a Chinese donation to the social service centres affiliated with the ministry.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-11/06/c_127182904.htm

MOROCCO

17) China, Morocco to expand cooperation for better ties

Rabat, Saturday, 4 November 2014

During a press briefing, Chairperson of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Yu Zhengsheng said that China would expand practical cooperation with Morocco in various areas to step up the China-Morocco ties. He met with Moroccan King Mohammed VI and separately held meetings with Prime Minister Abdelilah Benkirane and President of the Chamber of Representatives Alami. He has also held talks with Mohamed Cheikh Biadilla, president of the Senate.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/05/c_133766019.htm

18) Morocco King due to visit China for better ties

Rabat, Friday, 24 November 2014

King Mohammed VI of Morocco would pay an official visit to the China soon at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, the royal cabinet said in a press release.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-11/25/c_133811064.htm

QATAR

19) China, Qatar announce strategic partnership

Beijing, Friday, 3 November 2014

Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks with Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad al-Thani, Emir of Qatar. They decided to build a strategic partnership between the two countries and promote bilateral cooperation to a higher level.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/03/c_133763382.htm

20) China, Qatar vow to deepen oil, gas cooperation

Beijing, Saturday, 4 November 2014

China and Qatar vowed to deepen their oil and gas cooperation during a meeting between Premier Li Keqiang and Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad al-Thani, Emir of Qatar.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/04/c_133766008.htm

21) Top Chinese legislator meets Emir of Qatar

Beijing, Saturday, 4 November 2014

Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Zhang Dejiang met with Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad al-Thani and reviewed bilateral relations.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/05/c_127178451_2.htm

TUNISIA

22) China congratulates Tunisia on legislative elections

Beijing, Friday, 3 November 2014

China extended congratulations on Tunisia's successful legislative elections.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/03/c_133763088.htm

UAE

23) Chinese, UAE presidents pledge to promote cooperation

Beijing, Wednesday, 1 November 2014

On the 30th anniversary of the establishment of China-UAE diplomatic relations, Chinese President Xi Jinping and his UAE counterpart, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan vowed to deepen bilateral ties.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/01/c_133758553.htm

ECONOMIC ISSUES

QATAR

24) China, Qatar ink currency swap deal

Beijing, Friday, 3 November 2014

China's central bank announced Monday (27 October) that it has signed a currency swap deal worth 35 billion Yuan (about US\$5.7 billion) with the central bank of Qatar.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/03/c_133763292.htm

TURKEY

25) Turkey backs China's initiative for building Silk Road Economic Belt

Ankara, Sunday, 19 November 2014

Turkey has top priorities to develop strategic cooperative ties with China and fully support its initiative for building Silk Road Economic Belt and marine Silk Road, said Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara while meeting with Meng Jianzhu, special envoy of Chinese president Xi Jinping.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/19/c_133800819.htm

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

26) Two Chinese workers trapped in coal mine collapse in Turkey

Ankara, Saturday, 1 November 2014

Two Chinese workers were trapped when the ceiling of a private coal mine collapsed in Amasra town of Bartin province in Northern Turkey where eight Chinese workers from China National Coal Group Corp. were working for opening a gallery.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/01/c_133758927.htm

27) Israeli "clown doctors" visit hospitalized Chinese children

Shanghai, Monday, 3 November 2014

Two "clown doctors" from Israel visited a Shanghai hospital to lift the mood of inpatient children.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/03/c_133763396.htm

28) More Arabs want to know China's way to success: Egyptian expert

Dubai, Wednesday, 5 November 2014

Ahmed Al-Saeed, an Egyptian cultural expert on China-Arab relations, while presenting his new book titled *The Way of China* said that more Arabs want to know China's way to success as the country has scored remarkable economic, cultural and social achievements over the last decades.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/africa/2014-11/06/c_133770151.htm

29) Chinese construction firms woo Mideast opportunities

Dubai, Monday, 17 November 2014

Despite increased competition in the booming Gulf Arab construction market, Chinese representatives at The Big 5, the biggest annual Middle East construction fair said that they still see potential for more business in the region.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/18/c_133796432.htm

30) China's Alibaba group aims to bank on Arab e-commerce boom

Dubai, Wednesday, 26 November 2014

In a key note address at the Middle East and North Africa e-Commerce Conference, Sophie Wu, senior vice president of Alibaba group said that the company sees huge potential for e-commerce because of the World Expo 2020 in Dubai and the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar.

Source: Xinhua, Beijing

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-11/26/c_133816405.htm

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