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## POLITICAL ISSUES

### EGYPT

#### **1) China and Egypt promotes Belt and Road Initiative.**

**Cairo, Thursday, 13 April 2017**

A senior Chinese official in Cairo said that Egypt is an important partner in promoting the Belt and Road Initiative and that their presidents have reached a broad consensus on developing their comprehensive strategic partnership.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/13/c\\_136206645.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/13/c_136206645.htm)

### IRAN

#### **2) China pushes for all-round cooperation with Iran: vice premier**

**Tehran, Sunday, 23 April 2017**

Chinese Vice Premier Liu Yandong on a visit to Tehran stated China's willingness to strengthen all-round cooperation and he also said that boosting their bilateral relations would provide mutual support at crucial moments on major issues.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/23/c\\_136228514.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/23/c_136228514.htm)

#### **3) China and Iran sign contract on redesign of Arak heavy water reactor**

**Vienna, Sunday, 23 April 2017**

In Vienna China and Iran have signed the first commercial contract to redesign Iran's Arak heavy water reactor which is a core aspect of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on Iran's nuclear programme.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/23/c\\_136230006.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/23/c_136230006.htm)

#### **4) China and Iran cooperates to promote Belt and Road Initiative**

**Athens, Monday, 24 April 2017**

China and Iran has agreed to enhance cooperation under the framework of Belt and Road Initiative. The consensus came after the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif ahead of the Ancient Civilization Forum in Athens.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/24/c\\_136230357.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/24/c_136230357.htm)

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## **JORDAN**

### **5) Chinese president and Jordanian King exchange congratulations on anniversary of relations**

**Beijing, Friday, 7 April 2017**

Chinese President Xi Jinping and King Abdullah II of Jordan exchanged congratulatory messages on the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between two countries.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/07/c\\_136191141.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/07/c_136191141.htm)

**See also:** Xinhua, Beijing

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/07/c\\_136191149.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/07/c_136191149.htm)

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## **SYRIA**

### **6) Chinese envoy says peace talks only way to solve Syrian crisis.**

**Cairo, Monday, 24 April 2017**

China's Special envoy to Syria Xie Xiaoyan said that the only way to solve the Syrian crisis is political settlement with peace negotiations and that it is important for China and Egypt to exchange views and information on the issue.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/24/c\\_136230382.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/24/c_136230382.htm)

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## **UAE**

### **7) China and UAE to enhance bilateral cooperation**

**Dubai, Tuesday 11 April 2017**

China and the UAE pledged to strengthen bilateral cooperation and enhance strategic partnership. Sun Chunlan, head of the United Front Work Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, stated that the UAE is not only the first Gulf country to establish a strategic partnership with China, but also China's largest export market in the region.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/11/c\\_136197808.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/11/c_136197808.htm)

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## **YEMEN**

### **8) China closes Yemen embassy, evacuates dozens via naval vessels**

**Beijing, Friday, 7 April 2017**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying announced that China has temporarily closed its embassy in Yemen and its Consulate General in Aden.

*Source: Global Times, Beijing*

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/915519.shtml>

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## **ECONOMIC ISSUES**

### **UAE**

#### **9) China takes UAE as important partner to promote Belt and Road Initiative**

**UAE, Wednesday, 19 April 2017**

The UAE is located at the intersection of the Belt and Road Initiatives and is an important partner for China and that the partnership would also help to boost the bilateral cooperation.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/19/c\\_136220577.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/19/c_136220577.htm)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **EGYPT**

#### **10) China condemns terrorist attacks on churches in Egypt**

**Beijing, Monday, 10 April 2017**

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying stated that China strongly condemns the terrorist attacks on two churches in Egypt and sent messages of condolence.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/10/c\\_136197165.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/10/c_136197165.htm)

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### **MOROCCO**

#### **11) Morocco's leading TV channel airs Chinese series.**

**Casablanca, Thursday, 20 April 2017**

Morocco's leading TV channel 2M has started airing a Chinese series "A Happy Life" dubbed into Arabic. Cooperation between the Chinese media and the Moroccan media would help to boost the bilateral relations.

*Source: Xinhua, Beijing*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/21/c\\_136224490.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-04/21/c_136224490.htm)

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