

[U.S. Envoys in Beijing to Smooth 'Bumpy Path'](#)

NYT, 2 March 2010

BEIJING — Two senior United States officials arrived in Beijing on Tuesday for meetings aimed at smoothing relations with Beijing after months of economic and political disputes. The officials, Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg and Jeffrey A. Bader, the senior director for Asian affairs at the National Security Council, are to hold high-level discussions with Chinese officials "about the broad U.S.-China relationship, where we are at this stage," the State Department spokesman, Philip J. Crowley, said on Monday. "We've gone through a bit of a bumpy path here," he said, "and I think there's an interest both within the United States and China to get back to business as usual as quickly as possible."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/03/world/asia/03china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Justices Won't Hear Uighur Case](#)

NYT, 2 March 2010

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday said it would not decide a case involving Chinese Muslims detained for eight years at Guantánamo Bay that had been set for argument this month. The prisoners, captured in Afghanistan or Pakistan after the Sept. 11 attacks, have been determined to pose no threat to the United States, but the government has opposed their request to be released in the United States. In October, the court agreed to decide whether a federal judge in Washington had the power to order the men released from the prison at the naval base in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, into the United States. But other countries have recently said that they would accept the detainees, and on Monday the justices said that factual developments since it had agreed to hear the case might "affect the legal issues presented."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/02/us/politics/02detain.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Sino-U.S. relations experience "spring chill": spokesman](#)

People's Daily, 2 March 2010

Sino-U.S. relations experienced a "spring chill" at the beginning of 2010, said Zhao Qizheng, spokesman of the third session of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Tuesday. Zhao made the remarks in response to a question about China-U.S. relations at a press conference at the Great Hall of the People in central Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6906461.html>

[U.S. responsible for retrograde Sino-U.S. ties: China advisory body spokesman](#)

People's Daily, 2 March 2010

The United States should be responsible for the current retrograde bilateral relationship with China, said Zhao Qizheng, spokesman of the annual session of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Tuesday. Zhao made the remarks at a press conference of the top political

advisory body's annual full session, which will open Wednesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6906509.html>

[China's military no threat to other countries: advisory body spokesman](#)

People's Daily, 2 March 2010

China's modern military forces would not pose threat to any other country, said Zhao Qizheng, spokesman of the annual session of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Tuesday. China's development of its military is completely for the sake of safeguarding sovereignty and territorial integrity, Zhao said at a press conference of the top political advisory body's annual full session, which will open Wednesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6906567.html>

[Mainland, Taiwan economic pact open to opinions before formal negotiations: advisory body spokesman](#)

People's Daily, 2 March 2010

The cross-Strait Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) would be open to opinions of business people on both sides before formal negotiations on details, a political advisory body spokesman said here Tuesday. Zhao Qizheng, spokesman of the annual session of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), made the remarks at a press conference of the top political advisory body's annual full session, which will open Wednesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6906676.html>

[China wishes progress in DPRK-ROK talks, says FM spokesman](#)

People's Daily, 2 March 2010

China on Tuesday expressed hope that progress will be achieved in talks between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the Republic of Korea (ROK). Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks at a regular press conference when questioned about the talks between the DPRK and ROK that started Tuesday to resolve problems hampering operations at a joint industrial park. The working-level talks are being held in the border town of Kaesong where the industrial park is located.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6906694.html>

[Toyota offers apology in China](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 2 March 2010

BEIJING--Toyota Motor Corp. President Akio Toyoda apologized to Chinese consumers at a news conference in Beijing on Monday for a recent series of mass recalls of Toyota vehicles. Toyoda also met with Chinese government officials the same day and likely explained how his company intends to respond to consumer safety concerns. Toyoda's news conference was his company's first public apology in China since the series of recalls began last fall in the United States.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201003010278.html>

[Politicians, Lobbyists and Complainers Descend on Beijing](#)

NYT, 3 March 2010

BEIJING — With great fanfare and rigid security, China on Wednesday launched its annual exercise in participatory democracy, socialist-style: the opening of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Congress, a 2,252-member body that advises Communist Party leaders on how to run the nation. How much attention the leaders pay the congress is the topic of much outside speculation, and not a few jokes. But as its members streamed into Beijing for two weeks of meetings, the government ratcheted up security in the capital and turned the nation's media onto their deliberations in a manner befitting a national spectacle. The meeting is one of two major political gatherings this month. The second and more important is the two-week session of the unelected 3,000-member legislature, the National People's Congress, which begins Friday. Together, the two meetings are the year's major political event.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/04/world/asia/04beijing.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[US hopes top-tier talks will improve China ties](#)

People's Daily, 3 March 2010

The United States said Tuesday it expected more top-level dialogue with China in the coming months and voiced hope for cooperation in pressing Iran on its nascent nuclear program. U.S. State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said that China has proposed to the United States a date for the next round of "Strategic and Economic Dialogue," which last year involved Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vice Premier Wang Qishan of China.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6906766.html>

[China stresses security, stability as parliamentary, advisory sessions near](#)

People's Daily, 3 March 2010

A senior public security official of China on Tuesday urged relevant departments and local authorities to do a good job in ensuring security and maintaining stability as the annual national parliamentary and advisory sessions approach. All local authorities and relevant departments should make further efforts to ensure the meetings of the National People's Congress (NPC) and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) go on safely and smoothly, Yang Huanning, administrative vice minister of public security, said at a national teleconference.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6907103.html>

[Expert says China-U.S. tensions temporarily relieved](#)

People's Daily, 3 March 2010

Tensions between the United States and China will be temporarily eased as two senior U.S. officials visit Beijing with hopes of patching up ties, an expert said Tuesday. "The United States sent two senior diplomats to China because it is reluctant to see U.S.-China rifts spiraling out of control," said Pei Minxin, a senior

associate of the China Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6908041.html>

[Speculation Rife as Top N.Korean Official Tours China](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 3 March 2010

Kim Yong-il, the chief of the North Korean Workers' Party's International Department, has been touring cities in northeastern China since late February. The unusually long tour gives rise to a speculation that he may be preparing for a China visit by North Korean leader Kim Jong-il. "Given that summits between North Korea and China have to be arranged, Kim Yong-il may be there to discuss Kim Jong-il's China visit," a diplomatic source in Beijing speculated. "Some of the cities Kim Yong-il has visited may be included in the itinerary of the North Korean leader."

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/03/03/2010030300987.html

[Toyota in China damage control](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 3 March 2010

BEIJING--In parts of the Chinese media, he has been nicknamed "Mr. Apology," but Toyota Motor Corp. President Akio Toyoda is hoping his public apologies to the Chinese over massive recalls of Toyota vehicles will help prevent lasting damage to the world's largest automaker in the world's biggest automobile market. The Toyota president has a personal stake in China. As head of the company's Asia operations group, he was the executive who oversaw the start of production in the country in 2002, through a joint venture with China's FAW Group Corp.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201003020263.html>

[China Says It Is Slowing Down Military Spending](#)

NYT, 4 March 2010

BEIJING — China's official military budget will rise by just 7.5 percent in 2010, a government spokesman said on Thursday, a rate that is about half the increase in recent years and the first single-digit rise in military spending since 1989. The announcement by Li Zhaoxing, a spokesman for the National People's Congress, China's legislature, gave no explanation for the slowdown. Some analysts speculated, however, that China's huge economic stimulus program and other efforts to address unemployment and welfare had eaten into monies that in a normal year would go toward the nation's rapid military buildup. Speaking at a news conference before Friday's opening of the legislature, Mr. Li said that the government has always tried to limit military spending and had "set the defense spending at a reasonable level to ensure the balance between national defense and economic development."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/05/world/asia/05china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Egypt, China pledge closer military cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 4 March 2010

The commander-in-chief of Egyptian armed forces met Wednesday in Cairo with visiting Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Ma

Xiaotian, pledging to strengthen bilateral military ties. Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, who is also Egyptian Minister of Defense, said during the meeting that the two countries have seen close cooperation in military, political and economic fields in recent years, which serves both countries' interests as well as regional and world peace and stability.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6908367.html>

[N.Korea's Kim rumored to be planning China visit](#)

People's Daily, 4 March 2010

Kim will meet with China's top leadership and hold talks concerning financial aid and Pyongyang's nuclear program, the report said. Kim has paid four visits to China since 2000, two of which were initiated at the beginning of each year, and this presumed visit would mark his first overseas trip for four years.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6908292.html>

[PLA officer: Defense spending not to hamper US](#)

People's Daily, 4 March 2010

An outspoken military thinker said Wednesday in Beijing that rise in China's defense spending and modernization of its forces will not pose a danger to the United States. The country's military development shall not challenge Pentagon, asserted Luo Yuan, a major general with the Academy of Military Sciences, who is also a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) which convened Wednesday in Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6908138.html>

[China's parliament spokesman says Xinjiang is stable](#)

People's Daily, 4 March 2010

The situation in China's remote Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region is stable, a parliament spokesman said Thursday, eight months after a deadly riot in the regional capital of Urumqi. "Comprehensive progress has been made in Xinjiang's economic and social development, and the people's living standards have been rising steadily," said Li Zhaoxing, spokesman for the Third Session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC), the country's top legislature, at a press conference prior to the opening of the NPC annual session.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6908835.html>

[China strictly follows WTO rules in foreign trade: spokesman](#)

People's Daily, 4 March 2010

China has been strictly following the rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in foreign trade since it became a member of the international organization, a spokesman for the annual session of the nation's top legislature said in Beijing Thursday. Li Zhaoxing, spokesman of the 3rd session of the 11th National People's Congress, made the remarks at a press conference when answering a question concerning China's trade dispute with the west.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6908729.html>

[China's Bank Chief Says Currency Is Unlikely to Rise](#)

NYT, 7 March 2010

BEIJING — China's central bank governor indicated Saturday that the government was unlikely to detach the value of China's currency from that of the dollar anytime soon, echoing Prime Minister Wen Jiabao's statement on Friday that exchange rates would remain "basically stable" for now. Many Western economists and leaders, including President Obama, have called for China to let its currency, the renminbi, appreciate against the dollar, arguing that an artificially cheap renminbi increases Chinese exports at the expense of the rest of the world's economies. At a Saturday news conference, the central bank head, Zhou Xiaochuan, said China should be "very cautious" about revaluing its currency, also known as the yuan, as long as major economies remained mired in slow growth.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/07/world/asia/07china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[FM says 2010 "a very important year" of China's diplomacy](#)

People's Daily, 7 March 2010

The year 2010 is a very important year for China in continuing to tackle the international financial crisis and promoting the recovery of world economy, said Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi Sunday. He made the remarks on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature. "We will be very active in carrying out all-around diplomacy, with a priority given to summit-diplomacy and diplomacy surrounding the world Expo," Yang said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6911091.html>

[Resumption of six-party talks hopeful, Chinese FM](#)

People's Daily, 7 March 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said Sunday there is a great hope for restoring the stalled six-party talks on the Korean Peninsula issue as long as all parties involved keep in contact and maintain patience. Yang made the remarks at a press conference on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People's Congress, or the parliament.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6911150.html>

[FM refutes accusations of China's "tough stance"](#)

People's Daily, 7 March 2010

Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said in Beijing on Sunday that China was misunderstood by some people who said the country was becoming "tough." "We stick to our principals, which is totally different from being tough," Yang said at a press conference on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People's Congress (NPC), the country's top legislature. It has always been the mission for China's diplomacy to defend China's sovereignty, security and development interests, and to promote world peace and development, he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6911137.html>

[China takes active attitude to address East China Sea issue with Japan: FM](#)
People's Daily, 7 March 2010

China has always taken an active attitude to address the East China Sea issue with Japan, Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said in Beijing Sunday. China has always held that differences between China and Japan on the East China Sea issue should be resolved through consultation and negotiations, so as to safeguard the China-Japan strategic and mutually beneficial relations, and ensure the fundamental interests of people in both countries, Yang said. China has taken an active attitude in addressing the issue, not a passive one, he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6911111.html>

[China-Russia oil pipeline to be completed this year: FM](#)
People's Daily, 7 March 2010

The China-Russia oil pipeline is likely to be completed by the end of this year and the project will enter into operation next year, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said in Beijing on Sunday. Yang made the remarks at the press conference held Sunday on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People's Congress, the country's top legislature.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6911079.html>

[China Blames U.S. for Strained Relations](#)
NYT, 8 March 2010

BEIJING — The blame for friction in Chinese-United States relations “does not lie with China,” and it is up to the United States to take steps to repair the frayed ties, China’s foreign minister repeated Sunday. The minister, Yang Jiechi, said at a news conference that the administration of President Obama had seriously disrupted the relationship by announcing the sale of weapons to Taiwan and holding a White House meeting with the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader, in a three-week period this year. China suspended military exchanges with Washington and threatened other reprisals after the American moves. American officials have expressed frustration with China’s trade policies, including its refusal to revalue its currency, and with Beijing’s reluctance to press Iran to open its nuclear program to international inspection.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/08/world/asia/08china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[No Leeway Given in Picking Dalai Lama](#)
NYT, 8 March 2010

BEIJING — The new governor of Tibet said Sunday that the Dalai Lama did not have a right to choose his successor however he wanted, but instead must abide by the “requirements” of Tibetan Buddhist tradition, Xinhua, the state news agency, reported. The governor, Padma Choling, speaking at a news conference during the National People’s Congress, appeared to harden the Chinese government’s position on one of the most delicate issues involving the future of the Tibetan regions in the

west. The government has already ruled that the next Dalai Lama must be approved by the government. The governor's comments on Sunday made it even more likely that the current Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, will be succeeded by two new Dalai Lamas, one chosen by Tibetan religious leaders in exile and another by the Chinese government.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/08/world/asia/08tibet.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China's parliament starts reading draft amendment to electoral law](#)
People's Daily, 8 March 2010

The second plenary meeting of the Third Session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) is held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, March 8, 2010. Wang Zhaoguo, vice chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, made an explanation of a draft amendment to the China's top legislature started Monday to discuss granting equal representation in people's congresses to rural and urban people. A draft amendment to the Electoral Law, tabled at the ongoing annual full session of the National People's Congress (NPC) for third reading, aims to balance elections of lawmakers.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6911964.html>

[Xinjiang official stresses fighting separatism, says 198 sentenced for deadly riot](#)

People's Daily, 8 March 2010

A senior official of Xinjiang stressed in Beijing Sunday the fight against separatism as he announced 198 people have been sentenced in connection with a deadly riot in the remote northwestern Chinese region last July. Those people were tried in 97 separate cases and the final figure of the people sentenced will likely be higher, because the investigations, prosecution and trials are still going on, the regional government chairman, Nur Berkri, said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6911746.html>

[FM: China not to cave in on 'core interests'](#)

People's Daily, 8 March 2010

Beijing does not employ a hard line on its relations with the United States, Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi told a news conference Sunday, indicating that China's recent comments aimed only to protect the country's "core interests". Yang Jiechi said Sunday that it's up to the United States to put bilateral relations back on track. China's stance at the Copenhagen climate summit in December and its tougher rhetoric and measures in recent China US trade and diplomatic issues have raised foreign concern and speculation that the country may drop its low-profile diplomacy and take to a tougher position on international affairs, some analysts say.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6911533.html>

[Chinese FM Optimistic About Six-Party Talks](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 8 March 2010

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Sunday expressed optimism that six-party talks about North Korea's nuclear programs will resume since the parties involved "are committed to the objective of denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula." Yang made the remarks on the sidelines of the opening of the People's Congress. He did not say when he expects the talks to resume. Turning to the G20 summit conference in Seoul this year, Yang said the G20 plays an important role in coping with the global financial crisis and is very pleased to see South Korea host the G20 summit. As major agenda points for the summit, he cited the reformation of international bank, recovery and development of the world economy, elimination of imbalance, international cooperation on exit strategies and opposition to various forms of protectionism.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/03/08/2010030801009.html

[N.Korea's No.2 Man 'to Visit China Instead of Kim Jong-il'](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 8 March 2010

North Korea's second highest official, Kim Young-nam, is expected to visit China instead of the regime's leader Kim Jong-il. Sources in Beijing and Pyongyang say last-minute fine-tuning is underway between the governments of China and North Korea.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/03/08/2010030800874.html

[China promises speedy visa processing, more hotel rooms for Shanghai Expo](#)

People's Daily, 9 March 2010

China will provide speedy visa processing for visitors to the upcoming World Expo, as well as more hotel space with help from surrounding cities, according to an organizer of the event. With support from the Foreign Ministry, it is already "an established policy" to provide quick visa processing for Expo visitors from around the world, said Zhou Hanmin, deputy director of the Shanghai 2010 World Expo Executive Committee, speaking here on Monday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6912819.html>

[Li Yizhong: Google must obey China laws to stay](#)

People's Daily, 9 March 2010

Global Internet giant Google must obey Chinese laws if it still wishes to continue to operate in the country, a senior government official said. Li Yizhong, Minister of Industry and Information Technology, told reporters Monday in Beijing on the sidelines of the ongoing National People's Congress, or parliamentary session.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6912771.html>

[China supports nuclear power development in orderly way: official](#)

People's Daily, 9 March 2010

Nuclear power should be developed with due regulations and in an orderly way thanks to its strict requirement for human resources, technology, security and quality, a Chinese official said Monday in Paris at the international conference on civilian use of nuclear energy. Nuclear power, a clean, safe and economic energy,

"plays an important role in energy conservation, environment protection and the strive to cope with climate change," Deputy Director of China's National Energy Administration Wu Yin said, adding it has become "a major choice to develop economy and optimize energy structure" for many developing countries.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6912746.html>

[China's Jilin Wins Use of N.Korean Sea Port](#)
Chosun Ilbo, 9 March 2010

China has gained the use of a pier at North Korea's Rajin Port for 10 years to help development of the bordering region and establish a logistics network there. Lee Yong-hee, the governor of the Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture in China's Jilin province, made the announcement to reporters after the opening of the People's Congress at the Great Hall of People in Beijing on Sunday.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/03/09/2010030900360.html

[China and India Join Climate Accord](#)
NYT, 9 March 2010

WASHINGTON — China and India formally agreed Tuesday to join the international climate change agreement reached last December in Copenhagen, the last two major economies to sign up. The two countries, among the largest and fastest-growing sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the world, submitted letters to the United Nations agreeing to be included on a list of countries covered by the so-called Copenhagen Accord, a three-page nonbinding statement reached at the end of the contentious and chaotic 10-day conference. China and India join more than 100 countries that have signed up under the accord, which calls for limiting the rise in global temperatures to no more than 2 degrees Celsius, or 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, beyond pre-industrial levels. The agreement also calls for spending as much as \$100 billion a year to help emerging countries adapt to climate change and develop low-carbon energy systems, accelerated energy technology transfers to the developing world and steps to protect tropical forests from destruction.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/10/world/10climate.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[CPPCC member: Beware of English invasion](#)
People's Daily, 10 March 2010

BEIJING: With more and more publications mixing Chinese with English, measures and regulations should be adopted to avoid English invading Chinese, suggested Huang Youyi, director of the China International Publishing Group. "If we don't pay attention and don't take measures to stop the expansion of mingling Chinese and English, Chinese won't be a pure language in a couple of years," said Huang, who is also a member of the CPPCC National Committee and secretary-general of the Translators' Association of China.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6914052.html>

[Interview: AU official hails China-African cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 10 March 2010

A senior African Union (AU) official on Tuesday hailed the friendly cooperation between China and Africa while dismissing the comment made by some western countries that China's sole aim in Africa is to get resources. In an exclusive interview with Xinhua in the AU headquarter, John Kayode Shinkaiye, Chief of Staff of Bureau of the Chairman, said that Africa do not hold the same view that China's main purpose in Africa is for resources because "we know that China has been a great friend of Africa for many years. The friendly trade and cooperation between China and Africa is based on mutual benefits. "

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6914248.html>

[China, India give nod to climate deal](#)

People's Daily, 10 March 2010

China joined India Tuesday in giving qualified approval to the Copenhagen climate accord which calls for voluntary limits on the greenhouse gas emissions. A one-sentence note from China's top climate change negotiator, Su Wei, authorized the addition of China to the list. More than 100 countries had earlier replied to a query by Denmark whether they wanted to be "associated" with the accord.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6914115.html>

[Man wanted for shooting dead one policeman in NW China city](#)

People's Daily, 10 March 2010

Lanzhou police in northwest China's Gansu Province on Wednesday offered a reward of 100,000 yuan (14,600 U.S. dollars) for a man who shot dead a policeman. The suspect has been identified as Fu Xiaolin, a vegetable wholesaler from the outskirts of Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. He sold vegetable at a wholesale market in Lanzhou, capital of Gansu.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6914548.html>

[Dalai Lama's representative arrested in Nepal](#)

People's Daily, 10 March 2010

The Dalai Clique's attempt to attract attention by stirring up trouble March 10 has been curbed by the Nepal government, according to a report by Global Times March 9. March 10, 1959 was the date on which the Dalai Clique launched a revolt in Tibet, but Tibetans in exile and their supporters, western media agencies, prefer to call it "uprising day." Over the past several years, some Tibetans in exile have surrounded China's embassies in European countries and the U.S. to protest on this sensitive day. Nepal, the country closest to Tibet, has become one of the major stages for such protests.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6914340.html>

[Top political advisor underlines mainland-Taiwan ties](#)

People's Daily, 12 March 2010

China's top political advisor Jia Qinglin on Thursday urged for pushing forward mainland-Taiwan relations steadily, saying the two sides are facing a grand

opportunity for the development of ties. Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, made the call when attending a panel discussion of the annual session of the National People's Congress.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6916714.html>

[China flexes muscles to combat corruption after high-ranking officials fall in string](#)

People's Daily, 12 March 2010

China's supreme court and procuratorate vowed Thursday to step up anti-corruption efforts after a string of high ranking officials fell in last year's clean-up campaign. Prosecutors will focus on work-related crimes, commercial bribery and crimes that seriously infringe on people's interests this year, Prosecutor-General Cao Jianming told lawmakers in his work report to the parliament.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6916719.html>

[Beijing: Dalai Lama harms unity of China](#)

People's Daily, 12 March 2010

China's Foreign Ministry Thursday called on the Dalai Lama to stop separatist activities aimed at separating Tibet from China, and must create benign conditions for talks with the central government. "The Dalai Lama distorts the truth in Tibet. He attacks and insults the central government's policies on Tibet to trumpet his separatist claims of independence or semi-independence," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said during a regular news conference in Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6916560.html>

[Political advisor slashes reports alleging China hiding defense budget](#)

People's Daily, 12 March 2010

A Chinese political advisor said in Beijing Thursday that it was "groundless" that some foreign media reports alleged China had hidden part of defense budget. Jia Yong, a member of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), made the remarks when commenting on some foreign media reports that part of China's military expenditure might have gone hidden as the country's defense budget growth slowed to 7.5 percent this year.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6916577.html>

[China strikes back with report on U.S. human rights record](#)

People's Daily, 12 March 2010

China Friday retorted U.S. criticism by publishing its own report on the U.S. human rights record. "As in previous years, the (U.S.) reports are full of accusations of the human rights situation in more than 190 countries and regions including China, but turn a blind eye to, or dodge and even cover up rampant human rights abuses on its own territory," said the Information Office of the State Council in its report on the U.S. human rights record.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6917669.html>

[Seoul Pledges to Develop Nuclear Recycling Technologies](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 12 March 2010

The government on Thursday pledged to develop technology that will dramatically reduce radioactive waste and recycle spent nuclear fuel as an alternative resource. The pledge, a thinly veiled protest against U.S. refusals to allow Korea to reprocess its own spent nuclear fuel rods, was made by Prime Minister Chung Un-chan in his opening speech at the 2010 Summit of Honor on Atoms for Peace and Environment that kicked off in Seoul.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/03/12/2010031200908.html

[Chinese firm interested to supply MRP](#)

Kathmandu Post, 12 March 2010

A Chinese company has forwarded a proposal to supply Machine Readable Passport (MRP) at US\$ 3.90 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA). According to the proposal, each MRP copy will cost 10 cent less than the Indian proposal, which is emerging as a "dark horse" in terms of bagging the final MRP contract. After the ministry cancelled the global MRP bid four months ago, about 10 public and private firms have put forth their proposals at the ministry. They have offered competitive prices, ranging from US\$ 2.99 to 4.

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2010/03/11/top-stories/Chinese-firm-interested-to-supply-MRP/6040/>

[Chinese Leader Firmly Defends Currency and Trade Policies](#)

NYT, 14 March 2010

BEIJING — Premier Wen Jiabao sharply defended China's currency and trade policies on Sunday against what he called foreign "finger-pointing," charging instead that the developed world seeks to force unfair changes in those policies "just for the purposes of increasing their own exports." Mr. Wen's remarks, which echoed a rebuke on Thursday by one of China's central bankers, were perhaps the sharpest yet in a brewing disagreement between Beijing and Washington over the two nations' economic positions. In a more than two hour news conference at the close of China's annual legislative session, Mr. Wen repeated that China will keep its currency, the renminbi, "basically stable" despite calls by the United States and other developed nations to let its value increase.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/15/world/asia/15china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Restrictions on Chinese exports hurt foreign businesses in China: Premier](#) **People's Daily, 14 March 2010**

Premier Wen Jiabao said Sunday that restrictions on China's exports would hurt foreign businesses in China. Process trade accounts for half of China's massive trade volume, and exports by foreign businesses and Chinese-foreign joint ventures in China account for 60 percent, said Wen at a press conference after the National People's Congress (NPC) concluded its annual session.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6918936.html>

[Structural adjustment, inflation management key to avert "double dip": Premier](#)

People's Daily, 14 March 2010

China needs to strike a balance between maintaining a relatively fast and stable development, economic structural adjustment and management of inflation expectation to avert a possible economic "double dip" this year, Premier Wen Jiabao said in Beijing Sunday. Among the three major tasks, economic restructuring and transformation in development pattern must be given a priority to solve the imbalances, incoherence and unsustainability in China's economy, he said at a press conference after the annual parliament session concluded.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6918817.html>

[NW China region pushes for closer exchanges with Muslim countries](#)

People's Daily, 14 March 2010

Northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region is pushing for more economic and cultural exchanges with Muslim countries and regions, a senior local official has said. The region plans this year to initiate a trade forum between China and Arab countries and support Ningxia University to jointly build a Confucius Institute with Dubai College in the United Arab Emirates, said Wang Zhengwei, chairman of the regional government.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6918625.html>

[China, Russia pledge joint efforts to fight drug trafficking](#)

People's Daily, 14 March 2010

China and Russia agreed Friday to strengthen cooperation in combatting drug trafficking in order to protect people in both countries and safeguard social stability. The agreement was reached during a meeting between Viktor Ivanov, head of Russia's drug control agency, and Chinese Ambassador to Russia Li Hui.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6918618.html>

[China Uses Rules on Global Trade to Its Advantage](#)

NYT, 15 March 2010

HONG KONG — With China's exports soaring, even as other major economies struggle to recover from the recession, evidence is mounting that Beijing is skillfully using inconsistencies in international trade rules to spur its own economy at the expense of others, including the United States. Seeking to maintain its export dominance, China is engaged in a two-pronged effort: fighting protectionism among its trade partners and holding down the value of its currency. China vigorously defends its economic policies. On Sunday, Premier Wen Jiabao criticized international pressure on China to let the currency appreciate, calling it "finger pointing." He said that the renminbi, China's currency, would be kept "basically stable."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/15/business/global/15yuan.html?ref=asia&pagew>

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[Premier Wen vows "utmost" efforts to redress injustice, says equity brighter than sun](#)

People's Daily, 15 March 2010

Premier Wen Jiabao said Sunday social inequality and injustice remain a woe in Chinese society and he would exert utmost efforts to redress the problem. He made the remarks at a press conference after the closing of the annual session of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature. "We are still facing many unfair problems in fields such as income distribution and the judicial sector. The problems demand more attention from us," Wen told hundreds of domestic and foreign journalists.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6919363.html>

[China's currency exchange rate formation system.](#)

People's Daily, 15 March 2010

Chinese's Premier Wen Jiabao Sunday said the Obama administration should not lecture it how to manage its economy, widely thought a bright spot after a much depressed global one, and suggested Washington not engage in protectionist measures to shut out Chinese goods. Though Mr. Wen brushed aside external calls for Beijing to resume appreciating its currency, saying the yuan is not "undervalued", he also left the door open for a continuous reform in China's currency exchange rate formation system, given the outside pressure isn't there.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6919501.html>

[Chinese premier responds to "arrogance" charge](#)

People's Daily, 15 March 2010

The attitude of China and its people towards foreign countries and how China acts on the international stage were a hot topic at a press conference Sunday when Premier Wen Jiabao met the press. China remains a developing county despite its achievements, Wen said. The country pursues peaceful development and advocates international cooperation, however, it would never hesitate to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6919282.html>

[N.Korea 'Expands Counter-Intelligence Force in China'](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 15 March 2010

North Korea has reportedly increased the deployment of counter-intelligence officials to China in light of the reclusive country's mounting social tensions over its recent currency reform. Radio Free Asia says the number of North Korean counter-intelligence officials stationed at China's Yanji city in Jilin Province rose from six to more than 10 in February.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/03/15/2010031500894.html

[US Treasury: China trims \\$5.8 billion debt in Jan](#)

People's Daily, 16 March 2010

China retained its spot as the biggest foreign holder of U.S. Treasury debt in January even as it trimmed its holdings for a third straight month. The string of declines underscored worries that the U.S. government could face much higher interest rates to finance soaring budget deficits, the Associated Press reported Monday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6920651.html>

[White House: U.S.-China ties in "good shape"](#)

People's Daily, 16 March 2010

The White House said on Monday the bilateral relationship between the United States and China is in "good shape" although there are a number of differences between the two countries. "We have a mature relationship with China," Jeffrey Bader, senior director for Asian affairs of the White House's National Security Council, told reporters.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6920749.html>

[Obama is playing with fire over Chinese currency: British economist](#)

People's Daily, 16 March 2010

U.S. President Barack Obama's pressure on China over its currency's exchange rate is a manifestation of hypocrisy from the West and will not work, a British economist has said. "The president is playing with fire... Obama really should tread carefully. At the same time, the United States is now at risk of sparking what could be an all-out trade war," said Liam Halligan in an article carried by this week's Sunday Telegraph.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6920494.html>

[Yuan 'not cause of US woes'](#)

People's Daily, 17 March 2010

A top government policy adviser has said the value of the Chinese currency is not the reason for the US trade deficit, and that Washington should restructure its economy if it wants to improve its trade balance. "The yuan's value is not the cause of the US deficit, which is actually caused by its defective economic structure," Xia Bin, economist and counselor of the State Council, told China Daily on Tuesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6921713.html>

[China, Britain inaugurate strategic dialogue at higher level](#)

People's Daily, 17 March 2010

China and Britain Tuesday inaugurated their first higher-level strategic dialogue during British Foreign Secretary David Miliband's visit to China. Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo and Miliband co-chaired the dialogue, which was held at vice foreign minister level in the past. "Elevating the strategic dialogue mechanism is a meaningful event," Dai said at the start of the talks, noting that the mechanism was an important channel for the two nations to make in-depth communication.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6921586.html>

[Mainland expects to speed up economic pact discussion through joint efforts](#)

People's Daily, 17 March 2010

The Chinese mainland and Taiwan should work together toward the goal of signing the cross-Strait Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) as soon as possible, a spokesman said here Wednesday. In response to a question whether the pact will be signed in June, Yang Yi, a spokesman of the State Council's Taiwan Affairs Office, told a regular press conference that the two sides should work together "towards this target."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6922733.html>

[Central Gov. to redouble financing for Tibet's development](#)

People's Daily, 17 March 2010

China's Central Government will enhance its financial support to Tibet's development during the 12th Five-Year Plan period (2010-2015), according to Sita, a senior Tibetan official. During the 11th Five-Year Plan period (2006-2010), the Central Government has spent around 150 billion yuan (22 billion U.S. dollars) boosting Tibet's economic and social progress. The figure is expected to double to 300 billion yuan in the next five years, said Sita, deputy head of the United Front Work Department of Chinese Communist Party Central Committee.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6922552.html>

[PM leaves for China](#)

Daily Star, 17 March 2010

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina left Dhaka for Beijing Wednesday afternoon at the invitation of Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao. She was seen off at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport by Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, senior leaders of Awami League, chiefs of three services, members of the diplomatic corps and senior officials. She was accompanied by Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain, Industries Minister Dilip Barua, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni and State Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Dipankar Talukdar. Besides, eminent citizens, MPs and a business delegation were included in her entourage.

http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/latest_news.php?nid=22743

[Exchange of high level visits slated this year](#)

Kathmandu Post, 17 March 2010

Foreign Ministry officials from Nepal and China are busy working out a suitable date for President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav's state visit to China in the second half of this year. As preparations get under way for exchange of high-level state visits, it has come to light that Chinese President Hu Jintao or Prime Minister Wen Jiabao is likely to visit Nepal after President Yadav returns from China. Although China is yet to extend an official invitation, officials from both sides are preparing for Yadav's maiden trip to coincide with Shanghai Expo-2010. "As of now, two separate dates are being mulled. The president could be there for Nepal day of the Expo on Sept. 3 or on the closing day on Oct. 31," a Foreign Ministry official said.

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2010/03/16/top-stories/Exchange-of-high-level-visits-slated-this-year/6226/>

[World Bank Urges China to Bolster Rates and Let Currency Rise](#)

NYT, 18 March 2010

HONG KONG — The World Bank recommended higher interest rates and a stronger currency for China on Wednesday, as it raised growth forecasts for the country. China's rapid economic growth has led to expectations of rising inflation and concerns that a bubble is building in the property industry. In its quarterly assessment of China, which is poised to overtake Japan this year as the world's second-largest economy after the United States, the World Bank raised its forecast to 9.5 percent growth for 2010 from the 8.7 percent it projected in November. It also estimated that growth would slow somewhat next year, to 8.7 percent.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/18/business/global/18yuan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Bangladeshi Prime Minister arrives in Beijing](#)

People's Daily, 18 March 2010

Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived in Beijing Wednesday evening to start a five-day official visit to China. During Hasina's visit, Chinese President Hu Jintao and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Wu Bangguo are expected to meet her. Premier Wen Jiabao will hold talks with her.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6923054.html>

[River tunnel completed in Sino-Russian oil pipeline project](#)

People's Daily, 18 March 2010

Chinese workers have completed a tunnel beneath a border river with Russia, the most significant part of the crude oil pipeline project linking the two countries. More than 80 workers had been drilling the 1,090-meter tunnel beneath the Heilong River since Sept. 1, 2009, said Li Changcai, director of the construction team of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC).

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6923050.html>

[Cross-Straits military talks to march forward](#)

People's Daily, 18 March 2010

BEIJING: The mainland agreed on Wednesday to discuss the issue of military security and mutual trust across the Taiwan Straits. "We maintain that (both sides) can contact and make exchanges on military issues and discuss the establishment of military security and a mutual trust mechanism at a proper time," Yang Yi, spokesman of the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office, told a press conference.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6922952.html>

[Door of diplomacy still open on Iran's nuclear program: Chinese diplomat](#)

People's Daily, 18 March 2010

It's still not the time to talk about sanctions against Iran as the door of diplomacy is

still open on finding a compromise over its nuclear program, He Yafei, China's ambassador to the United Nations Office in Geneva, said on Wednesday. "I think the door of compromise through negotiations, the door of diplomacy, is not closed," He told reporters.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6922936.html>

[China not throwing its weight amid China-Africa cooperation: senior Tanzanian media official](#)

People's Daily, 18 March 2010

"China is not throwing its weight amid China-Africa cooperation, though China's influence is getting stronger as an emerging power," a senior Tanzanian media official said on Wednesday. Mkumbwa Ally, Deputy Managing Editor of Tanzania Standard Newspapers which published the official Daily News and Sunday News among others, made the remarks in an exclusive interview with Xinhua.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6922926.html>

[S. Korea calls for top police meetings](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 18 March 2010

SEOUL--The top police officers of Japan, South Korea and China should hold regular meetings to help curb crimes that cross national borders in East Asia, the South Korean police chief said Tuesday. Kang Hee-rak, commissioner-general of the Korean National Police Agency (KNPA), said in an Asahi Shimbun interview that he has sounded out China on the issue.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201003170251.html>

[Japan 'unpredictable' as U.S. deals with China](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 18 March 2010

A sense of crisis is growing in the United States that the world's sole superpower may be unable to use its vast military might if the situation concerning China is left unchanged. That nervousness was seen in the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) released in February by the administration of U.S. President Barack Obama. It revealed a focus on the threats posed by China on the U.S. ability to act freely in the ocean, outer space and cyberspace.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201003170257.html>

[U.S. sees chances, risks in China military buildup](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 18 March 2010

Following is the excerpts from an interview with Gen. Chip Gregson, assistant secretary of defense in charge of Asian and Pacific security affairs, about the Quadrennial Defense Review's influences on the Asia-Pacific region and the Japan-U.S. alliance. Question: One of the confusions that QDR has created was that the United States might abandon the two major theater war (MTW) construct (in which the country is prepared to fight two major wars simultaneously).

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201003170256.html>

[China pledges free market access](#)

Daily Star, 18 March 2010

China will allow duty-free access of Bangladeshi products to its markets and increase its support for the country's efforts to face floods and other natural calamities caused by global warming. Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao gave the assurance during official talks with Bangladesh Premier Sheikh Hasina held at East Hall of Great Hall yesterday afternoon.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=130713>

[Cross-Strait exchanges in culture, religion heat up](#)

People's Daily, 19 March 2010

Exchanges in religion and culture across Taiwan Strait would get a boost in the future, said Chiang Pin-kung, chairman of Taiwan's Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) here Thursday. Chiang made the remarks while hosting a 16-member delegation led by Wang Fuqing, vice president of the mainland-based Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS).

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6924283.html>

[Yuan solution 'will be found'](#)

People's Daily, 19 March 2010

The top US envoy to China on Thursday expressed confidence that the two countries will find a solution to the yuan exchange rate. "I think in due time, it will be resolved to the satisfaction of both parties," Ambassador Jon Huntsman told an audience of students at the prestigious Tsinghua University.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6924150.html>

[Foreign official: China-Pakistan ties run deep](#)

People's Daily, 19 March 2010

Pakistan and China enjoy a profound traditional friendship and more efforts are needed to consolidate and deepen the friendship, said Masood Khan, ambassador of Pakistan to China at the seminar on Pakistan-China relations in the 21st century held in Beijing on March 18, 2010. "Pakistan-China relations are strong and resilient thanks to the wisdom and foresight of our leaders and skilful management of these relations over the decades", Khan added.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6925010.html>

[China sends envoy to US to discuss trade frictions](#)

People's Daily, 19 March 2010

China's government Friday said it was sending an envoy to the United States to try to ease trade frictions with American politicians have lately crowed about Chinese currency's valuation. However, Beijing has cautioned that pressure from US side could complicate talks, according to a report filed by The Reuters Friday. The announcement, and comments by China's commerce ministry, appeared aimed at lowering the temperature in an increasingly heated dispute, with U.S. senators

threatening to slap duties on Chinese products if Beijing does not allow the yuan to rise, the report said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6924931.html>

[Citing Recession, U.S. Again Presses China on Revaluing Currency](#)

NYT, 19 March 2010

BEIJING — China's reluctance to allow the value of its currency to rise "is a real concern" to both the United States and the country's other major trading partners and could be subject to negotiations in coming weeks, the American ambassador to China said on Thursday. At the same time, a Chinese trade official offered the first hint of flexibility on the issue, saying his organization was polling more than a thousand Chinese manufacturers on how a change in exchange rates would affect their business. In a speech to students at Tsinghua University in Beijing, the ambassador, Jon Huntsman, said that economic problems in the United States had increased pressure there for a change in the value of the renminbi, which China currently ties to the value of the dollar. That has kept Chinese exports comparatively cheap and, some contend, hampered other nations' recovery from the global recession.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/19/business/global/19yuan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China's help sought for deep-sea port, road link](#)

Daily Star, 19 March 2010

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought Chinese cooperation to construct a deep-sea port in Chittagong and establish road link between Chittagong and Kunming. "China can be benefited by using the deep seaport while all neighbouring countries also can use it," Hasina said as a key speaker at the Bangladesh-China Business Forum and Luncheon Reception at State Guest House Diaouthai.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=130836>

[Paper in China Sets Off Alarms in U.S.](#)

NYT, 20 March 2010

It came as a surprise this month to Wang Jianwei, a graduate engineering student in Liaoning, China, that he had been described as a potential cyberwarrior before the United States Congress. Larry M. Wortzel, a military strategist and China specialist, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee on March 10 that it should be concerned because "Chinese researchers at the Institute of Systems Engineering of Dalian University of Technology published a paper on how to attack a small U.S. power grid sub-network in a way that would cause a cascading failure of the entire U.S."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/21/world/asia/21grid.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China's Growth Shifts the Geopolitics of Oil](#)

NYT, 20 March 2010

Last summer, Saudi Arabia put the final bolt in its largest oil expansion project ever, opening a new field capable of pumping 1.2 million barrels a day — more than the

entire production of Texas. The field, called Khurais, was part of an ambitious \$60 billion program to increase the kingdom's production to meet growing energy needs. It turns out the timing could not have been worse for Saudi Arabia. Only two years ago, consumers were clamoring for more supplies, OPEC producers were straining to increase their output, and prices were rising to record levels. But now, for the first time in more than a decade, the world has more oil than it needs.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/20/business/energy-environment/20saudi.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[NPC delegation leaves for visit to Vietnam, Laos](#)

People's Daily, 20 March 2010

A delegation of the National People's Congress (NPC) left here Saturday morning for a goodwill visit to Vietnam and Laos. The delegation, headed by Yan Junqi, vice chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, China's top legislature, will also attend the 122nd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly in Bangkok, Thailand.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6925379.html>

[China, Bangladesh vow to lift bilateral links to higher level](#)

People's Daily, 20 March 2010

China is ready to lift the comprehensive partnership of cooperation with Bangladesh to a new level, Chinese President Hu Jintao said Friday. In a meeting with visiting Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Beijing, Hu expressed appreciation for the outstanding contributions that Hasina had made to enhancing friendship between the two countries.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6925336.html>

[China vows to further practical cooperation with ASEAN](#)

People's Daily, 20 March 2010

China is ready to enhance practical cooperation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said Friday. In a meeting with visiting ASEAN Secretary General Surin Pitsuwan, Yang said China would act on principles set forth in the framework of the free trade zone between the two sides.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6925331.html>

[PM for direct road, rail links with China](#)

Daily Star, 20 March 2010

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her firm conviction in road and rail links being established between Chittagong and Kunming, to boost trade and investment between their respective countries. "I believe the leaders of Yunnan province can play an important role in establishing the road and rail links," said the premier, while addressing a banquet hosted by the Vice-Governor of Yunnan province, Li Jiang.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=130915>

[Official in China Says Western-Style Democracy Won't Take Root There](#)

NYT, 21 March 2010

BEIJING — A Chinese legislative official has said that China will not adopt Western-style democracy, marking a rare instance in which a member of the government here

openly rejects Western-style liberal political reforms. The official, Li Fei, said in an interview published Saturday on the Web site of China Daily that "different countries have different election rules and a socialist China won't follow Western election campaigns." Mr. Li is deputy director of the legislative affairs commission of the standing committee of the National People's Congress, a rubber-stamp Parliament whose annual two-week work session ended on March 14.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/21/world/asia/21china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China, Russia sign 1.6 billion-U.S. dollar cooperation documents](#)
People's Daily, 21 March 2010

China and Russia signed 15 cooperation documents totalling 1.6 billion U.S. dollars in Vladivostok on Saturday. Representatives of the governments and business communities of the two countries signed the documents covering economic, technological, energy and infrastructure cooperation.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6925505.html>

[Nepali PM meets secretary of CPC Shaanxi Provincial Committee](#)
People's Daily, 21 March 2010

Nepal's Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal met here Saturday with Zhao Leji, member of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and also secretary of the CPC Shaanxi Provincial Committee at his official resident. In their talks, Zhao Leji expressed his thanks to Nepali government's long-term assistance and cooperation on Tibet-related issues.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6925519.html>

[China, Russia vow further interregional cooperation, sign deals](#)
People's Daily, 21 March 2010

China and Russia pledged here Saturday to further interregional cooperation with each other and signed a series of cooperation deals. Governor of Russia's Primorsky Territory Sergey Mikhaylovich Darkin and visiting Chinese Vice-President Xi Jinping met here and exchanged views on the development of bilateral ties and cooperation between neighboring regions of the two countries.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6925516.html>

[Google Shuts China Site in Dispute Over Censorship](#)
NYT, 23 March 2010

SAN FRANCISCO — Just over two months after threatening to leave China because of censorship and intrusions from hackers, Google on Monday closed its Internet search service there and began directing users in that country to its uncensored search engine in Hong Kong. While the decision to route mainland Chinese users to Hong Kong is an attempt by Google to skirt censorship requirements without running afoul of Chinese laws, it appears to have angered officials in China, setting the stage for a possible escalation of the conflict, which may include blocking the Hong Kong search service in mainland China. The state-controlled Xinhua news agency quoted an unnamed official with the State Council Information Office describing Google's move as "totally wrong."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/23/technology/23google.html?ref=asia&pagewanted>

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[China says Google breaks promise, totally wrong to stop censoring](#)

People's Daily, 23 March 2010

Google has "violated its written promise" and is "totally wrong" by stopping censoring its Chinese language searching results and blaming China for alleged hacker attacks, a government official said early Tuesday morning. The official in charge of the Internet bureau under the State Council Information Office made the comments about two hours after the online search service provider announced it has stopped censoring its Chinese-language search engine Google.cn and is redirecting Chinese mainland users to a site in Hong Kong.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90881/6926946.html>

[DPRK party secretary says DPRK-China relations in favorable development](#)

People's Daily, 23 March 2010

A secretary of the Central Committee of the Korean Worker's Party said here Tuesday that relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and China have undergone further favorable development thanks to the care of the Korean Workers' Party and the Chinese Communist Party. Secretary Choe Thae Bok made the remarks in meeting with China's new Ambassador to the DPRK, Liu Hongcai, at Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6928058.html>

[President Karzai leaves for China](#)

People's Daily, 23 March 2010

Afghan President Hamid Karzai left here for a state visit to China on Tuesday. "During his three-day tour, President Karzai would hold meetings with Chinese President Hu Jintao, Premier Wen Jiabao and top legislator Wu Bangguo to exchange views on matters pertaining mutual interests," said a statement issued by Afghanistan's Presidential Palace.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6927946.html>

[1.3 million suffer floods in north Xinjiang](#)

People's Daily, 23 March 2010

Floods caused by rainfall and melting snow have affected 1.3 million people (including 13 dead and 2 missing) in northern Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, including Ili, Altay and Tacheng since late February, according to the Civil Affairs Department of Xinjiang. The disaster has killed 66,600 domestic animals and destroyed 40,000 dwellings. To date, 184,100 local residents have been evacuated.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6927734.html>

[Chinese defense minister vows to advance relations with Thailand](#)

People's Daily, 23 March 2010

Chinese Defense Minister Liang Guanglie said China is ready to work with Thailand to push forward bilateral strategic cooperation. Liang made the remarks when meeting with Puchong Rattanawan, commanding general of National Defence Studies Institute of Thailand.

[/http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6928061.html](http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6928061.html)

[Chinese vice premier in India for talks on agriculture, environment](#)

The Hindu, 23 March 2010

Chinese vice premier Hui Liangyu will arrive in New Delhi on Friday for talks with Indian officials on furthering co-operation between the two countries on a range of agricultural and environmental issues. Of particular focus during Mr. Hui's visit will be an exchange of views on an issue that has recently stirred up much debate and public concern in both countries – the use of genetically modified (GM) foods in agriculture.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article285518.ece>

[Stance by China to Limit Google Is Risk by Beijing](#)

NYT, 24 March 2010

BEIJING — This is a nation that builds dams, high-speed rail lines and skyscrapers with abandon. In newly muscular China, sheer force is not just an art, but a bedrock principle of its seemingly unstoppable rise to global prominence. Now China has tightened its grip on the much more variegated world of online information, effectively forcing Google Inc., the world's premier information provider, to choose between submitting to Chinese censorship and leaving the world's largest community of Internet users to its rivals. It chose to leave.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/24/world/asia/24china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China: 2 Protests by Students in Tibetan Areas](#)

NYt, 24 March 2010

Groups of students in two Tibetan areas of Gansu Province, in western China, have held separate protests after Chinese security forces imposed lockdowns at boarding schools before the anniversaries of previous Tibetan uprisings, according to a report by the International Campaign for Tibet, an advocacy group. The report, based on information obtained by Tibetans in exile with ties to people in Gansu, was similar to an earlier report of the protests by Radio Free Asia.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/24/world/asia/24briefs-Chinabrf.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Google's opting-out may thwart business](#)

People's Daily, 24 March 2010

The continuing tensions between Google and Beijing appear to be denting the company's business, the Associated Press reported on Tuesday. The world's search giant Google Inc. moved to shut down its Chinese-language search engine in China's mainland and direct traffic to its Hong Kong site early on Tuesday, which the regulators in Beijing said "was totally wrong", in addition to violating its prior promises while entering China market.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6928258.html>

[China and ASEAN embraces new media technology and mutual understanding](#)

People's Daily, 24 March 2010

In ASEAN member countries, there is a relatively young population – about half of the 580 million people. The new media – blogging, social networks, video sharing,

podcasting etc - may appeal more to them than traditional media, according to Ms. Lee Joo Tiang, Assistant Director, ASEAN Secretariat who attended the fourth high-level and large-scale China-ASEAN Media Cooperation Seminar held in Beijing on March 24.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6929468.html>

[Russia, China push Iran to change stance](#)

People's Daily, 24 March 2010

Russia and China have quietly made clear to Tehran they want Iran's government to change its approach to the nuclear issue and accept a UN atomic fuel offer. Russia's and China's coordinated diplomatic approaches took place in Tehran around the beginning of March, according to several UN Security Council diplomats, reported the Reuters.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6929236.html>

[Buying \\$71m faulty scanners just because we got a loan?](#)

The News, 24 March 2010

ISLAMABAD: The government is all set to buy faulty Chinese scanners worth \$71 million though a team carrying out performance assessment also expressed serious apprehensions about the equipment posing health risks to unsuspecting general public. The machines are being bought from China against a Chinese government loan to Pakistan. The federal cabinet meeting today (Wednesday) is being asked to stamp its formal seal of approval for the signing of the multi-million dollar deal to purchase the equipment to detect weapons and explosives.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=27953

[China Says It Will Not Adjust Policy on the Exchange Rate](#)

NYT, 25 March 2010

WASHINGTON — Despite mounting pressure in Congress for the Obama administration to declare China a currency manipulator, the Chinese government is giving no indication that it will change its exchange rate policy. After meeting with officials at the Treasury and Commerce Departments on Wednesday, China's deputy commerce minister, Zhong Shan, told reporters, "The Chinese government will not succumb to foreign pressures to adjust our exchange rate." Mr. Zhong reiterated a statement this month by the Chinese premier, Wen Jiabao, who said he did not believe the currency, the renminbi, was undervalued.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/25/business/global/25yuan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Karzai visit yields major pacts](#)

People's Daily, 25 March 2010

China has announced more investment in Afghanistan and pledged to continue aiding reconstruction efforts in the war-torn neighboring country. President Hu Jintao and his visiting Afghan counterpart Hamid Karzai witnessed the signing of three deals on Wednesday, which cover economic cooperation, technical training and the granting of preferential tariffs for some Afghan exports to China. Details were not disclosed. China is seen as a key player in an international coalition seeking to secure and rebuild Afghanistan, particularly after US troops pull out, analysts said, adding that Beijing is striving to help boost security and revive the economy in Afghanistan.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6929577.html>

[China's top political advisor in Cameroon to boost traditional ties](#)

People's Daily, 25 March 2010

China's top political advisor Jia Qinglin will wrap up his visit to Cameroon and leave for Namibia on Thursday to continue his 10-day African tour. In Cameroon, Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), held talks with Cameroonian President Paul Biya and National Assembly President Cavaye Djibril separately on Wednesday, discussing the ways to lift the two country's traditional relations to a new height.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6930487.html>

[China, Israel vow to enhance bilateral ties](#)

People's Daily, 25 March 2010

Visiting Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu on Wednesday held talks with Israeli President Shimon Peres, both vowing to further promote bilateral relations. Hui conveyed warm greetings from Chinese President Hu Jintao to Peres. The friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries have reached profound achievements in politics, economy, culture, science and technology and many other areas since the establishment of diplomatic ties 18 years ago, Hui said. He stressed that promoting Sino-Israeli relations agrees with the long-term interests of the two countries and peoples.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6930507.html>

[Big LNG deal signals better Canberra ties](#)

People's Daily, 25 March 2010

China's largest offshore oil producer signed a landmark deal on Wednesday to buy liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Australia for 20 years, a move analysts said underscores growing commercial ties between the two countries despite recent hiccups. Under the contract, CNOOC will buy 3.6 million tons of LNG per year from British gas producer BG Group's Curtis LNG facility in Queensland in Australia.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6929648.html>

[Google to phase out 'censored searches'](#)

People's Daily, 25 March 2010

Google is standing firm on its plan to withdraw its search service from China, saying that it "will not be syndicating censored searches to partners in China" either, according to a Google spokesman who declined to be identified. That means the company plans to phase out deals to provide filtered search services to other online or mobile firms in China.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6929637.html>

[China Officials Wrestle Publicly Over Currency](#)

NYT, 26 March 2010

BEIJING — Signs are emerging of conflicting views among China's leaders over whether to allow the country's currency to rise against the dollar. The conflict, which has broken into rare public view, seems to be mainly between China's central bank and its Commerce Ministry. But how it is eventually resolved could decide the course

of trade tensions between China and the United States. Many experts contend China deliberately undervalues its currency, the renminbi, making Chinese exports more competitive on global markets and creating jobs in China at the expense of employment elsewhere.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/26/business/global/26yuan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Sino-US tensions show no sign of easing](#)

People's Daily, 26 March 2010

There are no clear signals of an easing in trade and political tensions in Sino-US relations despite the hope generated by the visits of two Chinese vice-ministers to Washington. Vice-Commerce Minister Zhong Shan said in the US capital on Wednesday that Beijing will reform its currency regime gradually and keep the exchange rate stable.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6930967.html>

[Dell denies China pullout](#)

People's Daily, 26 March 2010

Dell Thursday denied claims by the Indian prime minister that the world's third-largest PC maker is considering shifting its operation from China to India. According to the Hindustan Times, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said after his meeting with Dell Chief Executive Michael Dell, "This morning I met the chairman of Dell Corporation. He informed me that they are buying equipment and parts worth \$25 billion from China. They would like to shift to a safer environment with a climate conducive to enterprise with security of legal system."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6931215.html>

[Drought causes severe forest losses in China](#)

People's Daily, 26 March 2010

The lingering drought in southwest China has caused heavy forest losses, said the State Forestry Administration (SFA) Thursday. The drought has damaged saplings, held back forestation efforts, led to forest fires and spoiled the habitat for wild animals, said the SFA.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6931908.html>

[China says diplomacy is "best, most effective" way to solve Iran nuclear issue](#)

People's Daily, 26 March 2010

China believes that diplomacy and peaceful talks are the best and most effective way to solve the Iran nuclear issue, Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said Thursday. "Peacefully solving the Iranian nuclear issue through diplomacy and talks is in the interests of the parties involved and regional peace and stability," Qin said at a regular press conference when responding to a related question.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6931855.html>

[Chinese official says China-U.S. trade is win-win game](#)

People's Daily, 27 March 2010

A sound and stable China-U.S. economic and trade relationship is more important

than ever and the trade between the two countries is a win-win game, said Chinese Vice Commerce Minister Zhong Shan in an article published on Friday's Wall Street Journal. "China-U.S. trade and economic cooperation has generated huge and real benefits for the United States, while China has been gaining a lot from it as well," Zhong stated in the article.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6932374.html>

[Intensified high-level mainland-Taiwan exchanges sign of solid relationship](#)
People's Daily, 27 March 2010

The Chinese mainland and Taiwan are intensifying their exchanges, especially the mainland's high-level visits to the island, which is perceived as a sign of a more solid relation. Since March, Taiwan has received business groups led by the mainland's ministerial officials under their non-governmental titles, and provincial and municipal chiefs. Provincial-chief-level visits to Taiwan started last year with east Jiangsu Province's Communist Party of China (CPC) chief.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6932469.html>

[Chinese, ROK ruling parties vow to cement cooperation](#)
People's Daily, 27 March 2010

The Communist Party of China (CPC) and the ruling Grand National Party (GNP) of the Republic of Korea (ROK) agreed on Friday to cement exchanges to further boost the strategic cooperative partnership between the two countries. The agreement was reached in a meeting between Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang and visiting GNP Chairman Chung Mong-joon in Beijing. Li said party exchanges played an important role in consolidating the political foundation of China-ROK ties and enriching the bilateral strategic cooperative partnership.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6932366.html>

[Chinese vice president begins Swedish tour](#)
People's Daily, 28 March 2010

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping arrived in Sweden on Saturday for the last leg of his four-nation European tour, after ending a visit to Finland. Earlier in the day, Xi held talks with Finnish Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen in Helsinki, and both expressed satisfaction with the development of bilateral relations. Xi said the relationship between China and Finland has always been on the track of friendship, mutual trust and mutually beneficial cooperation thanks to efforts of both sides in the past 60 years following the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6932696.html>

[Unusually Stiff Sentences Given in Rio Tinto Case](#)
NYT, 29 March 2010

SHANGHAI — Four employees of the British-Australian mining giant Rio Tinto, including an Australian citizen, were found guilty by a Chinese court on Monday of accepting millions of dollars in bribes and stealing commercial secrets. They were sentenced to between 7 and 14 years in prison and ordered to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines, yielding one the stiffest sentences ever handed down against a high-ranking executive working for a multinational company here. The case heightened the fears of foreign investors doing business here because the four were initially detained on espionage charges, fueling concerns that the prosecution was

politically motivated, intended to punish Rio Tinto for its clashes with Chinese companies.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/30/world/asia/30riotinto.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Number of people trapped in China colliery flooding revised to 153](#)

People's Daily, 29 March 2010

The number of people trapped underground after the flooding accident at Wangjialing Coal Mine was revised -- for a second time -- to 153 from 123, rescuers said late Sunday night. Investigations showed that 261 workers were in the pit of Wangjialing Coal Mine under construction when underground water gushed in at about 1:40 p.m.. Of them, 108 were lifted safely to the ground while 153 others trapped in the shaft, according to the rescue headquarters. "Most of the trapped are migrant workers from Shanxi, Hebei, Hunan and Guizhou provinces," a rescuer said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6933385.html>

[Top Chinese political advisor starts visit to South Africa](#)

People's Daily, 29 March 2010

China's top political advisor Jia Qinglin arrived in Cape Town on Sunday, starting an official visit to South Africa at the invitation of the National Council of Provinces of South Africa. In a written statement issued upon arrival, Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, China's top advisory body, said the China-South Africa relationship had advanced in an all-round way since the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1998.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6933388.html>

[India shoring up presence along border with China](#)

The Hindu, 29 March 2010

India on Monday said it is shoring up its military presence in the northern borders and upgrading infrastructure along the border with China in the light of Beijing's rapid infrastructure development and its upgraded military force projection in Tibet Autonomous Region and Xinjiang province. "India also remains conscious and alert about the implications of China's military modernisation...rapid infrastructure development in the Tibet Autonomous Region and Xinjiang province has considerably upgraded China's military force projection capability and strategic operational flexibility," the Defence Ministry said in its 2009-10 annual report released on Monday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article321547.ece>