

[Protectionism, yuan pressure "unfair": Wen](#)

People's Daily, 1 December 2009

Premier Wen Jiabao Monday rejected "unfair" calls from European countries for faster reform of China's currency policies, despite lobbying from EU financial chiefs at the weekend. "Some countries demand the yuan's appreciation while practicing various trade protectionism against China. It's unfair and actually limits China's development," Wen told reporters in Nanjing, Jiangsu province.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6828415.html>

[China: IAEA resolution aims at early resumption of dialogue, negotiation](#)

People's Daily, 1 December 2009

China said a recent resolution on the Iran nuclear issue was aimed at early resumption of dialogue and negotiation, and urged the international community to work for this aim. Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks as commenting on the resolution passed by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Nov. 27, which called for the "full cooperation" of Iran to clarify all outstanding issues involving its nuclear program in Vienna. China cast a "yes" vote on the resolution.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6829363.html>

[China urges India to maintain peace in border areas](#)

People's Daily, 1 December 2009

China on Tuesday urged India to maintain peace and stability in border areas as commenting on a road construction by the Indian side in disputed area. The two sides should make joint efforts to this end before the border issue gets final settlement, said Foreign Minister spokesman Qin Gang at a regular press conference here Tuesday afternoon.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6829361.html>

[China to conduct unmanned aircraft observations in Antarctica](#)

People's Daily, 1 December 2009

China will conduct the first large-scale unmanned aerial vehicle observations of the ocean and icebergs in Antarctica, a researcher involved with the project said Tuesday. Xie Chengyin, from the robot research institute of Beihang University, said the civilian plane is equipped with aerial cameras, infrared radiometers and infrared probes. The drone will conduct observations over Prydz Bay near China's Zhongshan research station, he said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90881/6829220.html>

[China Pushes Back Against Calls for Yuan Rise](#)

NYT, 1 December 2009

NANJING, CHINA — China pushed back Monday against calls to let its currency rise, with Prime Minister Wen Jiabao warning that an appreciation in the yuan could hobble Chinese growth. Speaking to reporters after a summit meeting with the

European Union, Mr. Wen said the demands being made of Beijing to let the yuan strengthen were not fair. He reaffirmed China's determination to take its own, gradual steps with regards to the currency but said that for now the yuan, also known as the renminbi, would be kept steady.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/01/business/global/01yuan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Chinese incursions in India a matter of concern: BJP MP](#)
The Hindu, 1 December 2009

Growing Chinese incursions in India are a matter of concern and government should take the challenge to national sovereignty seriously, a BJP member said in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. China is repeatedly showing 'big brother' attitude by taking objectionable and provocative steps, India should not remain a silent spectator as the actions of Beijing were a "challenge to our sovereignty", Adityanath (BJP) said during the Zero Hour.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article58019.ece>

[China hopes Copenhagen conference achieve "fair and feasible" results](#)
People's Daily, 2 December 2009

China said Tuesday it hoped the upcoming Copenhagen Conference on climate change would achieve "fair and feasible" results. China has advocated the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Kyoto Protocol, and the Bali Road Map, and held the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang at a regular press conference.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6829364.html>

[Keep peace on China-India border: Official](#)
People's Daily, 2 December 2009

China and India should work together to maintain peace and harmony in the border region between the countries, said foreign ministry spokesperson Qin Gang during a regular news briefing yesterday. Indian media said yesterday that work on the road to link Demchok village, which is 300 kilometers southeast of Leh, beyond India's last post in the Ladakh region, was stopped in October after objections by China.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6829558.html>

[Russian State Duma speaker hails co-op with China](#)
People's Daily, 2 December 2009

Boris Gryzlov, chairman of the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, said Tuesday that Russia and China have carried out fruitful cooperation between their parliaments and parties in recent years. Gryzlov, at a meeting with Li Hui, the Chinese ambassador to Russia, said he is looking forward to visiting China in 2010. He said that during the trip he will co-chair with Wu Bangguo, China's top legislator, the fourth meeting of the cooperation committee between the State Duma and China's National People's Congress (NPC).

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6830540.html>

[China, Japan should team up on tackling global financial crisis: Vice President](#)

People's Daily, 2 December 2009

Vice President Xi Jinping said Wednesday that China and Japan should make concerted efforts to cope with the global financial crisis. "As major economies in Asia and the world, China and Japan should work closely together and properly deal with the international financial crisis so as to contribute to world economic and financial stability," Xi told a delegation of Japan's Association for the Promotion of International Trade (JAPIT).

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6830495.html>

[Thai PM meets Chinese defense minister](#)

People's Daily, 2 December 2009

The Chinese military is willing to further cooperate with its Thai counterpart in various areas, said the Chinese defense minister Wednesday at his meeting with Thai Prime Minister in Thailand's Government House. Liang Guanglie, the Chinese Defense Minister who is on an official visit to Thailand, told Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva that China highly appreciates the firm support from Thailand on many issues including Taiwan, Tibet and Xinjiang. The Chinese military attaches importance to boosting the friendship and cooperation between the two sides, Liang told Abhisit.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6830216.html>

[Five sentenced to death for murder in Urumqi riot](#)

People's Daily, 3 December 2009

Five people were sentenced Thursday to death for murder and other crimes committed in the July 5 riot in Urumqi, capital of west China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Regions. Two others were sentenced at the Intermediate People's Court of Urumqi to life imprisonment and another six were given jail terms. The cases were heard in the Uygur language and interpretation was provided as hundreds of people, including relatives of the defendants and the victims, were present at the trial.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6831742.html>

[DPRK top lawmaker meets senior Chinese legislator on ties](#)

People's Daily, 3 December 2009

The top lawmaker of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Thursday met with a senior Chinese legislator on efforts to further the friendly ties and legislative cooperation between their two countries. The DPRK-China relations had withstood the test of history since their diplomatic links were established 60 years ago, said Kim Yong Nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly (SPA) of the DPRK, during talks with Chen Zhili, vice-chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) of China.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6831730.html>

[China, Russia to hold fourth round security talks in Beijing](#)

People's Daily, 3 December 2009

China and Russia will hold their fourth round of strategic security talks next week, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman announced on Thursday. "At the invitation of Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo, Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev will come to China to attend the fourth round of China-Russia strategic security talks from Dec. 7 to 8," said Qin Gang at a regular news briefing.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6831729.html>

[Ruling parties of China, Bangladesh pledge more exchanges](#)

People's Daily, 3 December 2009

The ruling parties of China and Bangladesh on Thursday pledged to learn from each other on party and state governance. The pledge came out of the meeting between Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping and Secretary General of Bangladesh Awami League (BAL) Syed Ashraful Islam at the Great Hall of the People Thursday afternoon.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6831728.html>

[China backs India's stand on climate change](#)

The Hindu, 3 December 2009

Ahead of the Copenhagen meet, China on Thursday backed India's stand that developing nations have no obligation to binding emission reduction targets and said it is ready to enhance "cooperation and coordination" between the two countries, which it termed as "victims" of climate change. We understand the current situation in India. We should take adaptation and mitigation measures based on our national conditions and capacity," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang told reporters here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article59545.ece>

[China, Russia to hold fourth round security talks in](#)

People's Daily, 4 December 2009

China and Russia will hold their fourth round of strategic security talks next week, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman announced on Thursday. "At the invitation of Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo, Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev will come to China to attend the fourth round of China-Russia strategic security talks from Dec. 7 to 8," said Qin Gang at a regular news briefing.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6831729.html>

[Top legislator calls for better understanding of "one country, two systems" policy](#)

People's Daily, 4 December 2009

China's top legislator Wu Bangguo Friday called for more efforts to improve public understanding of the guideline of "one country, two systems" and the Basic Law of

the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) to ensure Macao's long-term prosperity and stability. Wu, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, told a symposium marking the 10th anniversary of the implementation of the Basic Law of the Macao SAR that the great experiment of "one country, two systems" should be greatly advanced.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6832456.html>

[China, Canada sign green deal](#)

People's Daily, 4 December 2009

Canada and China signed a series of agreements on issues including climate change Thursday, during a visit by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper aimed at jump-starting ties between the two countries. Harper held talks with Chinese leaders on the second day of his four-day visit, during which both sides called for an improvement in ties that have languished in recent years.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6831784.html>

[Iran 'Bought Masses of N.Korean Arms'](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 4 December 2009

Iran has imported piles of North Korean-made conventional weapons, the Washington Post reported Thursday, even though both countries are under UN sanctions over their nuclear programs. Weapons also went to two Palestinian militant organizations, the Iran-backed Hezbollah and the Islamist Hamas, the paper said. To avoid international pursuit, the North Korean weapons were "shipped halfway around the globe in sealed containers, labeled as oil-drilling supplies, that passed through a succession of freighters and ports," including China, Southeast Asia and the Dubai free trade zone, before reaching Iran, it said.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/04/2009120400315.html

[India Announces Plan to Slow Emissions](#)

NYT, 4 December 2009

With international talks on climate change starting next week in Copenhagen, India staked out its early position on Thursday by announcing that it would slow the growth of the nation's greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, while also leaving open the possibility of taking bolder steps if an "equitable" deal can be reached during the negotiations. The Indian initiative, presented in Parliament by the country's top environmental official, means that India has now joined the United States, China, Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa in making a domestic emissions pledge before the Copenhagen talks. Like China, its approach is focused on improving energy efficiency rather than accepting mandatory limits on emissions.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/04/world/asia/04india.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[U.S. Undersecretary of State Burns to visit China, Indonesia](#)

People's Daily, 5 December 2009

U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs William J. Burns will visit China and

Indonesia next week, the State Department said on Friday. "At the invitation of his Chinese counterpart, Undersecretary Burns will travel to Beijing Dec. 8 and 9 to address key issues discussed during President Obama's recent visit," spokesman Ian Kelly told reporters at the daily press briefing.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90777/90852/6833077.html>

[China's supreme court hosts first open house for public](#)
People's Daily, 5 December 2009

China's Supreme People's Court (SPC) for the first time hosted an open house to nearly 40 invited public visitors on Friday, to mark the 9th National Day for the Publicity of the Law. SPC spokesman Sun Jungong said the move was to let the public better know about the SPC, further increase their understanding of China's legal system, and raise their awareness of safeguarding the rule of law.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6833037.html>

[Canada to further economic ties with China: PM](#)
People's Daily, 5 December 2009

Canada would like to further economic ties with China, said visiting Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Shanghai on Friday. Harper announced the launch of four new trade offices in China by the Canadian government in cooperation with the Canadian Commercial Cooperation at a welcome banquet here Friday night.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90783/91300/6833032.html>

[Chinese naval forces visit Vietnam](#)
People's Daily, 5 December 2009

Two Chinese naval ships named Cheng Hai and Chao Yang arrived at Vietnam's northern Hai Phong port on Friday for a four-day visit to the country. Chinese naval forces on the ships were warmly welcomed by the naval forces of Vietnam, the embassy of China to Vietnam, and the municipal government and people of Hai Phong.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6833025.html>

[China, Uzbekistan vow to boost sustainable development of trade relations](#)
People's Daily, 5 December 2009

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan met in Beijing Friday with his Uzbekistan counterpart Elyar Ganiev, pledging to promote the healthy and sustainable development of economic and trade ties. Wang conveyed congratulation on the success of the eighth session of the China-Uzbekistan Economic and Trade Cooperation Committee.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6833024.html>

[Another Clue to How China Managed Obama's Visit](#)
NYT, 5 December 2009

BEIJING — In case President Obama is curious, some students who went to his town hall meeting in Shanghai last month wonder how he gets along with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, given their bruising battle for the presidency. They didn't ask him. They weren't allowed. "This is a sensitive question," Ni Shixiong, one of the Chinese organizers of the event, said in an interview published in the new edition of Southern People Weekly. "It's better not to ask things related to U.S. politics."

<http://in.mc598.mail.yahoo.com/mc/login?ymv=0>

[Manmohan to attend Copenhagen summit](#)

The Hindu, 5 December 2009

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will attend the December 7-18 climate summit at Copenhagen on its last two days, a government spokesman said here Saturday. The Prime Minister will attend the "high-level segment" of the summit, where U.S. President Barack Obama, Chinese President Hu Jintao and a host of European heads of government are also scheduled to attend.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article60541.ece?homepage=true>

[Peru ratifies free trade deal with China](#)

People's Daily, 7 December 2009

Peru's government on Sunday ratified a free trade agreement with China, the president's office announced. The measure "favors Peru's interests," a brief government statement said. It did not indicate when the agreement -- made by executive decree, without Congressional input as allowed by the constitution -- would go into effect. The Peru-China free trade agreement was signed April 28 in Beijing during a visit by Peruvian Vice President Luis Giampietri.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6833442.html>

[Hun Sen praises China for building hydropower plants in Cambodia](#)

People's Daily, 7 December 2009

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen praised China on Monday for building hydropower plants in his country. Making speech during his visit to a 193-megawatt hydropower plant project being built in Kampot province, Hun Sen said "China is building batteries for Cambodia." Hun Sen said China is well-known in building hydropower not only in China, but also in some African countries and in Cambodia in particular.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6834633.html>

[Five sentenced to death in southwest China gang trial](#)

People's Daily, 7 December 2009

Five people were sentenced Monday to death after being convicted of drug trafficking, racketeering, fraud and selling counterfeit currency in southwest China. The five were convicted at the Intermediate Court of Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, of organizing a 41-strong criminal gang. The court handed down death sentences on Jiang Jiatian, leader of the gang, his mistress Yang Jufen, Yang's father Yang Guoying, and Xie Mingxiang, another core member.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6834318.html>

[Fresh Report Says Kim Jong-il's Heir Apparent Visited China](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 7 December 2009

Kim Jong-un, North Korean leader Kim Jong-il's third son and heir apparent, visited Beijing as a special envoy of Kim senior in June, NHK last Friday reported. It said Jang Song-taek, Kim senior's brother-in-law and a high-up in the North Korean Workers' Party, visited Beijing on June 10, where he met Chinese President Hu Jintao, and was accompanied by Kim junior. The Japanese broadcaster quoted diplomatic sources in Beijing as saying Jang introduced Kim Jong-un to Hu.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/07/2009120700250.html

[India keen to play deal-maker at Copenhagen](#)

The Hindu, 7 December 2009

Pledging to reduce its emissions intensity by 20-25 per cent as done by China, India led by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is ready to play a leadership role at the global climate summit at Copenhagen. Mr. Singh will join U.S. President Barack Obama and over 100 world leaders at the summit with the likelihood increasing of a consensus on a new global deal to replace the Kyoto Protocol which expires in 2012.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article61080.ece>

[Border talks proposed for Jan.](#)

Kuensel, 7 December 2009

On the request of the members of parliament the Secretary of International Boundaries, Dasho Pema Wangchuk, presented the updated status report on the Bhutan-China boundary negotiations on December 4. Dasho Pema Wangchuk informed the Assembly that in 2008 Chinese soldiers intruded deep inside Bhutanese territory and came many times to the Royal Bhutan Army (RBA) outpost at Lharigang in the Charithang valley. This year the Chinese soldiers had come 17 times to the RBA outpost at Lharigang.

<http://www.kuenselonline.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=14160>

[China pledges to advance strategic partnership with Indonesia](#)

People's Daily, 8 December 2009

China's top legislator Wu Bangguo and top political advisor Jia Qinglin made the remarks in separate meetings with Taufik Kiemas, Chairman of the People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia. "We always attach great importance to the relations with Indonesia," said Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislature.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6834742.html>

[China stresses "green economies" and South-South cooperation at UNIDO conference](#)

People's Daily, 8 December 2009

Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Yi Xiaozhun, China's representative to the 13th session of the UNIDO General Conference, said in Vienna on Monday that China considers green industry the direction of economic development in the future. At the 13th session of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) General Conference, Yi pointed out that "low-carbon economy, green industries, energy saving and new energy are where future economic growth will come from."

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6834819.html>

[China expects U.S.-DPRK dialogue to restart stalled Korean nuclear talks](#)

People's Daily, 8 December 2009

A Chinese Foreign Ministry official said Tuesday the government hoped dialogue between the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) will revive the stalled Korean nuclear talks. "We back the U.S.-DPRK engagement and dialogue. We expect the dialogue to help restart the six-party talks," spokeswoman Jiang Yu told the regular briefing on Tuesday.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6835891.html>

[China, Egypt hold meeting on parliament cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 8 December 2009

The third meeting under a regular exchange mechanism between the parliaments of China and Egypt was held here Tuesday morning. The meeting was co-chaired by Ismail Tiliwaldi, vice chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), and Deputy Speaker of Egyptian People's Assembly Zeinab Radwan.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6835742.html>

[U.S.: Agenda for N.Korea Talks 'Quite Narrow'](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 8 December 2009

A senior State Department official said Monday that the U.S. agenda for talks with North Korea will be limited to determining whether Pyongyang is willing to return to Chinese-sponsored talks on its nuclear program and to reaffirm its 2005 agreement in principle to disarm. U.S. envoy to North Korea Stephen Bosworth will arrive in Pyongyang on Tuesday for the highest-level bilateral meeting since President Barack Obama took office in January.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/08/2009120800756.html

[U.S. Envoy Makes Rare Visit to North Korea](#)

NYT, 8 December 2009

SEOUL, South Korea — President Obama's envoy to North Korea began a rare trip to Pyongyang on Tuesday, on a mission to halt the North's reactivated nuclear weapons program and persuade it to return to nuclear disarmament talks. The envoy, Stephen W. Bosworth, is the most senior American official to visit North Korea since October 2008, when Christopher R. Hill, who was then assistant secretary of state, met North Korean officials in Pyongyang. His trip marked a new phase in United States

diplomacy toward North Korea. For months, the United States had focused on punishing North Korea, leading an international campaign to enforce sanctions imposed on it for testing a long-range rocket in April and detonating a nuclear device in May.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/09/world/asia/09korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Chinese President hails strategic security talks with Russia](#)

People's Daily, 9 December 2009

Chinese President Hu Jintao Tuesday spoke highly of the strategic security talks with Russia that helped to promote bilateral ties, pledging to further the bilateral strategic partnership of cooperation in the coming year. The security talks, initiated in February 2005, served as a platform for the two states to enhance political trust and cooperation in various fields, especially in law-enforcement and security aspects.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6836012.html>

[Xinjiang police seize 94 fugitives after July 5 violence](#)

People's Daily, 9 December 2009

Police in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region have arrested 94 people listed as wanted after the July 5 riot in the regional capital, Urumqi. They were among 382 people seized by Xinjiang police in a month-long "strike hard" campaign that started in early November, said a spokesman with the regional public security department.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6837236.html>

[Canadian PM's visit to China re-energizes bilateral ties](#)

People's Daily, 9 December 2009

Observers here have rated the recent Canadian prime minister's visit to China as having re-energized stagnated ties with the Asian country. "I think the results (advanced) the relationship between the two countries," said Barbara MacDougall, former Canadian secretary of state for external affairs, in an interview with Xinhua.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6836842.html>

[In India, Anxiety Over the Slow Pace of Innovation](#)

NYT, 9 December 2009

In India, Anxiety Over the Slow Pace of Innovation Even as the rest of the world has come to admire, envy and fear India's outsourcing business and its technological prowess, many Indians are disappointed that the country has not quickly moved up to more ambitious and lucrative work from answering phones or writing software. Why, they worry, hasn't India produced a Google or an Apple? Innovation is hard to measure, but academics who study it say India has the potential to create trend-setting products but is not yet doing so. Indians are granted about half as many American patents for inventions as people and firms in Israel and China. The country's corporate and government spending on research and development significantly lags behind that of other nations. And venture capitalists finance far

fewer companies here than they do elsewhere.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/09/business/global/09innovate.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[85% of Chinese families can't afford houses](#)

People's Daily, 10 December 2009

According to Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), 85 percent of Chinese families can not afford housing expenditure, and house prices are much higher than their incomes. The situation was pointed out in the Blue Paper on Analysis and Prediction of Chinese Economics in 2010 issued by CASS Dec. 7, 2009. The Blue Paper says that house prices are 3 to 6 times greater than people's incomes; therefore it will be very difficult to buy a house for citizens. Furthermore, the average ratio of house prices to incomes in China, 2009 will be 8.3, well beyond the scope of reasonable affordability.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/90872/6835669.html>

[China, India, Brazil agree to enhance cooperation against climate change](#)

People's Daily, 10 December 2009

Premier Wen Jiabao on Thursday held separate telephone conversations concerning climate change with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. The three leaders all expressed willingness to enhance coordination and cooperation to deal with climate change, as the U.N. Climate Change Conference, which opened Monday and will run through Dec. 18, continued in Copenhagen.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6838884.html>

[Pakistani president praises China support for port project](#)

People's Daily, 10 December 2009

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari has praised China's invaluable assistance and support for the Gwadar Port project in southwestern Pakistan's Balochistan. During a meeting on Thursday with Sun Ziyu, president of China Harbor Engineering Company, Zardari said China's support to the port project has contributed a lot towards socio-economic development of Balochistan and will stand as a living testimony of deep Pak-China friendship for generations to come.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6838811.html>

[Hu Jintao's visit to Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan to boost bilateral ties: senior Chinese diplomat](#)

People's Daily, 10 December 2009

Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan next week will boost bilateral ties and mutually beneficial cooperation, a senior Chinese diplomat said Thursday. Hu will make the working visits from Dec. 12 to 14, during which he will hold talks with his Kazak counterpart Nursultan Nazarbayev and Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov on bilateral ties and international and regional issues of common concern, said Deputy Foreign Minister Wang Guangya at a

press briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6838783.html>

[Bosworth to discuss DPRK visit with Chinese officials: Chinese FM](#)

People's Daily, 10 December 2009

U.S. special envoy on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Stephen Bosworth will discuss his visit to the DPRK with the Chinese officials when he arrives in China Friday, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said Thursday. Bosworth is scheduled to meet with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and Vice Minister Wu Dawei, Jiang Yu told a regular news briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6838785.html>

[China and Russia Lagging in Global Anti-Graft Effort](#)

NYT, 10 December 2009

PARIS — A sensitive question loomed this week over celebrations for the 10th anniversary of an international convention aimed at curbing bribery: Where were China and Russia? At events in Paris and Washington on Wednesday, officials and campaigners lauded the progress made under the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Anti-Bribery Convention, in terms of laws passed and convictions secured. At the same time, they conceded that the enforcement record was sometimes spotty, even for the 38 signatories, and announced steps to tighten its standards.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/11/business/global/11corrupt.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China's Economic Power Unsettles the Neighbors](#)

NYT, 10 December 2009

China has long claimed to be just another developing nation, even as its economic power far outstripped that of any other emerging country. Now, it is finding it harder to cast itself as a friendly alternative to an imperious American superpower. For many in Asia, it is the new colossus. "China 10 years ago is totally different with China now," said Ansari Bukhari, who oversees metals, machinery and other crucial sectors for Indonesia's Ministry of Industry. "They are stronger and bigger than other countries. Why do we have to give them preference?"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/10/world/asia/10jakarta.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

['India, China seen as major powers of 21st century'](#)

The Hindu, 10 December 2009

India and China are being seen as major powers of the 21st century, and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has conveyed to the Chinese leadership that differences should not be allowed to affect functional cooperation in other areas and peace and tranquillity needed to be maintained, External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna said on Wednesday.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article63329.ece>

[Nation rolls out steel tax on US](#)

People's Daily, 11 December 2009

China, the world's largest maker and consumer of steel products, fired back yesterday at the United States for its anti-dumping measures against Chinese steel exports, launching its own punitive taxes on steel from US as well as Russia. The Ministry of Commerce said yesterday on its website that US and Russian steelmakers must pay anti-dumping duties as high as 25 percent beginning today. The US steel industry must also tack on a 12 percent tax when it exports its products to China.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6839940.html>

[China wants population reflected in outcome of climate talks](#)

People's Daily, 11 December 2009

China has called for the impact of population to be factored into the final result of the UN climate change conference here. "A solution to climate change is closely related to population management. China's experiences show that long-term, balanced development can only be achieved through population management and other effective measures," Zhao Baige, vice minister of China's National Population and Family Planning Commission, told reporters on the sidelines of the UN conference Thursday.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6840033.html>

[Stronger relations with China good for regional peace, stability: Kazakh FM](#)

People's Daily, 11 December 2009

Stronger relations with China was Kazakhstan's foreign policy priority and would help protect regional peace and stability, Kazakh Foreign Minister Kanat Saudabayev said during an interview with Xinhua on the eve of Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit here. "China is a great neighbor of Kazakhstan," he said. "To cement relations with China suits Kazakhstan's interest, and is conducive to regional peace and stability."

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6840044.html>

[Ruling parties of China, Japan agree on seeking stronger overall relationship](#)

People's Daily, 11 December 2009

The pledge came out of a meeting between Chinese President Hu Jintao and Secretary General of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) Ichiro Ozawa in Beijing on Thursday afternoon. Ozawa is leading a delegation of 600-strong members, including 146 DPJ lawmakers from the upper and lower houses of the Japanese Diet, for a four-day visit in Beijing.

<http://english.cpc.people.com.cn/66102/6838923.html>

[Security on alert for island talks](#)

People's Daily, 11 December 2009

A senior Taiwan negotiator Thursday pledged to ensure the safety and dignity for

Beijing's top envoy when he visits the island for the upcoming cross-Straits talks. Chen Yunlin, president of the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) and Chiang Pin-kung, chairman of the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF), will hold their highly anticipated discussions from Dec 21-25 in the island city of Taichung. The frame and scope of the discussions were finalized by Kao Koong-lian, SEF vice-chairman, and Zheng Lizhong, ARATS vice-president, who met Thursday in Fuzhou, capital of East China's Fujian province.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6839107.html>

Clinton Calls 'Exploratory' Meeting with N.Korea 'Quite Positive'

Chosun Ilbo, 11 December 2009

"The approach that our administration is taking is of strategic patience in close coordination with our six-party allies," says Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says U.S. envoy Stephen Bosworth's mission to North Korea this week was "quite positive" even though it yielded no firm commitment by Pyongyang to return to Chinese-sponsored talks on its nuclear program. It was the Obama administration's first high-level meeting with North Korea.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/11/2009121100322.html

Ozawa's 600-member team visits China

Asahi Shimbun, 11 December 2009

BEIJING--Ichiro Ozawa, secretary-general of the Democratic Party of Japan, visited China on Thursday as the head of a 626-strong delegation. Ozawa also spent 30 minutes with Chinese President Hu Jintao at the Great Hall of the People. The delegation, the DPJ's largest to China, included 143 members of the lower and upper houses, or about one-third of the party's lawmakers. Other members are mostly supporters of the DPJ lawmakers.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/11/2009121100322.html

China Indicts Prominent Dissident

NYT, 11 December 2009

BEIJING — Liu Xiaobo, one of China's best-known dissidents and a principal author of a pro-democracy manifesto that has attracted more than 10,000 signatures from Chinese supporters, was indicted Thursday on charges of trying to subvert the state, his lawyer said. Mr. Liu was expected to be tried in four to six weeks, the lawyer, Shang Baojun, said Friday. The authorities disclosed the decision to prosecute Mr. Liu — a step that almost invariably ends in imprisonment — exactly one year and a day after the manifesto, Charter 08, was published. Other Charter 08 signers said in interviews that the government was using Mr. Liu's case to send a strong message to Chinese intellectuals that it would not tolerate organized, independent efforts to foster democracy.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/12/world/asia/12china.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[BIMSTEC adopts convention to combat terrorism, insurgency](#)

The Hindu, 11 December 2009

PTI External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna speaking at a press conference in New York. BIMSTEC, on Friday, adopts convention to combat terrorism, insurgency. File Photo: PTI .The seven-nation BIMSTEC grouping on Friday adopted a convention to combat terrorism and insurgency, a step that is expected to add teeth to India's action against militancy, particularly in its north east. Foreign Ministers of India, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Thailand and Nepal signed the Convention on Cooperation in Combating International Terrorism, Trans-National Organised Crime and Illicit Drug Trafficking at the 12th BIMSTEC Ministerial meeting here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article63493.ece>

[Chinese president leaves for Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan](#)

People's Daily, 12 December 2009

Chinese President Hu Jintao left here Saturday morning for working visits to Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. Hu's entourage includes Ling Jihua, member of the Secretariat of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee; Wang Huning, member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee and director of the Policy Research Office of the CPC Central Committee; State Councilor Dai Bingguo; Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi; Commerce Minister Chen Deming; Director of the National Administration of Energy Zhang Guobao and Director of the President's Office Chen Shiju.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6840098.html>

[Chinese FM discusses bilateral ties, Copenhagen conference with counterparts](#)

People's Daily, 12 December 2009

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi exchanged views with his counterparts from a number of other countries on the ongoing U.N. Climate Change Conference and bilateral relations during telephone conversations this week. The countries included Indonesia, Sudan, Australia, Russia, the United States, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6840093.html>

[Agency upset by late request for meeting with Xi](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 12 December 2009

The head of the Imperial Household Agency was clearly put out Friday over a belated request to set up a meeting in the coming week between Emperor Akihito and Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping. A visibly displeased Shingo Haketa, who is the grand steward, accused the government in a roundabout way of using the emperor for political purposes. "This is very sad," Haketa told reporters. "Something like this should not occur simply because the other nation is considered important. This must never happen again.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/Herald-asahi/TKY200912120147.html>

[Nepal, China to promote friendship exchange](#)

People's Daily, 13 December 2009

With the purpose of promoting friendship exchanges, Nepal and China have agreed to boost up friendly exchange programs in people-to-people level. World Culture Net (WCN)-Nepali Center for International Exchange signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) on Friday to promote friendly exchanges between Nepal and China.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6840308.html>

[Highlights of Chinese vice president's interview with Japanese, ROK media](#)

People's Daily, 13 December 2009

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping on Saturday had a joint interview with journalists from Japanese and the Republic of Korea (ROK) media ahead of his visit to four Asian nations including the two countries. Xi will pay an official visit to Japan, the ROK, Cambodia and Myanmar from Dec. 14 to 22, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6840310.html>

[Chinese president visits Kazakhstan to advance ties](#)

People's Daily, 13 December 2009

Chinese President Hu Jintao Saturday started his two-nation Central Asian tour in Kazakhstan in a bid to boost mutual trust and advance cooperation with the region. Hu met his Kazakh counterpart, Nursultan Nazarbayev, on Saturday to discuss ways of further developing the friendly ties between their countries. They also exchange views on major international and regional issues of common concern, Chinese diplomats said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6840368.html>

[Hu attends inauguration of China-Central Asia gas pipeline](#)

People's Daily, 14 December 2009

Chinese President Hu Jintao, together with leaders of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, attended an inauguration ceremony for the China-Central Asia natural gas pipeline on Monday in a gas plant near the Turkmen-Uzbek border. At the ceremony on the right bank of the Amu Darya River, Hu, Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov, Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev and Uzbek President Islam Karimov spoke highly of the pipeline, describing it as a successful example of cooperation among countries in the region.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6841793.html>

[Senior Chinese political advisor meets DPRK guest](#)

People's Daily, 14 December 2009

Li Jinhua, vice chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee, on Monday met with Kim Wan Su, director of the secretariat of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of

the Fatherland (CCDFRF) of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). Kim is visiting China from Dec. 14 to 19 at the invitation of CPPCC National Committee.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6841830.html>

[Japanese PM, Chinese VP meet to promote bilateral ties](#)

People's Daily, 14 December 2009

Visiting Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping met with Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama Monday with an aim to further develop the strategic mutually beneficial relationship. The visit of Xi, who arrived in Japan earlier in the day, is the first by a Chinese state leader since the new Japanese government took office in this September.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6841857.html>

[Development of Macao shows vitality of "one country, two systems": Chief Executive](#)

People's Daily, 14 December 2009

The development of Macao since its return to the motherland demonstrated the strong vitality of the "one country, two systems" concept, said Edmund Ho Hau Wah, chief executive of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) in a special press interview. The concept was proposed by then Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping in the early 1980s for the reunification of China. Under the mechanism, Macao retained its capitalist systems after returning to the motherland on Dec. 20, 1999.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6841855.html>

[New Gas Pipeline From Central Asia Feeds China](#)

NYT, 15 December 2009

MOSCOW — With the turn of a ceremonial valve, China's president, Hu Jintao, opened a big natural gas pipeline from central Asia to China on Monday, significantly increasing China's access to the fuel and providing the first major alternative to exporting the region's gas through Russia. The ambitious project runs 1,140 miles across three Central Asian nations to the Chinese border, linking Turkmenistan to the Chinese region of Xinjiang. Once inside China, it connects with a pipeline that can carry the fuel even farther east.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/15/world/asia/15pipeline.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Arms Sales to Taiwan Will Proceed, U.S. Says](#)

NYT, 15 December 2009

BEIJING — The Obama administration will proceed with arms sales to Taiwan despite recent protests by Chinese officials, an American official said Tuesday. The official, Raymond Burghardt, is chairman of the American Institute in Taipei, the de facto United States Embassy in Taiwan. Speaking in a telephone interview from Hawaii, where he lives, he said that sales of arms to Taiwan were consistent with what White House officials have been saying was President Obama's policy. "No one should be surprised when we move forward with them," he said.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/16/world/asia/16taiwan.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[China says rich countries responsible for slow Copenhagen talks progress](#)

People's Daily, 15 December 2009

China said Tuesday that the rich countries should be responsible for the sluggish progress of the Copenhagen climate talks as they "move backward" on such issues like technological and financial support for the developing countries. "The Copenhagen conference has now entered a crucial stage and made some progress, but some problems and differences still exist," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu at a regular news briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6843198.html>

[Chinese, Polish military officials vow to boost cooperation](#)

People's Daily, 15 December 2009

China and Poland will bolster military exchanges and cooperation in a bid to promote bilateral relations, senior Chinese and Polish military officials said in Beijing Tuesday. China would work with Poland to promote lasting and in-depth ties, said Xu Caihou, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission, in a meeting with Polish Defense Minister Bogdan Klich.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6843115.html>

[Chinese VP meets with Japanese Diet leaders to promote exchanges](#)

People's Daily, 15 December 2009

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping on Tuesday met with Takahiro Yokomichi, speaker of Japan's House of Representatives, and Satsuki Eda, president of the House of Councilors, respectively to discuss the role of parliamentary communications. Xi spoke positively of China-Japan relations, saying President Hu Jintao's state visit to Japan last year pushed bilateral ties to a new historical beginning.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6843113.html>

[China to work with France to advance bilateral ties, says FM spokeswoman](#)

People's Daily, 15 December 2009

China on Tuesday said it hoped to work with France to promote the healthy and stable growth of bilateral ties. French Prime Minister Francois Fillon will pay an official visit to China from Dec. 20 to 22 as guest of Premier Wen Jiabao. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu briefed a regular press conference on Fillon's upcoming visit, saying that Chinese President Hu Jintao, top legislator Wu Bangguo and Premier Wen will meet with him separately.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6843199.html>

[Xi arrives while controversy rages](#)

Asahi Shimbun, 15 December 2009

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping arrived on Monday amid a domestic controversy over a hastily arranged deal for him to have an audience with the emperor. Xi is visiting for talks aimed at resolving contentious issues between Tokyo and Beijing so as to improve bilateral ties. Xi is seen as the likeliest candidate to eventually succeed President Hu Jintao.

<http://www.asahi.com/english/Herald-asahi/TKY200912150096.html>

[Annie Raja leads CPI delegation to China](#)

The Hindu, 15 December 2009

A delegation of the Communist Party of India left here for Beijing, China, on the invitation of the Communist Party of China. The seven-member delegation is led by Annie Raja, member of the party's national executive. During the week-long visit the team would meet CPC party officials and others.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article65703.ece>

[India fears climate talks will collapse](#)

The Hindu, 15 December 2009

With no signs of breakthrough in the tough negotiations in the climate change conference here, India fears that the talks could collapse. As negotiators raced against time to hammer out a deal, four developing countries - India, Brazil, South Africa and China - today issued a joint statement accusing the rich nations of trying to derail the talks.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article65657.ece>

[Nuclear Power Expansion in China Stirs Concerns](#)

NYT, 16 December 2009

SHENZHEN, China — China is preparing to build three times as many nuclear power plants in the coming decade as the rest of the world combined, a breakneck pace with the potential to help slow global warming. China's civilian nuclear power industry — with 11 reactors operating and construction starting on as many as an additional 10 each year — is not known to have had a serious accident in 15 years of large-scale electricity production. And with China already the largest emitter of gases blamed for global warming, the expansion of nuclear power would at least slow the increase in emissions.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/16/business/global/16chinanuke.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[Chinese VP meets with Japanese FM, SDP leader](#)

People's Daily, 16 December 2009

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping met separately with Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada and Social Democratic Party (SDP) leader Mizuho Fukushima on Wednesday on the third and final day of his visit in the country, saying it was a success. The visit, though brief, was rich in content, Xi said. Japan is the first stop of Xi's current four-nation Asian tour.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6844446.html>

[China confident of security during Taiwan talks](#)

People's Daily, 16 December 2009

A Chinese government spokesperson said Wednesday that this month's talks between the Chinese mainland and Taiwan on the island will be supported and welcomed by Taiwan compatriots. The mainland believed the Taiwan authorities would take necessary measures to maintain security of the talks and the mainland delegation, said Fan Liqing, spokeswoman for the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office, at a press conference in Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6844202.html>

[China, Poland seek to further military ties](#)

People's Daily, 16 December 2009

Senior Chinese and Polish military officials held talks here Wednesday afternoon on bolstering military ties. China would work with Poland to promote in-depth development of bilateral military relations, said Chinese Defense Minister Liang Guanglie when having talks with visiting Polish Defense Minister Bogdan Klich.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6844425.html>

[China protests Copenhagen chair's draft texts](#)

People's Daily, 16 December 2009

China on Wednesday protested the proposed draft texts of the Copenhagen climate change conference the Danish chair put forward without consulting the parties to the conference. This is a party-driven process, you can't just put forward a text from the sky," China's chief negotiator Su Wei said at the morning session of the conference after an announcement on such draft texts by the Danish chair.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6844447.html>

[Protest looms over island talks](#)

People's Daily, 16 December 2009

The threat of a large-scale protest of nearly 100,000, employing flash mobs and remote-controlled planes, was announced by Taiwan's pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) to possibly thwart the anticipated cross-Straits talks next week. Chen Yunlin, president of the Beijing-based Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS), will meet Chiang Pin-kung, chairman of the Taipei-based Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF), for the fourth round of talks Dec 21-25 in the city of Taichung.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6843353.html>

[Dams and Development Threaten the Mekong](#)

NYT, 17 December 2009

SOP RUAK, Thailand — Basket loads of fish, villagers bathing along the banks of the river, a farmer's market selling jungle delicacies — these are Pornlert Prompanya's

boyhood memories of a wild and pristine Mekong River. Mr. Pornlert — now 32 and the owner of a company that organizes speedboat outings for tourists in this village in northern Thailand, where Myanmar and Laos converge — peers across the Mekong today at a more modern picture: a newly constructed, gold-domed casino where high-rollers are chauffeured along the riverbanks in a Bentley and a stretch Cadillac limousine.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/18/world/asia/18mekong.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[China, DPRK to enhance co-op between public security ministries](#)

People's Daily, 17 December 2009

Public security ministers from China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Wednesday agreed to enhance cooperation between their ministries. "We hope the two ministries will increase communication and coordination and promote exchanges and cooperation to jointly safeguard regional peace and stability," Meng Jianzhu, China's State Councilor and Public Security Minister, said in a meeting with DPRK Minister of People's Security Ju Sang Song.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6845601.html>

[China urges six parties to seize opportunity to restart Korea talks](#)

People's Daily, 17 December 2009

China on Thursday urged parties involved in the Korean nuclear talks to seize the favorable opportunity to restart the stalled talks following U.S. special envoy's Pyongyang visit. "We believe that all parties involved should grab favorable opportunities and make joint efforts to improve the situation on the Korean Peninsula," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Jiang Yu told a regular press briefing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6845599.html>

[Indonesian minister says no delay on ASEAN-China FTA](#)

People's Daily, 17 December 2009

Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Economy Hatta Rajasa said on Thursday that the country will stick to its commitment in implementing the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area on Jan. 1. Generally, we do not have any reason for not to implement the FTA, but (at the same time) we want to protect our national interest," he said after a cabinet meeting here.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6845609.html>

[Is Kim Jong-il Going to China?](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 17 December 2009

North Korean leader Kim Jong-il may be gearing up to visit China after a series of key aides went there and the North banned foreigners from entering for two months. The North has closed the border with China before when Kim was headed for Beijing to guarantee the paranoid leader's safety aboard his private armored train.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/17/2009121700378.html

[Ahmed Mukhtar stopped from leaving country](#)

The News, 17 December 2009

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Defence Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar, whose name is on ECL, has been stopped from leaving the country for China here at Islamabad airport on Thursday. The Federal Minister, along with his delegation, was scheduled to leave the country on PIA's flight no PK-852 for China on an official visit. He was intercepted by the FIA staff at the Islamabad airport just before getting on board the flight.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=93807>

[China Is Disputing Status of Uighurs in Cambodia](#)

NYT, 18 December 2009

BEIJING — The Chinese Foreign Ministry has hinted that it is seeking or will seek the return of 22 Uighurs who fled to Cambodia after the eruption of deadly ethnic riots in July in western China and a subsequent government crackdown. The Uighurs are a Turkic-speaking ethnic minority group concentrated in western China whose members often say the Chinese government, dominated by ethnic Han, discriminates against them. The 22 Uighurs in Cambodia entered the country about a month ago with the aid of an underground network of Christian missionaries in China that usually helps North Koreans reach nations where they can seek refugee status.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/18/world/asia/18xinjiang.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Obama Presses China on Rules for Monitoring Emissions Cuts](#)

NYT, 18 December 2009

COPENHAGEN — President Obama, speaking to world leaders gathered here at the frenzied end of two weeks of climate talks, urged them to come to an agreement — no matter how imperfect — to address global warming and monitor whether countries are in compliance with promised emissions cuts. His remarks appeared to be a pointed reference to China's resistance on the issue of monitoring, which has proved a stubborn obstacle at the talks and a source of tension between China and the United States, the two largest emitters of greenhouse gases. After delivering the speech to a plenary session of 119 world leaders, Mr. Obama met privately with China's prime minister, Wen Jiabao, in an hourlong session that a White House official described as "constructive."

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/19/science/earth/19climate.html?_r=1&ref=asia&pagewanted=print

[Pakistani PM lauds China's contribution in Pakistan](#)

People's Daily, 18 December 2009

Pakistani Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani said on Friday that the Government of Pakistan recognizes the valuable contribution being made by the time-tested and all-weather friend China. The Prime Minister expressed these views in a meeting with a delegation of Huawei Technologies headed by its CEO, August Ye, which called on him prior to the signing of agreement between COMSATS Institute of IT and Huawei

Technologies, a PM office statement said.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6846765.html>

[**Air strip for Indian Air Force in Nepal targets Tibet**](#)

People's Daily, 18 December 2009

According to a report published Wednesday in the Telegraph Nepal, India plans to construct an air strip in Surkhet, Nepal, which is close to the tri-junction, Kalapani, where China meets India in Nepali territory. The move caused great concern from the Chinese side. A military delegation, headed by Jia Xiaoning, deputy chief of the Foreign Affairs Office at China's Ministry of National Defense arrived in Nepal December 14 to conduct negotiations.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6845368.html>

[**Top Chinese political advisor pledges to further ties with DPRK**](#)

People's Daily, 18 December 2009

Top Chinese political advisor Jia Qinglin said here Friday China was ready to work with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to push forward bilateral friendship. Jia, chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee, made the remarks when meeting with a delegation from the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland (DFRF) of the DPRK.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6846774.html>

[**Wen: China faces special difficulty in emissions reduction**](#)

People's Daily, 18 December 2009

China's population of 1.3 billion presented a special difficulty in cutting emissions but it would do whatever was within its capacity to address global climate change, said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Friday. China's per capita GDP has only just exceeded 3,000 U.S. dollars and, according to UN standards, China still had 150 million people living below the poverty line, Wen said in his speech, delivered at the opening session of the final summit segment of the U.N. climate change conference in Copenhagen.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6846776.html>

[**Chinese Vice President Meets Top Korean Leaders**](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 18 December 2009

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping was treated to a full red-carpet treatment during his visit to Seoul on Thursday. Xi is officially the sixth most senior official in China, but met with President Lee Myung-bak, National Assembly Speaker Kim Hyong-o, the heads of Korea's four business lobby groups and Prime Minister Chung Un-chan. It was an exceptional welcome for an official of his status, but befitting his stature as Xi is being groomed as China's next leader. He is widely expected to be appointed to the top position during the 18th Communist Party Congress in 2012. The newly appointed Korean Ambassador to China Yu Woo-ik accompanied Xi throughout his stay.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/18/2009121800692.html

[Defence minister barred from taking off for China](#)

The News, 18 December 2009

ISLAMABAD: After the Supreme Court verdict on the NRO, Defence Minister Ch Ahmed Mukhtar had to shelve his important China visit due to the inclusion of his name on the Exit Control List (ECL). The defence minister was scheduled to go to China along with Naval chief Admiral Nauman Bashir to participate in a ceremony of taking over Frigate-22 from Chinese authorities. The visit had been finalised three months back but owing to the ECL restriction for the minister, the admiral had to leave without his political boss. He was seen off at the airport by China's ambassador to Pakistan Luo Zhaohui.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=26145

[PM suspends Interior Secretary, FIA officials](#)

The News, 18 December 2009

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani Friday suspended the Interior Secretary Qamar-uz-Zaman Chaudhry following Defence Minister Ahmed Mukhtar's barring from leaving for China. The Prime Minister's move came following yesterday's episode in which the Defence Minister Ahmed Mukhtar was prevented from boarding the plane en route to China by the FIA officials. The Minister was told that his name was on Exit Control List (ECL).

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=93877>

[20 Uighurs Are Deported to China](#)

NYT, 20 December 2009

BANGKOK — Under pressure from China, and despite the objections of the United States and the United Nations, the Cambodian government on Saturday deported 20 members of the Uighur minority who had sought asylum after fleeing a government crackdown in China. "They are going back to China," said an Interior Ministry spokesman, Lt. Gen. Khieu Sopheak. He said the Uighurs had been put on a special plane sent from China that left the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, on Saturday night.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/20/world/asia/20uighur.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page=1

["One country, two systems" successful in Macao: President Hu](#)

People's Daily, 20 December 2009

President Hu Jintao said Sunday the practice of "one country, two systems" was successful in Macao, vowing to stick to the "correct road." In a meeting with representatives of different circles in Macao, Hu said the development and progress since Macao's return to the motherland ten years ago showed Macao compatriots had the wisdom and ability to manage and develop Macao. Hu attributed Macao's development to concerted efforts made by all the Macao people.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6847175.html>

[Chinese vice president arrives in Yangon](#)

People's Daily, 20 December 2009

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping arrived in Yangon on Saturday to start a visit to Myanmar, the third leg of his four-nation Asian tour. In a written statement, Xi said China and Myanmar were good neighbors, and the long-term friendship, fostered by the leaders of the two countries, had been upgraded since the two countries forged diplomatic ties. He said the two countries had conducted fruitful cooperation in various fields and maintained coordination in the international and regional affairs.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6847079.html>

[Chinese premier meets Obama over climate change](#)

People's Daily, 20 December 2009

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met with U.S. President Barack Obama in Copenhagen on Friday to discuss climate change. Wen said climate change is a global challenge and an important field for cooperation between China and the United States. The key to this issue is to stick to the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities," said Wen.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6846797.html>

[Report: U.S. Proposes Diplomatic Office in N.Korea](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 20 December 2009

South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported Friday that Washington has proposed setting up a liaison office in Pyongyang. If accurate, the offer would establish the first permanent and direct diplomatic interaction between the two countries. The offer was apparently part of a letter hand carried to Pyongyang earlier this month by U.S. envoy Stephen Bosworth. Bosworth refused to acknowledge the existence of such a letter while here in Seoul following his trip. The South Korean media report cites diplomatic sources in China.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/19/2009121900257.html

[After Expelling Uighurs, Cambodia Approves Chinese Investments](#)

NYT, 22 December 2009

BANGKOK — China signed 14 deals with Cambodia on Monday worth approximately \$1 billion, two days after Cambodia deported 20 ethnic Uighur asylum seekers under strong pressure from Beijing. The deportation, in defiance of protests by the United States, the United Nations and human rights groups, came on the day before a visit to Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, by Vice President Xi Jinping of China. The package of grants and loans was signed at the end of Mr. Xi's visit. The Cambodian Foreign Ministry quoted Mr. Xi as saying: "It can be said that Sino-Cambodia relations are a model of friendly cooperation."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/22/world/asia/22cambodia.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Beijing hits back at climate bickering](#)

People's Daily, 22 December 2009

Wrangling between developed and developing countries over the disputed "Copenhagen Accord" continued Monday, despite the frantic two-week UN climate talks having ended over the weekend. While Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao insisted that China played an "important and constructive" role in pushing the conference to its results, Britain said the meeting turned into a farce, putting the blame on Beijing.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6848407.html>

[China, France ink aviation, nuke deals](#)

People's Daily, 22 December 2009

Beijing and Paris yesterday inked deals on nuclear energy and aviation, an indication of improved relations a year after the French president soured ties by publicly embracing the Dalai Lama. France's President Nicolas Sarkozy also confirmed through visiting French Prime Minister Francois Fillon that he will attend the inauguration of the Shanghai World Expo in May next year in another sign of mended relations.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6848468.html>

[Mass protests on the rise in 2009: blue book](#)

People's Daily, 22 December 2009

Sit-ins, roadblocks and other forms of mass protest have been more frequent this year due to "people's discontent in the way government policy is implemented," said the 2010 blue book released Monday by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). "During China's economic boom, many problems involving relocation law, industrial reform and land-use still remain unresolved. It has deepened people's discontent," Li Peilin, director of the Sociology Institute of CASS, said at Monday's press conference for the release of the government blue book report, Society of China: Analysis and Forecast 2010.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6848402.html>

[Reaction mixed to Beijing envoy](#)

People's Daily, 22 December 2009

Beijing's top envoy to Taiwan said he respected the rights of demonstrators who filled the city's streets yesterday to protest his trip as he attempts to build closer ties across the Straits. Chen Yunlin, president of the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS), arrived for high-level trade talks scheduled to start today and was greeted by tens of thousands of anti-mainland demonstrators and mainland-friendly sympathizers.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6848479.html>

[China says handling with citizens deported from Cambodia its own affair](#)

People's Daily, 22 December 2009

China said on Tuesday that it was the country's internal affair to deal with the citizens deported from Cambodia, who were suspected of committing criminal

offences, and the outside world should not make irresponsible remarks. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu made the remarks at a regular news briefing in response to a question on Cambodia's deportation of 20 Chinese citizens of the Uygur ethnic group.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6849491.html>

[Kim Jong-il Likely to Visit China Early Next Year](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 22 December 2009

North Korean leader Kim Jong-il is likely to visit China early in 2010 for the first time in four years to hold talks with Chinese President Hu Jintao. The Yomiuri Shimbun, citing diplomatic sources out of North Korea, reported that a Pyongyang official close to the reclusive leader has been laying the groundwork for Kim's trip to China in January or February.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/22/2009122200563.html

[China calls for proper handling of sensitive issues amid French PM's visit](#)

People's Daily, 23 December 2009

China on Tuesday said the proper handling of sensitive issues was crucial to stronger Sino-French ties, and proposed deeper political trust and wider pragmatic cooperation. "Both countries should properly deal with sensitive issues, enhance political trust, expand pragmatic cooperation in an effort to bring bilateral relationship to a new high," Chinese President Hu Jintao told visiting French Prime Minister Francois Fillon Tuesday afternoon.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6849520.html>

[Xi's Asian tour enhances good-neighborliness, mutual trust: vice FM](#)

People's Daily, 23 December 2009

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping's visits to Japan, South Korea, Myanmar and Cambodia consolidated friendly relations, enhanced mutual trust and promoted practical cooperation with the countries, the vice foreign minister said Tuesday. Xi was the first Chinese state leader to visit Japan since the new Japanese government led by Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama took office in September, said Wu Dawei.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6849533.html>

[Deals open idea to end Straits ill-will](#)

People's Daily, 23 December 2009

Despite a fruitful beginning to build economic ties across the Straits, the rhetoric of Beijing and Taipei officials indicated there is a long way to go before political discussions to end hostility commence. Chen Yunlin, the mainland's top envoy to Taiwan as president of the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS), said economic issues remain the key to cross-Straits talks.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6849571.html>

[China to convey voice with more open mind](#)

People's Daily, 23 December 2009

The State Council Information Office held a New Year reception in Beijing December 22. About 350 people including foreign ambassadors and press officers, representatives from relevant international organizations and businesses, reporters from foreign news agencies as well as Hong Kong and Macao, spokespeople from central state departments, chiefs of relevant news agencies, and news and commercial websites owned by the central government, attended the reception.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6850517.html>

[China, India, South Africa vital for climate deal](#)

The Hindu, 23 December 2009

The emergence of China, India, South Africa and Brazil as a grouping was the most significant outcome of the climate talks in Copenhagen, a U.N. official said on Wednesday. The Copenhagen Accord - which urges major polluters to make deeper emissions cuts but does not require it - emerged principally from President Barack Obama's meeting with the leaders of the four countries, a group referred to as BASIC.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article69518.ece>

[PM's China visit](#)

Kathmandu Post, 23 December 2009

KATHMANDU, DEC 22 - Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal is embarking on his maiden China visit on Dec. 26, with the hope of extracting Beijing's commitment to key infrastructure projects, including hydropower plants. The prime minister will lead a 29-member team — 14 making up the official delegation and 15 others from the business community. Nepal discussed the agenda with his Cabinet colleagues and select members of the business community at the Prime Minister's Office on Tuesday. During his five-day visit, the prime minister will meet Chinese President Hu Jintao, Prime Minister Wen Jiabao and chair of the National People's Congress.

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2009/12/22/top-stories/PMs-China-visit/3300/>

[China adopts amendment to renewable energy law](#)

People's Daily, 26 December 2009

China's top legislature adopted Saturday an amendment to the renewable energy law to require electricity grid companies to buy all the power produced by renewable energy generators. The amendment says the State Council energy department and the state power regulatory agency should supervise the purchases.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6852922.html>

[Thailand Extends Detention for Crew Shipping N.Korean Weapons](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 26 December 2009

A Thai court has ordered the crew of a cargo plane transporting weapons from North Korea to remain in jail for 12 more days. The five crew members, consisting of one

Belarus national and four Kazakh nationals, were arrested in mid-December after their cargo plane was seized during a stop in Bangkok.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/26/2009122600175.html

[India-Japan to strengthen bilateral relations](#)

The Hindu, 26 December 2009

Apart from improving their coordination on security issues, India and Japan will also consolidate their economic ties during the visit of Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama this week. Meeting against the backdrop of Japanese investment in India having exceeded its investment in China for the first time in 2008-09, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Mr. Hatoyama will seek to give a push to the multi-billion dollar Delhi-Mumbai freight corridor with the aim to complete it by 2016-17. The summit level meeting will aim to tie up the loose ends so that the assistance agreement is finalised by early next year. The project will provide speedy transportation to goods from the industrial heartlands of north India to ports on the western flank.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/business/article70674.ece>

[Chairman urges preparedness for top political advisory body's annual session](#)

People's Daily, 27 December 2009

Top Chinese political advisor Jia Qinglin has called for adequate preparation for next year's annual session of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC). A meeting of the CPPCC National Committee's chairperson and vice chairpersons decided Saturday to open the annual full session of the top political advisory body on March 3 next year.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6852943.html>

[Malaysia to attract investment from China more actively](#)

People's Daily, 27 December 2009

Malaysia has lined up 10 initiatives to attract businessmen from China in a more active way to promote China-Malaysia's bilateral trade, a Malaysian official said here in an interview with Xinhua recently. Wong Lai Sum, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), said this is in tandem with the fully implementation of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA).

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6852949.html>

[Nepali PM visits Lhasa, kicking off China tour](#)

People's Daily, 27 December 2009

Nepali Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal arrived here Saturday afternoon, kicking off a six-day visit to China at the invitation of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. This was his first official visit to China since he became prime minister of the Himalayan nation in May this year.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6852945.html>

[China Executes Briton Despite Appeals for Mercy](#)

NYT, 29 December 2009

A British man convicted of drug smuggling was executed in China early Tuesday, despite appeals for clemency on the grounds of mental illness from his family, human rights groups and Prime Minister Gordon Brown of Britain. The man, Akmal Shaikh, 53, was executed by lethal injection in the far western region of Xinjiang, where he had been convicted in 2008 of entering the country carrying a suitcase stuffed with heroin, according to Xinhua, China's official news agency. In a statement, Mr. Brown said he condemned the execution "in the strongest terms" and that he was "appalled" that the court had not granted clemency to Mr. Shaikh, whom family members said had a history of mental illness.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/30/world/asia/30china.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

[China Finds \\$35 Billion in Fraud by Officials](#)

NYT, 29 December 2009

SHANGHAI — Chinese officials misused or embezzled about \$35 billion in government money in the first 11 months of the year, according to a national audit released this week. The announcement is the latest indication of how widespread corruption has become among government agencies and how difficult it will be for Beijing to root out. The National Audit Office, which carried out the examination, did not disclose the size of the budgets reviewed this year. But the agency, which is based in Beijing, said it surveyed nearly 100,000 government departments and state-owned companies, and that more than 1,000 officials were facing prosecution or disciplinary action because of the audits.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/30/world/asia/30fraud.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[North Korea Detains American](#)

NYT, 29 December 2009

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Tuesday that it had detained an American citizen who the government said had illegally entered the reclusive country from China. The brief dispatch by the North's official news agency, K.C.N.A., did not identify the person, who it said was under interrogation by the authorities. It said the intruder crossed the river border into North Korea on Thursday. An American missionary from Tucson entered North Korea from China on Friday. The missionary, Robert Park, 28, had said he intended to persuade the North's leader, Kim Jong-il, to release political prisoners and that he hoped to get arrested to bring attention to his cause, according to human rights activists in Seoul.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/29/world/asia/29korea.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Audit unearths huge graft](#)

People's Daily, 29 December 2009

The National Audit Office (NAO) has found over 234 billion yuan (\$34.5 billion) of public finances was misused in its annual audits of almost 100,000 government

departments and State-owned enterprises (SOEs), China's chief auditor said Monday. The NAO transferred the cases of 67 officials and senior managers of SOEs to discipline-inspection and judicial organizations for investigation for their alleged involvement in the massive embezzlement, Liu Jiayi, head of the NAO, said Monday at the annual conference of auditors.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6854413.html>

[Nuclear power project launched in E. China](#)

People's Daily, 29 December 2009

The first phase of a nuclear power project was launched in east China's Shandong Province on Monday. The project, in Shandong's Haiyang City, consists of eight nuclear power units with pressurized-water reactors. The first phase of the project includes two units each with an installed capacity of 1.25 gigawatts, according to Lu Qizhou, general manager of China Power Investment Corporation.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90881/6854469.html>

[Experts defend China's execution of British drug smuggler](#)

People's Daily, 29 December 2009

China has upheld the independence and integrity of its justice system, as would any other country, in the trial and execution of British drug smuggler Akmal Shaikh, say legal experts, refuting criticisms of China's human rights record and lack of clemency. Shaikh, a 53-year-old British man, was executed by lethal injection on Tuesday in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. He had been convicted of carrying up to 4,030 grams of heroin at Urumqi International Airport from Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan, on Sept. 12, 2007.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6855347.html>

[N.Korea Arrests U.S. Missionary](#)

Chosun Ilbo, 29 December 2009

North Korea says it has arrested an American who illegally crossed the border from China last week. Officials made the announcement in the state-run Korean Central News Agency Tuesday without giving any details.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/29/2009122900672.html