

[Two ROC citizens 'arrested' in China](#)

Taipei Times, 1 August 2009

POLICE STATE: At about 6am on Friday, security officials showed up at the house where a woman and her 10-year-old daughter were staying and took them away. Falun Gong practitioner Shao Yuhua (???) — who came to Taiwan 11 years ago after marrying a Taiwanese man and now holds Republic of China (ROC) citizenship — and her daughter were allegedly arrested by state security agents in China, members of the Taiwan Falun Dafa Association said yesterday. "My wife went back to her hometown in Nanyang, Henan Province, with our 10-year-old daughter to visit her family last month soon after the summer vacation started," Shao's husband, Cheng Shu-ta (???), told a news conference in Taipei yesterday. "Her family in Henan told me yesterday [Friday] that she — along with our daughter — were arrested by state security agents."

<http://www.taipetimes.com/News/front/archives/2009/08/02/2003450156>

[China firmly pursues peaceful development: defense minister](#)

People's Daily, 1 August 2009

China will unremittingly pursue the path of peaceful development and its military will enhance cooperation with foreign armed forces in order to contribute to common development, said Defense Minister Liang Guanglie Friday. "China will develop friendly cooperation with all the countries in line with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence to make new contributions to building a harmonious world of lasting peace and common prosperity," said Liang at a reception at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing to mark the 82nd anniversary of the establishment of the People's.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6716087.html>

[Number of foreign companies quitting Chinese market hits 3 year high](#)

People's Daily, 1 August 2009

Number of China's domestic-funded enterprises continues to grow in H1. In the first half of 2009, the number of foreign-funded enterprises in China dropped by 1.18 percent from the end of last year. The number of foreign-funded enterprises canceling their registration increased significantly, hitting the highest level compared to the same period since 2006. In the first half of 2009, 8,496 foreign-funded enterprises (excluding branches) newly registered in China, a drop of 35.34 percent year on year. In total, they invested 61.16 billion USD, registered 39.58 billion USD capital, and paid 34.33 billion USD registered capital, a drop of 35.43 percent, 38.05 percent and 38.89 percent year on year respectively.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90857/90862/6715775.html>

[Stronger military needed: report](#)

Taipei Times, 4 August 2009

A major new report from the US recommends that Taiwan develop its defense industry and be prepared to fight alone if China launches an all-out attack. Released this week in Washington by the Taiwan Policy Working Group, Deter, Defend, Repel and Partner: A Defense Strategy for Taiwan says that Taipei should be ready to respond to an "array of threats and military

contingencies" including intimidating live-fire exercises, a blockade, seizure of an outlying island or a full-scale invasion.

<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/front/archives/2009/08/05/2003450379>

[Dalai Lama gets cold reception in Germany and Switzerland](#)

People's Daily, 4 August 2009

According to reports published by the Global Times on August 3 and 4, the Dalai Lama has received a noticeably colder reception during his visit to Europe in contrast with the adoration of previous occasions. None of his numerous "powerful friends" in Germany arranged to meet with him, and Switzerland has stated that he will not be officially received on behalf of the Cabinet.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6718628.html>

[Chinese FM to attend Conference on Disarmament in Geneva](#)

People's Daily, 4 August 2009

China will put forward its views on nuclear disarmament at the upcoming international Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said Tuesday. She said Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi will make a speech at the meeting set down for Aug. 12.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6718679.html>

[Sino-Indian cooperation aims for development, prosperity](#)

People's Daily, 5 August 2009

China and India, as the two Asian giants, are the "greatest neighbors" to each other as well as the densely-populated developing nations, and Sino-Indian relations have advanced in an all-round way and with a fast pace in recent years. Since 2005, there have been frequent exchanges of high-level visits and intensified bilateral contacts and cooperation at various levels. During the visits of President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao to India respectively in November 2006 and April 2005, leaders of both nations reached broad consensus on expansion of bilateral ties and decided on their strategic, cooperative partnership and formulated the "ten strategies" to deepen their strategic and cooperative partnership.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90780/91343/6719506.html>

[China, U.S. agree on reforming int'l financial bodies: statement](#)

People's Daily, 5 August 2009

China and the United States will work together to make international financial institutions more responsive to developing countries, according to a fact sheet released on Wednesday. "Both countries agree to work together to reform international financial institutions in order to ensure they are responsive to the needs of developing countries, and strengthen their capacity to prevent and respond to future crises," said the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue Economic Track Joint Fact Sheet.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6719815.html>

[Ambassador urges utmost political wisdom to settle China-India](#)

[border disputes](#)

People's Daily, 5 August 2009

China's ambassador to India Zhang Yan on Tuesday urged China and India to settle existing border disputes properly, calling into play the greatest possible political wisdom. Zhang made the proposal in an interview with Xinhua ahead of the 13th bilateral meeting on border issues set down for August 7-8 in India. The meeting will be co-chaired by Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo and Indian National Security Advisor M. K. Narayanan.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6718681.html>

[One month on, traumatized Xinjiang recovering with difficulty](#)

People's Daily, 6 August 2009

The streets in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, were busy on Wednesday. Chinese and foreign tourists flooded the markets, bargaining with local sellers in different languages and accents. But posters of wanted suspects on walls kept alive in people's minds the deadly riot one month previously, in which 197 people died. The presence of armed police guarding major intersections with shields and guns shows hidden tension in which the northwestern city is healing its wounds with difficulty.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6719834.html>

[China, US reach sweeping consensus on economic, financial issues- Special](#)

People's Daily, 6 August 2009

Full text: The First U.S.-China S&ED Economic Track Joint Fact Sheet
Following is the full text of a joint fact sheet after the first meeting of economic track under the First U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue held in Washington from July 27 to 28. China to deepen financial system reform in support of domestic demand: statement
To meet the commitment, China would promote interest rate liberalization and consumer finance, said the economic track joint fact sheet of the first U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED).

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90857/90861/6720053.html>

[Nuclear program chief facing investigation](#)

People's Daily, 6 August 2009

The head of China's nuclear power program is under investigation for "grave violations of discipline", the top disciplinary body of the Communist Party of China (CPC) said yesterday. A statement from the CPC's Central Committee for Discipline Inspection didn't provide details of offenses allegedly committed by Kang Rixin, general manager and also Party boss of the State-owned China National Nuclear Corp (CNNC), but the terminology is usually used to indicate corruption.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6719848.html>

[China rejects report on border talks with India](#)

People's Daily, 7 August 2009

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman on Friday rejected a report from

Hong Kong about China-India border talks, saying the report is groundless. Hong Kong based Ming Pao newspaper reported Wednesday that China's bottom line in its border talks with India is that China would possess only 28 percent of the disputed territory with India. China is willing to make joint efforts with India in the spirit of mutual understanding and accommodation to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the issue, said Jiang Yu, spokeswoman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6722271.html>

Brazilian economist: Brazil-China economic relations need to be improved

People's Daily, 7 August 2009

The economic relations between Brazil and China are important and should be improved through increased integration in production and an increase in technological cooperation, a Brazilian economist said. The economic crisis was shifting its dynamics from the United States to other regional centers, Marcio Pochmann, president of the Institute of Applied Economic Research (Ipea), said in an exclusive interview with Xinhua.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6722158.html>

Chinese president appoints new ambassadors

People's Daily, 7 August 2009

Chinese President Hu Jintao has appointed 11 new ambassadors in line with decisions adopted by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature. Xu Jinghu was appointed ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, replacing Gong Yuanxing. Liu Denglin was appointed ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, replacing Luo Xiaoguang.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6720106.html>

156 of Urumqi riot deaths are innocent civilians

People's Daily, 8 August 2009

Authorities in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region confirmed Wednesday that innocent civilians accounted for 156 of the 197 deaths in the Urumqi riot a month ago. Hou Hanmin, spokesman of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Regional Government, said that of the 156 dead civilians, 134 are Han Chinese, 11 are of Hui ethnicity, 10 are Uygurs, and one is from the Man ethnic group.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6719899.html>

China, India hold 13th Boundary Talks in New Delhi

People's Daily, 9 August 2009

13th China-India Boundary Talks were held on Friday and Saturday in the Indian capital. Chinese Special Representative, State Councilor Dai Bingguo and Indian Special Representative, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister M.K. Narayanan exchanged in-depth views about relevant issues in an atmosphere of frankness and friendliness. Dai also met with Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of the Indian Congress Party and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during his visit in India. Both sides agreed to press ahead with the framework negotiations in accordance with the agreed political parameters and guiding

principle so as to seek for a fair and reasonable solution acceptable to both countries. Prior to that, both sides should work together to maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6722510.html>

[**A Million Flee Typhoon in China**](#)

New York Times, 9 August 2009

BEIJING (AP) -- A typhoon slammed into China's eastern coast Sunday, forcing the evacuation of nearly a million people after earlier lashing Taiwan with torrential rains that caused the island's worst flooding in 50 years and left dozens missing and feared dead. Typhoon Morakot made landfall in Fujian province, carrying heavy rains and winds of 74 miles (119 kilometers) per hour, the China Meteorological Administration said. One death was reported Sunday. Taiwan, meanwhile, was recovering after the storm dumped more than 80 inches (200 centimeters) of rain on some southern counties on Friday and Saturday, the worst flooding to hit the area in half a century, the Central Weather Bureau reported.

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/08/09/world/AP-AS-Asia-Storm.html?ref=global-home&pagewanted=print>

[**China trains health diplomats to better deal with global medical crisis**](#)

People's Daily, 10 August 2009

About 30 Chinese officials from health and foreign affairs departments started a five-day special diplomatic training on Monday to better coordinate with the international community during medical crises. The officials will be trained for improved abilities in diplomatic work, research work and management of international health cooperation projects, so as to promote China's effective involvement in global health issues.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6723945.html>

[**China's Cabinet decides to appoint Chui as Macao chief**](#)

People's Daily, 10 August 2009

China's State Council, or Cabinet, decided Monday morning to appoint Chui Sai On as chief executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR). Chui's tenure will last for five years starting Dec. 20, 2009, according to a Cabinet meeting presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6723418.html>

[**Indian defense minister says boundary talks with China "fruitful"**](#)

People's Daily, 10 August 2009

Indian Defense Minister A. K. Antony said on Monday that the 13th China-Indian Boundary Talks are "fruitful" and India would continue communicating with China to resolve the boundary issue. "The Indo-China talks ended on a positive note. It was very fruitful and the whole atmosphere was also very cordial. India will continue talking to China to find an amicable solution to its long pending border dispute with Beijing," said Antony in a meeting with local media in the national capital.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6723934.html>

[Ties with China not clouded: Krishna](#)

Hindu, 11 August 2009

SINGAPORE: The boundary issue with China "has not clouded" India's "vision of the larger picture" in bilateral ties, according to External Affairs Minister S. M. Krishna. "We have a good relationship with China," Mr. Krishna said at the airport here on Monday. Speaking to The Hindu during a brief stop-over, while on his way home from Australia, he called for a continued "focus" by both India and China on staying their economic courses in the present context

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/08/11/stories/2009081158240100.htm>

[Chinese envoy: Urumqi riot not to affect ties with Islamic countries](#)

People's Daily, 11 August 2009

A Chinese envoy said Tuesday that the deadly riot in northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region would not affect "sound relationship" between China and Islamic countries. "The incident won't impose a negative impact on the relationship between China and Islamic countries," said Wu Sike, China's Special Envoy to the Middle East, at a news briefing after he concluded a four-nation visit in the Middle East earlier this month.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6725206.html>

[China to continue aid to Africa despite global economic slump:](#)

[Premier Wen](#)

People's Daily, 11 August 2009

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao Tuesday pledged to continue assistance to Africa despite the impact of the global economic downturn. "The Chinese government will honor its commitment of assistance to Africa to stabilize trade and investment in the region, and expand cooperation based on equality and reciprocity," said Wen in a meeting with Theo-Ben Gurirab, speaker of Namibia's National Assembly. Wen said he was happy to see peace and development had been strengthened in Africa, and Africa's international status increased.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6725148.html>

[PLA kicks off largest long-range tactical military exercise](#)

People's Daily, 11 August 2009

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) on Tuesday launched its largest-ever tactical military exercise, involving the deployment of about 50,000 heavily-armored troops over thousands of miles to test the PLA's long-distance mobility. According to the PLA General Staff Headquarters, in charge of organizing the exercise "Stride-2009," one army division from each of the military commands of Shenyang, Lanzhou, Jinan and Guangzhou, will participate in a series of live-fire drills lasting for two months.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90786/6725063.html>

[Split India, says China think-tank](#)

Times of India, 12 August 2009

NEW DELHI: India may have survived doomsday predictions — once a

favourite pastime of the West — of its balkanization but that does not seem to have deterred the Chinese. On Tuesday, New Delhi took exception to an article on a quasi-official Chinese website, which boasted that the “great Indian federation” was ripe for dismemberment if Beijing tried just a little. Posted on April 8 on the website iiss.cn (International Institute for Strategic Studies), the article detailed a roadmap for breaking up India. “To split India, China can bring into its fold countries like Pakistan, Nepal and Bhutan, support Ulfa in attaining its goal for Assam’s independence, back aspirations of Indian nationalities like Tamils and Nagas, encourage Bangladesh to give a push to the independence of West Bengal and lastly recover the 90,000 sq km territory in southern Tibet,” the write-up said

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Break-India-says-China-think-tank/articleshow/4883573.cms>

[China, Vietnam hold talks on South China Sea issue](#)

People's Daily, 13 August 2009

China and Vietnam started here their talks on the South China Sea issue, both sides agreed to find a basic and lasting solution to the sea dispute, according to a press release of the Chinese Foreign Ministry on Thursday. The two delegations are headed by Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Wu Dawei and his Vietnam counterpart Ho Xuan Son, respectively.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6727693.html>

[China regrets WTO ruling on publications import](#)

People's Daily, 13 August 2009

WTO upholds U.S. complaint over China's film, music, book imports. China expressed "regret" Thursday over a World Trade Organization ruling against its regulations on the import and distribution of books and audio-visual products. China regretted the decision by a WTO dispute panel to uphold a United States appeal about those regulations, said Yao Jian, spokesperson for the Ministry of Commerce.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6727161.html>

[Int'l agricultural fair in riot-hit Urumqi draws 110,000 visitors](#)

People's Daily, 13 August 2009

The 9th China Xinjiang International Agricultural Fair opened in the northwestern city of Urumqi Wednesday, attracting 110,000 business people from around the world. Representatives with 987 companies from 15 countries and regions have arrived to attend the three-day event, which features exhibitions of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds, the organizers said in a press release.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6726578.html>

[China-ASEAN Investment Agreement signed](#)

People's Daily, 14 August 2009

China's Commerce Minister Chen Deming and the economic ministers from 10 ASEAN member states Saturday morning signed the ASEAN-China Investment Agreement during the 41st ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM) and related meetings here. The signing of the investment agreement, together

with already-signed China-ASEAN agreements of the trade in goods and services, completed the negotiation process of China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA), which is to be realized by January 1, 2010.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6729104.html>

[Chinese president appoints new ambassadors](#)

People's Daily, 15 August 2009

Chinese President Hu Jintao on Thursday named two veteran diplomats as new ambassadors to Germany and Russia. Wu Hongbo, 57, was appointed ambassador to Germany, replacing 64-year-old Ma Canrong, who served as the country's top envoy in Germany since 2002.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6728124.html>

[Renewable energy not an immediate new pillar for China's economy](#)

People's Daily, 15 August 2009

With the double stimulation of government policy and the market, the renewable energy industry has bright development prospects. However, reality has shown that renewable energy development does not allow for optimism, and we should guard against and prevent the implications presented by various problems and conflicts. On August 13, the overseas edition of the People's Daily published a research paper by Li Zhiqing, deputy director of the Environmental Economics Research Center at Fudan University, expressing these views.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90857/90860/6728718.html>

[China appoints new nuclear chief](#)

People's Daily, 15 August 2009

Sun Qin, deputy director of the National Energy Administration, has been appointed general manager of the China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) to replace Kang Rixin, who was sacked during a disciplinary investigation, the Organization Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee told Xinhua Friday. Sun, 56, also held the post of the secretary of the corporation's CPC Leadership Group.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6728630.html>

[EU begins probe into alleged dumping against Chinese wheels](#)

People's Daily, 16 August 2009

The European Commission said that it has began an investigation into China's aluminium road wheels over alleged dumping in the European market. The investigation came after the Association of European Wheel Manufacturers (EUWA) claimed in June that certain aluminium road wheels imported from China have been dumped in the EU, the Commission said in its official journal on Thursday. The wheels are used in motor vehicles.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6728873.html>

[Australian iron ore miner secures deal with China](#)

People's Daily, 17 August 2009

Australian iron ore mining company Fortescue Metals Group announced on

Monday it had agreed to a reduction in the price of iron ore delivered to Chinese steel makers effective until the end of December 2009. The agreement with Baosteel Group Corporation and China Iron and Steel Association (CISA) commits them to acquire about 20 million wet metric tonnes from Fortescue between July 1 and Dec. 31 2009.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6730340.html>

[China, Brazil agree to further cooperation between land forces](#)
People's Daily, 17 August 2009

China and Brazil agreed here on Monday to further military ties, especially cooperation between the two land forces. Since China and Brazil began diplomatic ties 35 years ago, their relations have developed rapidly, and bilateral military ties have developed in the same way too, said Chen Bingde, Chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6730709.html>

[China's FDI falls 35.7% in July](#)
People's Daily, 17 August 2009

China received 5.36 billion U.S. dollars of foreign direct investment (FDI) in July, down 35.7 percent year on year, said Ministry of Commerce spokesman Yao Jianon Monday. China's total export-import volume between January and July decreased by 22.7 percent year on year to 1146.71 billion U.S. dollars. Imports and exports volume for July amounted to 200 billion U.S. dollars, illustrating smaller decline in foreign trade, Yao said.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90778/90857/90861/6730204.html>

[MORAKOT: THE AFTERMATH: Emergency aid pours in from abroad](#)
Taipei Times, 18 August 2009

Water purification tablets, tents, prefabricated homes and other foreign aid arrived yesterday as typhoon-battered Taiwan coped with the aftermath of its worst weather disaster in 50 years. A US military C-130 transport aircraft from a US airbase in Okinawa, Japan, arrived at Tainan Air Force Base with 6,800kg of plastic sheeting for makeshift housing, the Central Emergency Operation Center (CEOC) said. This was the first official landing by a US military transport aircraft at a military airbase in Taiwan for humanitarian purposes since the US switched political recognition from the Republic of China to the People's Republic of China in 1979 and pulled out its US troops based in Taiwan.

<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/front/archives/2009/08/17/2003451343>

[China-ASEAN Free-Trade Area taking key step forward](#)
People's Daily, 21 August 2009

China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have signed a new agreement. The conclusion of this new agreement, namely, the Investment Agreement, together with already-signed China-ASEAN agreement of the trade in goods and services, completed the negotiation process of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA).

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90780/91421/6735797.html>

[Australia, China ease the tension](#)

People's Daily, 21 August 2009

Officials from Australia's capital yesterday played down recent friction with Beijing, hailing "common interests" shared with China while denying its ambassador to the country has been recalled for emergency talks. Chinese experts said both sides should be "extremely cautious" in handling rows, and not over-interpret moves by one another at a time when relations continue to sour.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6734874.html>

[Pakistani president speaks highly of China's achievements](#)

People's Daily, 21 August 2009

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari has said that China's economic and social prosperity will contribute to the international peace and prosperity and he wishes China every success. Zardari made the remarks on Thursday in an interview with the Chinese media based in Islamabad. Oct. 1 this year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6735902.html>

[Kenya launches Chinese-funded road construction work](#)

People's Daily, 22 August 2009

The Kenyan government on Friday inaugurated a key road construction work funded by the Chinese government which is expected to greatly help in the reduction of traffic jams in Nairobi. The 8.5 billion shillings (about 111 million U.S. dollars) Northern and Eastern Bypasses are part of the government's ambitious infrastructure development program aimed at making Kenya the regional economic hub. The Chinese government is providing 85 percent of the financing through a concessional loan arrangement and Kenyan government providing the balance.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6736267.html>

[Chinese vice premier calls for int'l cooperation against A/H1N1 flu](#)

People's Daily, 22 August 2009

Li made the remarks at the International Scientific Symposium on Influenza A/H1N1 Pandemic Response and Preparedness, hosted by China's Ministry of Health with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Lancet. The two-day event attracted nearly 1,000 officials and experts from more than 30 countries and regions.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6736268.html>

[Independent and peaceful development, Chinese FM](#)

People's Daily, 26 August 2009

As the 60th anniversary of the founding of New China draws near, China's Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi recently accepted an interview focusing on the introduction of development, achievements and key experiences of Chinese diplomacy in the 60 years since the founding of New China, and in particular in the 30 years of reform and opening-up. He also discussed the outlook for China's future diplomatic work.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90780/91342/6740069.html>

[Chinese banks absorbed 32.78 billion USD foreign capital](#)

People's Daily, 26 August 2009

Statistics show that, as of the end of 2008, 12 countries and regions have set up 28 foreign-owned banks, two joint-venture banks and two foreign-owned finance companies in China. 75 foreign banks from 25 countries and regions have set up 116 branches in China. In addition, the ICBC, Bank of China, China Construction Bank and other financial institutions in the banking industry have attracted 45 foreign institutional investors, and absorbed foreign capital of 32.78 billion U.S. dollars.

<http://english1.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90778/90857/90859/6740298.html>

[Dalai Lama invited to comfort victims](#)

Taipei Times, 26 August 2009

The Dalai Lama has accepted an invitation to visit the victims of Typhoon Morakot in southern Taiwan at the end of this month, a Kaohsiung City Government official said yesterday. Asked about the visit, the Presidential Office told the Taipei Times it had "no comment." The Tibetan spiritual leader had expressed his desire to visit Taiwan last November, but President Ma Ying-jeou (???) said then that "the timing isn't appropriate."

<http://www.taipetimes.com/News/front/archives/2009/08/27/2003452116>

[Mainland "resolutely opposes" proposed Dalai Lama's visit to Taiwan](#)

People's Daily, 27 August 2009

The Chinese mainland said Thursday it "resolutely opposes" the proposed visit of the Dalai Lama to Taiwan "in whatever form and capacity." "The Dalai Lama is not a pure religious figure," said a spokesman for the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6741640.html>

[China passes armed police law](#)

People's Daily, 27 August 2009

China's top legislature Thursday passed the country's first law on armed police, giving them new duties with a statutory authorization to respond to riots, terrorist attacks and other social security emergencies.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6741519.html>

[Trade fair for China's Tibet and Nepal to achieve high volume](#)

People's Daily, 27 August 2009

As the ever largest international trade fair in Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), the 12th Trade Fair for China's Tibet and Nepal will be held from September 3 to September 7 in Xigaze City and Wangdu, vice commissioner of the administration office of Xigaze Prefecture, expects that volume for this trade fair will surge to a record high. According to Ma Xiangcun, head of TAR Business Department, five indoor halls will be set in the exhibition building in Xigaze: a Nepalese goods exhibition hall, a Chinese goods exhibition hall, a

Tibetan-style carpet hall, a Tibet's tourism promotion hall and a business negotiation hall.

<http://chinatibet.people.com.cn/6741288.html>

[India, China armies clash in Sikkim?](#)

Hindustan Times, 28 August 2009

The Indian and Chinese armies have reportedly been locked in sporadic exchanges of fire in Sikkim, where the two countries share a high-altitude border, since Tuesday night. A senior defence ministry official in Kolkata, where the Eastern Command is based, said the conflict had been on at Nathu-la pass — 54 km east of Sikkim's capital Gangtok. In a statement issued on Thursday, the Ministry of Defence, however, denied any shooting on the border.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-China-armies-clash-in-Sikkim/H1-Article1-447812.aspx>

[Mainland's religious head in Taiwan on typhoon relief mission, saying proposed Dalai Lama visit a "p](#)

People's Daily, 28 August 2009

The Chinese mainland's religious head arrived in Taiwan Friday noon to participate in Buddhist ritual prayer for typhoon victims, saying the proposed Dalai Lama visit to the island was "politically motivated." Ye Xiaowen, head of the China Religious Culture Communication Association, was taking up an invitation from Venerable Wei Chueh of Taiwan's Chung Tai Chan Monastery.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6742775.html>

[China urges Myanmar to safeguard border stability](#)

People's Daily, 28 August 2009

China hoped that Myanmar could properly deal with its domestic issue to safeguard the regional stability of its bordering area with China, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Jiang Yu Friday.

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/6742357.html>

[Chinese defense minister stresses importance of defense mobilization](#)

People's Daily, 30 August 2009

Chinese defense minister Liang Guanglie Saturday stressed the importance of defense mobilization, saying the work on military preparedness will help enhance national security and stability. Liang, also a member of the Central Military Commission and a state councilor, made the remarks at a meeting of the Defense Mobilization Committee under the Chengdu Military Area Command of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90785/6743028.html>

[China greenlights armed police to handle terrorist attacks, riots with new law](#)

People's Daily, 30 August 2009

China's top legislature Thursday passed the country's first law on the armed police, giving the force new duties and statutory authority to respond to

security emergencies. The Law on the People's Armed Police Force (PAPF) of the People's Republic of China mandates the mobilization of the 660,000-strong PAPF to deal with riots, disruptions, serious violent crimes, terrorist attacks and other emergencies.

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[China to launch Indonesia's communications satellite](#)

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China will soon send an Indonesian communications satellite into space on the back of Chinese-made Long March 3B rocket, a spokesperson for the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province said Saturday. All preparatory work is well underway and both the satellite and the rocket were in good condition, the spokesperson said.

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