

The China Daily, 1 Aug 2005

Six-Party joint document could arrive today (Qin Jize)

The Six-Party Talks entered their sixth day yesterday as negotiators tried to thrash out the text of a joint document. Chief delegates from Beijing, Pyongyang, Washington, Seoul, Moscow and Tokyo left it to their deputies to continue discussions over the drafting of a joint document yesterday afternoon following working level consultations in the morning. The Republic Of Korea (ROK)'s chief delegate, Song Min-soon, said all parties had come to the consensus that a strong framework should be set up with the aim of denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula. He told a press conference that the nations have not yet discussed the exact wording of a final text, but during yesterday's five-hour session heard opinions on China's proposals for a joint document. Song said he did not know when talks would end, adding that all participating parties would reach an agreement that represented the core aim of the talks. He said the joint document would consult a 1992 inter-Korean pledge to make the peninsula nuclear-free, according to Xinhua.

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Chinese premier meets Zoellick

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met on Sunday in Beijing with US Deputy Secretary of State Robert B. Zoellick, who is here for the first China-US strategic dialogue slated for Monday. Wen and Zoellick talked for over one hour and a half. The Chinese Foreign Ministry said they exchanged views on Sino-US relations and international issues of common concern. No details were available. Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo was present at the talks. Dai will co-chair Monday's strategic dialogue, according to ministry sources. The dialogue is a result of the consensus reached between Chinese President Hu Jintao and US President George W. Bush during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Chile last year. The dialogue on Monday would be focused on China-US relations and other key international and regional issues of common concern, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said earlier in a press release.

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Russia-China exercise no source of concern: Russian defense minister

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said Sunday the Russian-Chinese military exercise planned for next month should not be viewed as a source of concern for other countries. "If this arouses their interests or concerns -- whatever you call it, it's their problem," Ivanov, who is touring Russia's Far East, told reporters in Vladivostok, the Interfax news agency reported. Russia has been carrying out military exercises with the United States, other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, India and Japan, he said. "Why can't we hold military exercises with China? ... We are good neighbors and our trade is growing. And we are strategic partners," the Russian defense minister said. The exercise, scheduled to begin on August 18 and last about a week, will involve Russian air refueling and early warning aircraft, Su-27SM fighter jets and naval vessels from the Pacific Fleet, Ivanov said earlier.

The China Daily, 2 Aug 2005

China proposes new draft at nuke talks

The U.S. envoy to nuclear talks with North Korea said Monday that China has proposed a new draft of a joint statement after weekend discussions were snarled by the North's demands for what it should receive in exchange for disarming, the AP reported. The new draft, submitted late Sunday, "reflected all sides' modifications" to the first Chinese-written draft, said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill. He wouldn't give any details, but said, "I think the process is going forward rather well." Deputy heads of delegations discussed the new proposal for 3 1/2 hours Monday, South Korea's No. 2 nuclear envoy said. "Some issues have been sorted out but there remain many issues that we should continue to work on," Cho Tae-yong said. "We are moving steadily forward." Chief delegates will discuss the draft Tuesday, he said.

The People's Daily, 2 Aug 2005

China, US hold first strategic dialogue in 26 years of diplomatic ties

China and the United States held their first ever strategic dialogue in Beijing on Monday with a view to increasing transparency and improving bilateral relations. The closed-door dialogue, the first of its kind since the two countries forged diplomatic ties 26 years ago, was co-chaired by Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo and US Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick, who arrived here on Sunday. During a whole day of discussions starting from 9 a.m. on Monday, both sides exchanged views "in a candid and in-depth manner," according to a press release from the Chinese Foreign Ministry. No detailed information is available about the dialogue. But the two sides have agreed to hold the second strategic dialogue in the United States months later.

The China Daily, 3 August 2005

Military drill aims to deepen mutual trust (Sun Shangwu)

Nearly 10,000 Chinese and Russian troops will take part in joint military exercise from August 18 to 25, the Chinese Ministry of National Defence announced yesterday. The exercise dubbed "Peace Mission 2005" will take place around Russia's Vladivostok and East China's Shandong Peninsula. Land forces, navy, air force, airborne troops, marine corps and logistics troops from the two armies will take part in the exercise in the far eastern region of Russia as well as the peninsula's offshore seawaters. The Chinese ministry said the joint military manoeuvre does not target any party. The defence ministries of the two countries signed a memorandum in July 2004 to hold a joint military exercise.

The China Daily, 3 August 2005

CNOOC drops bid for Unocal (Wang Ying)

China's third largest oil and gas producer, China National Offshore Oil Corp Limited (CNOOC), yesterday dropped its US\$18.5 billion all-cash offer to take over US oil and gas producer Unocal Corp, amid political opposition from Washington. "CNOOC has given active consideration to further improving the terms of its offer and would have done so but for the political environment in the United States," the Hong Kong and New York-listed oil company said in a statement. It called the US politically motivated opposition "regrettable and unjustified." The company said the political environment created "a level of uncertainty that presents an unacceptable risk to our ability to secure this transaction."

The People's Daily, 3 August 2005

Zoellick: US, China strategic dialogue "useful"

The first strategic dialogue between the United States and China is "useful," and the discussion is "open" and "transparent", said US Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick in Beijing on August 2. Zoellick told the press that the two sides exchanged views on US-China relations and international and regional issues of common concern. The US side thinks that China enjoys rapid development and increasing international influence, he said, noting that the United States and China have broad common interest, and the two countries should reduce differences and strengthen cooperation. He hoped the two countries could maintain sound cooperation in international affairs and share common interest.

The People's Daily, 3 August 2005

Negotiators remain divided at draft document

Delegates to the fourth round of six-party talks concluded their eighth day of negotiations in Beijing on August 2, still failing to reach an agreement on a draft joint document aimed at setting up a framework for the resolution of the Korean nuclear issue. The draft document, proposed by the Chinese delegation on July 30, has been debated over for nearly four days and been revised for several times. But so far no progress has been made on finalizing the document. "The latest draft put together by the Chinese delegation is a very negotiated document," said US Chief Negotiator Christopher Hill on Tuesday evening. "We were really getting close, close to the end of this round." Despite apparent fatigue and anxiety, the negotiators decided to drag the record-long talks into the ninth day and continue to hold multilateral meeting on Wednesday to make their final decision on the document.

The China Daily, 4 August 2005

India says closer US ties won't distance China

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said Wednesday his country's warming relations with the United States would not come at a cost to Asia's other giant, China. New Delhi's ties with the United States reached a high point last month when Singh visited Washington and the U.S. promised cooperation on civilian nuclear work. "I wish to dispel this opinion that what we have done with the United States is at the cost of China or any other country," Singh told applauding lawmakers in the lower house of parliament. India's powerful communist parties, which prop up Singh's coalition government, have told New Delhi not to let the U.S. use India as a counterweight to China. "We want to be engaged with China, our great neighbor. We want more economic relations with that great country," Singh said. The two Asian giants marked 55 years of diplomatic ties this year, and made progress on a border dispute during a visit by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to India in April.

The China Daily, 4 August 2005

Washington and Beijing will unite to block G4 plan

The United States and China have agreed to work together to block a plan tabled by Japan, Germany, India and Brazil, to expand the powerful United Nations Security Council, China's U.N. ambassador said Wednesday. The Associated Press quoted Chinese Ambassador Wang Guangya as saying he reached the agreement with John Bolton during a meeting Tuesday, which was the new U.S. ambassador's first full day in his new post, because both believe the proposal by Brazil, Germany, India and Japan would divide the U.N.'s 191 member states. Washington and Beijing are already on record as opposing the so-called Group of Four resolution for different reasons, but the agreement would mark a new joint effort to prevent its approval by the U.N. General Assembly,

which requires a two-thirds "yes" vote. Wang said the ultimate objective of China and the United States is to expand the Security Council with a formula that is not divisive.

The China Daily, 5 August 2005

'Growing China, India power can't be ignored'

The United States will remain the leading power for the foreseeable future but the rising influence of China and India can no longer be ignored, Singapore's defence minister said, AFP reported. Japan is also playing a more active role in the global strategic arena, making the future of the Asia-Pacific region dependent on the moves by these three regional giants, Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean said Thursday. "The military and political power of the US has been a pre-eminent factor for a long time and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future," Teo said in a speech to Asia-Pacific military officers at a seminar here. "But China and India can no longer be ignored. They both have aspirations to be regional, if not global, powers. They are fast gaining economic clout and in the process they are reshaping the geopolitical contours of the region." The stability of relations between and among China, Japan and India as well as their individual bilateral ties with the United States are crucial to the region's future, he said.

The China Daily, 5 August 2005

China urges G4 to withdraw UN reform plan

China's Ambassador to the United Nations urged Japan, Germany, India and Brazil to withdraw their plan on UN Security Council reform after the so-called Group of Four's compromise proposal is rejected by African countries. Leaders of the 53-member African Union leaders meeting in Ethiopia voted to ratify their own plan for reforming the council rather than endorse an alternative proposal from the G4. Commenting on the outcome of the AU summit, Chinese Ambassador Wang Guangya said Thursday at UN headquarters in New York City that it indicated clearly that the G-4 proposal is unpopular with the UN membership and can not garner the support of a two-thirds majority of the UN member states.

The China Daily, 5 August 2005

Six-Party Talks to continue today (Hu Xiao and Qin Jize)

With negotiators still unable to agree on the text of their first joint statement, the Six-Party Talks will stretch into their 11th day today, spokesman for the Chinese delegation Qin Gang said yesterday. "Success is not dependent on the adoption of a joint document," said Qin, adding that the long running negotiations themselves mark progress, with all parties inching ahead toward the denuclearization goal. He did not disclose details of the reported fourth draft of the joint document proposed by China, which all parties have been discussing since last Saturday. Acknowledging the existence of different opinions among the six delegations, Qin emphasized that all the negotiators were endeavouring to narrow the differences. "We've been able to deepen mutual understanding in the talks and there has been no breakdown," he said. He said he did not know how long the talks would last but indicated they are approaching their final stages.

BBC News, 5 August 2005

China charges HK reporter as spy

China has formally charged a Hong Kong journalist detained since April with spying for Taiwan, the state news agency Xinhua has reported. Ching Cheong, 55, the chief China correspondent for Singapore's Straits Times, was arrested in late April. China accuses him of setting up "espionage channels" in Hong Kong and Taiwan between 2000 and March 2005. The International Federation of Journalists in May expressed grave concern over the detention of Mr Ching. Christopher Warren, the head of the IFJ, accused China of a systematic crackdown on the media. Chinese authorities quoted by Xinhua say Mr Ching used a false name to buy "a great deal of information about China's political, economic and especially military affairs". Mr Ching is accused of passing the information, which included classified documents, to Taiwan's intelligence services. He is said to have been paid several million Hong Kong dollars for the documents.

The China Daily, 6 August 2005

Spokesman: HK can't accept part of EC's annual report

In response to the European Commission's Report on Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) 2004, a HKSAR government spokesman said Friday, "We cannot accept the proposition that there have been changes in the implementation of 'One Country, Two Systems'." He stressed, "It is a well recognized fact that 'One Country, Two Systems' has been successfully implemented since Hong Kong's return to the motherland and the establishment of the HKSAR in 1997. The various systems of the HKSAR have been preserved and maintained in accordance with the Basic Law. He noted, "Our electoral systems are progressing in a gradual and orderly manner in accordance with the Basic Law. The spokesman stressed, "We hope that foreign governments and legislatures will continue to respect the principle that HKSAR's electoral arrangements must be made in

accordance with the Basic Law."

The People's Daily, 6 August 2005

Japan urged to provide support for Chinese victims of WWII chemical weapons

Victims suffering from exposure to chemical weapons abandoned in China by Japanese aggression troops during World War II on Friday urged the Japanese government to apologize and provide them with support. Six victims from Qiqihar, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, including three children, and their families presented a written demand to Japanese Senior Vice Foreign Minister Ichiro Aisawa, asking Japan for various forms of assistance. Responding to the Chinese victims' request, Aisawa said he will immediately look into what can be done.

The People's Daily, 6 August 2005

China, DPRK, US to hold one-on-one meetings Saturday: press center

China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the United States will hold one-on-one meetings Saturday morning, press center of the Chinese delegation said in Beijing Saturday. The six-party talks, which also involve the Republic of Korea, Russia and Japan, entered into the 12th day Saturday. Negotiators are still striving to narrow the differences over the peaceful solution of the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue. US chief negotiator Christopher Hill told reporters Friday evening that the US talks with the DPRK reached "little progress" and the US delegation will meet with the DPRK and Chinese counterparts on Saturday in a bid to push forward the process.

The People's Daily, 8 August 2005

Russian warships leave for China for joint exercises

The warships of the Russian Pacific Fleet which will take part in the joint exercises with China left Vladivostok for China on Sunday, according to the Itar-Tass news agency. These ships include BDK-11 large landing ship, the Marshal Shaposhnikov large anti-sub ship and the Burny destroyer, a source in the Pacific Fleet press center was quoted as saying. The first-ever joint exercises conducted by Russia and China will be held on Aug. 18-25, and its first phase is scheduled for Aug. 18-19 on territory of the Far Eastern military district. Chiefs of Russian and Chinese Staffs will gather in Vladivostok for consultations. The second phase is planned for Aug. 20-22 on the Chinese territory. There will be a shooting training on Aug. 23-25, and the Russian and Chinese defense ministers will watch it.

The China Daily, 8 August 2005

Six-Party Talks to have 3-week recess (Qin Jize)

Envoys to the nuclear disarmament talks on the Korean Peninsula agreed yesterday to take a three-week break after 13 days of intense negotiations failed to yield a breakthrough. Talks will resume on August 29. The move was announced at a press conference soon after delegates from the six countries involved met for two-and-a-half hours in a final effort to draft a joint document of agreed principles. Wu Dawei, head of the Chinese delegation, issued a chairman's statement in which the six parties reaffirmed the goal of denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful way. They also agreed to issue a common paper to this end. The statement summarized the progress made during the talks, saying the six parties have conducted in-depth discussions on the paper and reached agreement on many aspects.

The People's Daily, 9 August 2005

Russian troops for joint exercise with China moving to drill site

Russian troops to take part in the first Chinese-Russian military exercise have begun moving to areas of the maneuver, a Russian military commander said Tuesday. Ships of the Pacific Fleet started sailing to China's coasts Sunday. A company of Psokov's 76th Airborne Division has also moved to the area of the exercise, Colonel General Vladimir Moltensky, first deputy commander of the Russian army, told reporters in the Far Eastern city of Vladivostok, the Itar-Tass news agency reported. Generals and officers of the Russian Defense Ministry and the operational group of the air force, the navy and the army flew to China Tuesday, said Moltensky, who heads the ministry's operational group for the drills.

The People's Daily, 9 August 2005

Suicide bomber strikes on bus, injuring 31 in China

A suicide bomber blew himself up on a bus in central Fuzhou Monday, killing himself and injuring 31 others, local police said. The blast in the capital of East China's Fujian Province went off at 2:32 pm as the No 5 bus pulled in at the Dongjiekou Stop in Dongda Road, one of the city's busiest streets. The shockwave from the home-made explosives was so huge that the windows of a nearby store shattered, according to the sohu.com website. Police later said the explosion came from a second-row seat on the right-hand side of the bus. The suspected bomber, Huang Maojin, died on the spot. Huang, 42, was a farmer from Fujian's Gutian County. According to a suicide

note found by police, he had been suffering from lung cancer for about two years. In the letter, Huang said he had a dispute with one of his neighbours in 2002. He claimed he had been unfairly treated by the local public security department and was sentenced to jail until the end of 2003. The imprisonment delayed treatment of his illness, he claimed. Huang's family was heavily in debt and his children were unable to go to school because of lack of money, the letter said. Police are still investigating the case.

The Indian Express, 10 August 2005

A unipolar to tripolar world (Arvind Virmani)

In a recent research paper forecast, I had argued that the world will become bipolar in 25 years and tripolar by the middle of the 21st century, and that this possibility would lead to greater technological cooperation between the US and India. In this context, the two recent US-India framework agreements (defence and nuclear) are just the beginning of a far-reaching transformation of the global order. Translating potential into reality requires work, not only on India-US relations but, more importantly, on India-China ties over the next 12-18 months, to reap the benefits. First we should turn our attention back to the second pole - China - by implementing the agreements reached earlier this year between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Chinese premier, Wen Jibao. One was an agreement to enhance economic cooperation and double the volume of bilateral trade. The second was a framework agreement on defining the India-China border. The third is to carry forward the strategic dialogue. There is also a lot of work to be done on the Indo-US front.

The People's Daily, 10 August 2005

Australia seeks nuke co-op with China

The Australian Government announced Tuesday it is to start talks with China on a bilateral nuclear co-operation agreement. "I am pleased to announce Australia will formally commence negotiations on a nuclear co-operation agreement with China," Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said in a statement. "The deal will establish safeguard arrangements to ensure Australian uranium supplied to China is used exclusively for peaceful purposes," he said. The two countries have already held exploratory talks on the proposed agreement, according to Downer. Australia has an estimated 40 per cent of the world's low-cost uranium resources, while China has great energy needs to fuel its rapid economic development. "Opening up this export opportunity with China is consistent with the growing trade and economic relationship between our two countries, and Australia's position as a secure supplier of energy resources," he said. Australia has signed 19 nuclear agreements with 36 countries.

The People's Daily, 11 August 2005

India's Andhra Pradesh promotes trade with Chinese city

South India's Andhra Pradesh and the Chinese city of Dalian signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote cooperation in business and trade on Wednesday in Hyderabad, the Pradesh capital, Indo-Asian News Service reported. M.K. Patodia of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) of Andhra and Goa Sheng, vice-chairman of the China Council for Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), Dalian Sub-Council, signed the MoU during a conference here. The MoU will facilitate exchange of information, data and business delegations between Andhra Pradesh and Dalian. CCPIT Assistant Chairman Wang Jinzhen urged Indian businessmen to look beyond major Chinese cities and focus on cities like Dalian, which have tremendous business and investment potential.

The People's Daily, 11 August 2005

Bangladesh-China political relations "excellent": ambassador

Bangladesh ambassador to China Ashfaqur Rahman said in Beijing Wednesday that Bangladesh and China enjoy "excellent" political relations prior to the upcoming visit by Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia from Aug. 17 to 21. Speaking of bilateral relations, Rahman said the economic relations between the two countries are "growing", and both sides have "deepening" cultural and educational relations and "expanding" science and technology relations as well. Recalling the agreements signed between the two countries during Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's visit to Bangladesh in April, the ambassador said a number of agreements covering tourism, energy, culture and education are likely to be inked between the two countries during Zia's upcoming visit.

The China Daily, 12 August 2005

China, US textile talks enter new round

China and the United States will launch a new round of negotiations over the textile conflicts between the two countries next week, according to a source from China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM). "China's delegation will head to San Francisco next week upon the invitation of the US side," the ministry said Thursday. "The negotiation will focus on the technical affairs." The two-day consultation will be the latest move between the two countries after the United States imposed caps on China's textile and garment products in May. Due to the lack of an agreement over textile for the remainder of 2005 and next year, the Chinese and US businesses dare not

make orders or accept deals, which could further affect the profit and confidence of companies.

The People's Daily, 12 August 2005

Nepalese FM praises good relations between Nepal, China

Nepalese Minister for Foreign Affairs Ramesh Nath Pandey has said that the relations between Nepal and China have grown from strength to strength on the basis of mutual understanding, goodwill and respect for each other, Radio Nepal reported Friday. Pandey made this remarks Thursday while addressing a function organized by Nepal Council of World Affairs on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Nepal and China. "Friendliness, goodwill, non-aggression, sovereign equality, independence and non-interference in internal affairs have come to constitute the towering edifice of Nepal and China relations," said Pandey.

The People's Daily, 12 August 2005

China calls for talks to solve Iran's nuclear issue

Chinese foreign minister Li Zhaoxing Thursday called for the continuation of negotiations to resolve the Iranian nuclear issue. At a meeting with Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Gholamali Khoshroo, Li said the most crucial thing at present is to maintain the dialogue and consultation process to resolve the nuclear issue. He reiterated the principled stance of the Chinese side in this regard. Li expressed hope that parties concerned would be patient and continue constructive co-operation, to achieve an early settlement of Iran's nuclear issue within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The People's Daily, 13 August 2005

Chinese, ROK senior diplomats meet to promote nuclear talks

Senior diplomats from China and the Republic of Korea (ROK) met Friday, striving to promote the six-party talks on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue toward reaching agreement. Chinese State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan told visiting ROK Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Ban Ki-Moon that the fourth round of six-party talks has "entered a new stage of substantial negotiation" and made "positive progress". The recession of the talks, from last weekend to the last week of this month, is set for better preparation for achieving more fruits, said Tang, who is also former Chinese Foreign Minister. Ban told a press briefing after the talks with Li that ROK and China both regarded the first stage of the talks has made great progress.

The People's Daily, 13 August 2005

Scholar: 270,000 Chinese civilians victimized by Japanese germ warfare

Invading Japanese troops set up 60 germ warfare units from 1932 to 1945 in China and victimized at least 270,000 Chinese civilians, a Chinese woman professor said. During the World War II, Japanese aggressors sent special germ warfare units and installed research and production center for germ weapons in China, said Wang Xuan, a Chinese professor leading a legal group to assist World War II victims suing Japan for damages inflicted by its germ warfare. Japanese troops even used germ weapons against Chinese civilians in battles and released plague, anthracnose and glanderson Chinese mountains, forests, rivers and fields, victimizing thousands of Chinese people, the professor said. She made the remarks at an international workshop on the Holocaust and the Nanjing Massacre held on Tuesday in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province.

The People's Daily, 14 August 2005

Proposals on Taiwan "representation" in UN doomed to be failed: FM spokesman

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said Friday in Beijing that proposal raised by a few countries for the so-called "Taiwan's representation in the United Nations" is doomed to be failed. On Aug. 12, the Taiwan authorities instigated Chad and a few other countries wrote to the UN secretary-general, requesting the 60th session of the UN General Assembly to discuss the issue and a proposal on peace across Taiwan Straits . The nature of the proposals is that the Taiwan authority is trying to air "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan" and "Taiwan Independence" in the international community" and intended to tighten situation across the Taiwan Straits, Kong said. "Such activities violated the UN Charter and is unpopular and is bound to fail," Kong said.

The Washington Post, 15 August 2005

Chinese, Russian Militaries to Hold First Joint Drills (Peter Finn)

MOSCOW -- Russia and China will hold their first ever joint military exercises this week as the once wary neighbors demonstrate their willingness to cooperate in the face of the U.S. military presence in Central Asia. The two countries will also do a little business on the side as Russia shops its hardware, including nuclear-capable strategic bombers, to its military-industrial complex's best customer, Russian and Chinese defense analysts said. The simulated land, sea and air operations are scheduled for Thursday in the Russian Far East, near the city of Vladivostok, before moving on to the Chinese coastal province of Shandong and the Yellow Sea. The two

countries have held exercises before with other Central Asian republics, but this week's maneuvers are the first bilateral exercises, defense analysts said. "The Chinese want to use Russia in a complicated game with the U.S. and Taiwan," said Alexander Golts, a military analyst and journalist in Moscow. "China is expanding its military presence in the region. For Russia, this is mostly about selling weapons."

The People's Daily, 15 August 2005

China marks victory over War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression

A series of activities were held across China on August 14 to mark the 60th anniversary of China's victory of the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression (1937-1945). A calligraphy and painting exhibition titled "Peace, fraternity and striving to be stronger" opened in Nanjing, capital city of east China's Jiangsu Province, Sunday. More than 1,000 calligraphy works and paintings on display exposed the furious and repulsive nature of the Japanese militarism, and sang the praises of the courageous spirit of the Chinese people and world righteous forces in fighting against invaders.

The Hindu, 16 August 2005

Chinese troops participate

JAMMU: A meeting between the Indian and Chinese troops guarding the border was organised in eastern Ladakh on the occasion of Independence Day. The Chinese delegation, led by Senior Col. Awang Dauji, was received by Brig. Manvendra Singh, leader of the Indian team. Udhampur-based Northern Command spokesman Col. R.K. Sen said: "During the lovely afternoon, the guests were treated to foot-tapping Indian tunes played by the military band".

The People's Daily, 16 August 2005

Chinese, Nepalese FMs hold talks

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing held talks with his Nepalese counterpart Ramesh Nath Pandey in Beijing on August 15, and conferred him on China-Nepal relations and international and regional issues of common concern. Li said since the establishment of diplomatic ties 50 years ago, China and Nepal have conducted close exchanges and cooperation in such fields as politics, economy and culture. The two countries understand and support each other in international and regional affairs.

Xinhuanet, 16 August 2005

China: Tokyo must back words with actions

BEIJING, Aug. 16 -- China yesterday urged Tokyo to fully match its words of remorse over Japan's aggressive history with concrete actions. "We've noted Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's statement," Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said. Taking a serious and responsible attitude towards its militaristic aggressive history serves Japan's long-term and fundamental interests, he added. Koizumi issued a statement yesterday on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, apologizing to the victims of Japan's past aggression. However, two Japanese cabinet ministers and a group of lawmakers yesterday undermined Koizumi's apology by visiting Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine, which honours 14 Class-A war criminals. Kong said the shrine visits on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the end of the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and World War II showed the politicians involved had seriously misjudged a key issue.

The Indian Express, 17 August 2005

India, China back to border table after four-month gap (Pranab Dhal Samanta)

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17: After a four-month lull, India and China will return to the negotiating table next month when Special Representatives (SRs) on the boundary question will meet at Beijing to kickstart the second phase of this complex settlement process. It's learnt that dates are being worked out for sometime late next month. This will be the first time that the two SRs-National Security Advisor M K Narayanan and Chinese Vice-Minister Dai Bingguo-will meet after the visit of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to India in April. In the second phase of negotiations, the SRs will look to work towards drawing up a framework for a boundary settlement-the third phase is where the actual delineation will take place.

The People's Daily, 17 August 2005

China opposes 'Taiwan in UN' move

Chinese Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Wang Guangya expressed China's firm opposition to the request by several countries to consider the "Taiwan participation in the UN" issue at the upcoming session of the General Assembly. Wang branded the requests "a gross encroachment on China's internal affairs." In the letter addressed to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Monday, Wang said that the UN is an intergovernmental organization composed of sovereign states. As a part of China, Taiwan is not eligible to participate in the UN and its specialized agencies.

The People's Daily, 17 August 2005

China, US start talks to end textile conflict

China and the United States started talks on a comprehensive textile trade agreement in San Francisco Tuesday. The two-day talks are expected to centre on the seven categories on which the US imposed quotas in late May this year, according to information published by the US Trade Representative Office. Chinese textile enterprises are expecting an agreement over the issue to remove the largest uncertainty in trade with the US. But experts said the outcome could be limited because of the level of the talks.

The People's Daily, 17 August 2005

Bangladeshi PM arrives in Beijing for China visit

Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia arrived in Beijing here Wednesday afternoon to start a five-day official visit to China as guest of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. During her stay in Beijing, Zia is to meet Chinese President Hu Jintao and hold talks with other Chinese leaders including top legislator Wu Bangguo, Premier Wen Jiabao and vice Premier Huang Ju. She is also to attend the Sino-Bangladeshi Entrepreneur Symposium.

The China Daily, 18 August 2005

China, Russia conduct joint military exercises

Russia and China launched their first-ever joint military exercises Thursday on a Chinese peninsula jutting into the Yellow Sea - an-eight day event that symbolizes the two countries' bolstered ties since the end of the Cold War, the Associated Press reported. "Peace Mission 2005" exercises include some 10,000 troops from land, sea and air forces. The war games began with the chiefs of the Chinese and Russian general staffs starting strategic consultations at the Vladivostok headquarters of Russia's Pacific Fleet, Xinhua News Agency reported. Analysts say the maneuvers are more of an exhibition of Russian arms - including its long-range strategic bombers, which can carry nuclear weapons - in the hope of luring Chinese buyers, according to AP.

The People's Daily, 18 August 2005

Chinese vice premier vows to strengthen economic ties with Bangladesh

Chinese Vice Premier Huang Ju said in Beijing on August 17 that China will promote Sino-Bangladeshi relations, especially economic and trade relations, to a new high. During his meeting with visiting Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia Wednesday evening, Huang expressed condolences to the victims in bomb-attacks in Bangladesh. Huang told Zia that bilateral relations witnessed steady development since the two countries established diplomatic ties 30 years ago and is progressing soundly.

The People's Daily, 18 August 2005

Nepalese FM: Rising China brings opportunities to neighbours

The all-round development of China brings opportunities to its neighbours, said Nepalese Minister for Foreign Affairs Ramesh Nath Pandey at the Chinese Institute of International Studies in Beijing Wednesday. Many developing countries, including Nepal, look to China as an attractive model of rapid economic growth and a stability, confidence, and reliability, he said. During his visit to China, Pandey and his Chinese counterpart Li Zhaoxing signed a series of cooperation documents concerning economy and trade, trans-frontier pasture and mutual visa simplification. Nepal is to build North-South highways, offering a transport passage between China and India.

BBC News, 19 August 2005

US man held on China spy charge

A US businessman is under arrest in China, accused of spying for Taiwan, according to the US embassy in Beijing. Xie Chunren, who was born in China, has been kept under house arrest without charge for nearly three months, after his arrest in Sichuan province in May. Mr Xie's detention is the latest in a series of such cases. The embassy said it was informed of his detention shortly after his arrest on 31 May, but he had only now agreed to have his case made public. It is not clear exactly what Xie Chunren is accused of, but his son, Xie Yuanyang, told the International Herald Tribune that his father's detention might have something to do with an investigation into one of his former acquaintances, David Wei Dong.

The Hindu, 19 August 2005

A signal to U.S.: officials

WASHINGTON: U.S. intelligence officials believe that the exclusion of American observers at the joint China-Russia military exercises is a signal that it is not wanted in Central Asia. "For the Chinese and the Russians, this is a message to the United States...they want to see our bases in Central Asia and presence in Asia cut back," said several officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said

both China and Russia notified the U.S. about the exercises. With more than a hint of suspicion, he said "we would hope that anything that they do is not something that would be disruptive to the current atmosphere in the region."

The People's Daily, 19 August 2005

China pledges to upgrade relations with Bangladesh to a new stage

China will avail of the 30th anniversary of Sino-Bangladeshi diplomatic ties to further promote the bilateral relationship, President Hu Jintao said in Beijing Thursday. Hu told visiting Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia that China attaches importance to its relations with Bangladesh, and would like to make joint efforts with Bangladesh to promote regional stability, economic development and common prosperity. Based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, said Hu, Sino-Bangladeshi relations has developed smoothly over the past 30 years, and the two sides have achieved fruitful cooperation in trade, culture, education and other fields.

The People's Daily, 19 August 2005

Ma Ying-jeou, new chairman of Chinese KMT

Taipei Mayor Ma Ying-jeou officially assumed office as chairman of the Chinese Kuomintang party (KMT) in Taiwan at the 17th KMT Party Congress. Ma was vice secretary-general of the KMT Central Committee between 1984 and 1988, and assumed a number of administrative posts. In a direct election on July 16, 2005, Ma defeated Wang Jyn-pyng, also vice-chairman of the KMT, by winning 72.36 percent of the votes, to take over from Lien Chan as the new KMT chairman.

The China Daily, 20 August 2005

2nd phase of "Peace Mission 2005" starts

The second phase of the Sino-Russia joint military exercise started in east China's Shandong Peninsula Saturday morning. The second phase of exercise mainly focused on delivery and outspread, adjusting decisions, and organizing coordinated actions. The Chinese and Russian troops had already had their first joint practice on the three courses in the Shandong peninsula and its nearby seawaters on Aug. 14, 15 and 16, sources said. The Russian troops participating in the combat practice include officers and soldiers from paratroops, marine corps, air forces and navy. They arrived in the Shandong peninsula and the nearby offshore seawaters since Aug. 9. The 8-day China-Russia joint military exercise, code-named "Peace Mission 2005", involves nearly 10,000 troops from the armies, navies and air forces of the two countries.

International Herald Tribune, 20 August 2005

In new tone, Rice voices frustration with China (Joel Brinkley)

WASHINGTON The U.S. secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice, warned that China must make significant structural changes in its economic policies, lest it remain "a problem for the international economy." In an interview Wednesday, Rice also laid out the administration's concerns about China's military buildup, its human rights record and its restrictions on religious freedom. Her unusually sharp criticism was a clear indication of the administration's ambivalence and frustration with China, even as officials prepare for a state visit next month by the president of China, Hu Jintao, his first visit since taking office in 2003. In her speeches and news conferences, Rice usually maintains a positive tone about China. She often says relations with the government in Beijing "are at their best ever."

The China Daily, 21 August 2005

China, US to hold 4th round of textile talks soon

BEIJING, August 21 (Xinhua) -- China and the United States will hold the fourth round of textile talks soon, China's Ministry of Commerce said here Sunday. Both sides have made positive progress on that issue after the previous three rounds of talks despite their differences on some matters of principle, an official with the ministry said. They have also expressed their aspiration for an agreement on the issue during the recent talks, said the official. The two sides failed to reach an agreement at their third round of talks on textile trade in San Fransisco, United States, on August 17.

The People's Daily, 22 August 2005

China-Russia drills entering third stage

More than 7,000 Chinese troops and 1,800 Russians with military vessels, fighter jets and amphibious tanks will start a three-day live ammunition combat practice tomorrow, according to a senior officer of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA). The two armies will focus on three scenarios: an offshore blockade with the involvement of both missile-guided destroyers and jet fighters, an amphibious landing conducted by air forces, marine corps and paratroops, and a forced evacuation, with the participation of Russia's strategic bombers Tu-95MS and Tu-22M3 and advanced Chinese fighter planes.

The People's Daily, 22 August 2005

Bangladeshi PM's China visit highly successful: FM

Bangladeshi Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan Sunday termed Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's visit to China highly successful, saying it would add new dimensions and set new directions for the future. The talks were frank, cordial and positive. Both sides were committed to take the existing relations to new heights, Khan told a post-visit press briefing at the Foreign Ministry. After the official talks between Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and her counterpart Wen Jiabao who had in-depth discussions on all aspects of bilateral relations, four MoUs (Memorandum of Understanding) and an exchange of letters were signed between the two countries, Khan said.

International Herald Tribune, 23 August 2005

Chinese beat India for Kazakh oil fields (Keith Bradsher and Christopher Pala)

HONG KONG China's biggest state-owned oil company announced Monday that it would pay \$4.18 billion for a Canadian oil company with substantial reserves in Kazakhstan, China's largest foreign acquisition yet. China National Petroleum Corp. outbid India's state-owned Oil & Natural Gas Corp. in reaching a deal to acquire PetroKazakhstan. The bidding underlined growing competition for oil resources by the two most populous countries, both of which are rapidly increasing their imports. But the tangled history of past Chinese oil investments in Kazakhstan cast a possible shadow on the deal. Kazakhstan has passed a law declaring its right to pre-empt the sale of any oil property in the country. That law was the basis for many questions from analysts during a PetroKazakhstan conference call Monday with investors, analysts and journalists.

The People's Daily, 23 August 2005

China, Russia conclude second-phase joint military drill

The second-phase of the Sino-Russian joint military exercise ended Monday afternoon, to be followed by combat maneuver starting from Tuesday, said a Chinese general in Qingdao in east China's Shandong Province on August 22. Ge Zhenfeng, deputy chief of the general staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, made the announcement in east China's Qingdao city. According to previous report, the upcoming 3-day third-phase exercise will cover three military courses, including offshore blockade, amphibious landing and forcible separation.

The People's Daily, 23 August 2005

Chinese FM on China-US, China-Japan relations

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said in Beijing Monday that the relations between China and the United States have kept growing steadily over the past decades. "China-US relations have, on the whole, maintained stability and growth. Dialogues and exchanges at the various levels have improved mutual understanding and mutual trust," Li said in a signed article posted on the ministry's official website. On the China-Japan relations, Li said China attaches importance to China-Japan relations and the two countries have enjoyed close economic cooperation and frequent personnel exchanges.

The China Daily, 24 August 2005

Bush to welcome President Hu September 7

DONNELLY, United States - Chinese President Hu Jintao will meet President George W. Bush on September 7 during his first visit to Washington since becoming his country's supreme leader, the White House said, AFP reported. Hu, who previously travelled to the US capital on a 'coming out' trip in May 2002 when he was vice-president, will arrive as US concern mounts over China's economic posture and at a key stage of the North Korea crisis. " President Bush will welcome Chinese President Hu Jintao to the White House on September 7," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said in a statement released after Bush toured this mountain resort. "The president looks forward to holding discussions with President Hu on the full range of issues on the US-China agenda and continuing to build a candid, constructive, and cooperative bilateral relationship," said McClellan.

The People's Daily, 24 August 2005

Chinese, Russian troops conduct maritime blockade drill

Chinese and Russian troops participating in a joint military exercise carried out a maritime blockade drill in the sea area to the southeast of the Shandong Peninsula Tuesday. A few minutes after 11:00 a.m., Chinese battleplanes provided air-cover for a formation of Chinese and Russian warships, and then a Chinese and Russian air force anechelon fought a fierce battle with enemy fighters in the air. Chinese fighters blocked enemy battleplanes with air-to-air missiles and took the air domination above the sea area. Meanwhile, the joint naval formation sank enemy submarines with deck-landing anti-submarine helicopters and depth bombs. With the help the early warning system, the joint naval formation attacked enemy planes and missiles with ship-to-air missiles and quick-fire guns. They also interfered with enemy missiles of different types using infrared, photoelectric and platinic

devices.

The China Daily, 24 August 2005

China, EU trying to resolve textile crisis (Jiang We)

China and the European Union (EU) will start negotiations in Beijing tomorrow to resolve the ongoing textile crisis, according to a senior official of China's Ministry of Commerce. "A major issue is to find a solution for Chinese textile products detained at EU ports," Lu Jianhua, Director of the Foreign Trade Department of the ministry, said yesterday. According to statistics published on Monday by EU Customs, Chinese T-shirts, bras and flax yarn have hit the ceiling of quotas set for this year following sweaters, trousers and blouses. The quotas for bed-sheets and one-piece dresses are also expected to be exhausted in a few days. Shiploads of Chinese textile products are piled up at EU borders because they have not been allowed entry to the market.

The People's Daily, 24 August 2005

China issues white paper on gender equality and women's development

China on Wednesday issued a white paper titled Gender Equality and Women's Development in China, to mark the 10th anniversary of the Fourth UN World Conference on Women. "It has always been a basic state policy of China to promote equality between men and women," says the white paper, issued by the Information Office of China's State Council. The white paper gives account of women's equal rights with men, and women's development in nine aspects, including politics, economy, culture, society and family life. The white paper says that China now has built a complete legal system to protect women's rights, and to promote gender equality. Central and local treasury departments have increased their inputs in the development of women year by year and optimized the allocation of resources to facilitate women's development.

The China Daily, 25 August 2005

Rumsfeld: China-Russia drill no threat

The US military is observing the first big war games between China and Russia but does not regard them as a threat to Taiwan, US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said, AFP reported. Some 10,000 Russian and Chinese troops are taking part in the weeklong air, land and sea exercise, which includes a simulated naval blockade and amphibious landing. Rumsfeld said countries conduct joint military exercises together all the time, adding, "And so I guess I don't find it notable." "I mean, countries do that," he said. "We are obviously observing what takes place, but I didn't see anything in it that was threatening to Taiwan or anyone else." Russia and China did not invite the United States to attend as an observer. But Admiral Edmund Giambastiani, the new vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said: "We watch them. We watch all these exercises."

The People's Daily, 25 August 2005

Chinese, Russian forces practice amphibious landings

Chinese and Russian troops launched an amphibious landing drill in east China's Shandong Province Wednesday morning as part of the joint military exercise dubbed "Peace Mission 2005". After a day of naval exercises with ships and planes practicing air and sea blockades, the joint forces made an amphibious landing. At 11:08, the air forces took the lead in attacking military facilities on the shore. Fighters and bombers targeted missile launchers, accompanied by destroyers flanking the shore with canons. The joint aircraft formation, covered by fighters, made saturation bombings of artillery and destroyed major forward and deep targets, disabling defence systems. General Ge Zhenfeng, general director of the Chinese side of the exercise, said he was delighted, adding though it was raining, the Chinese and Russian forces had cooperated smoothly. General Vladimir Moltenskoï, deputy chief of Russia's Land Forces in charge of the exercise, said that soldiers and officers of both sides had done excellent jobs by precisely completing all the planned missions in very bad weather.

The Tribune, 25 August 2005

Opinion - Cruise missiles in neighbourhood - A result of Sino-Pak growing nexus (G Parthasarathy)

While the Bush Administration envisages an expanding role in the entire Asian and Indian Ocean region and supports Indian efforts for economic integration with East and South-East Asia, this cannot be said about China. China's interest in containing India was evident when it colluded with the Clinton Administration in its efforts to "cap, roll back and eliminate" India's nuclear programme. China's efforts to "contain" India have also been manifested by its backing for Pakistan's nuclear weapons and missile programmes ever since 1976. China has provided designs of nuclear weapons to Pakistan, supplied it fissile material, supported its uranium enrichment efforts and helped it with plutonium reprocessing capabilities for miniaturising nuclear warheads. What is equally significant is the assistance China has provided to Pakistan to acquire nuclear missiles.

BBC News, 25 August 2005

China EU textile talks to begin

European Union and Chinese negotiators will meet in Beijing on Thursday in an attempt to ease a backlog of millions of Chinese-made garments. The clothes have been stopped at EU ports because they breach limits agreed in June designed to protect Europe from a flood of cheap Chinese imports. Europe's biggest high street names have warned that their shelves may start to empty if the goods are not released. The BBC's Quentin Sommerville in Shanghai says that to resolve the crisis the team of EU negotiators may offer to increase this year's quotas by bringing forward next year's allowance. But Chinese negotiators will be keen to ensure this does not lead to more of their clothes being stranded 12 months down the line, our correspondent adds. Meeting ahead of the talks, EU ministers agreed on the need for urgent action.

The People's Daily, 25 August 2005

China hopes Japan take action to realize its commitment, state councillor

China hopes Japanese leaders would take concrete actions to effectively materialize their commitment so that bilateral relations could return to the normal track, said State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan in Beijing Wednesday. Tang told a Japanese delegation on educational and cultural exchanges that China has noticed once again remarks by Japanese leaders on the historical issue, saying that having a correct approach toward history is the foundation of improving Sino-Japanese relations. The delegation is led by Tajime Masami, president of Teachers' Union of Hyogo province of Japan. Tang expressed his appreciation for the efforts the union has made to improve Sino-Japanese relations.

The China Daily, 26 August 2005

Peace Mission '05 ends in blaze of glory (Sun Shangwu)

WEIFANG, Shandong Province: Defence ministers of China and Russia yesterday declared their first-ever joint military exercises a resounding success. The eight-day manoeuvres wrapped up yesterday with the launching of an 81-minute forced isolation drill at the Weibei firing range in Shandong Province. At 11:00 am, two strategic missile carrying Tu-95MS jets flew to the drill zone after a four-and-half hour flight from their Russian airbase. An A-50 early warning aircraft then established an airborne command centre directing war planes taking part in the operation. Four Tu-22M3 long-range bombers, also flying in from their Russian airbase, launched attacks on 'enemy' positions 7 minutes later. A total of 18 jet fighters in nine batches launched air strikes on "enemy troops," their "central command" and "defences." The joint artilleries rained hundreds of shells onto the frontline and other targets deep in enemy territory. Bombs carrying propaganda leaflets were also fired onto enemy positions in a psychological tactic to shake the enemy's will. A total of four Russian Il-76 cargo jets and four similar Chinese cargo jets dropped 24 combat vehicles onto the battlefield. Chinese and Russian airborne units then parachuted 86 troops into the fray.

Xinhuanet, 26 August 2005

China, EU fail to reach textile agreement

BEIJING, Aug. 26 -- China and the European Union failed to reach an agreement yesterday at talks in Beijing aimed at solving the current textile impasse. The two sides conducted serious talks towards an effective solution to the thorny issue, China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) said in a statement. The Chinese side expressed great concern over the Chinese textile stockpile at EU customs, while the EU admitted the policy did not meet the interests of its domestic traders and consumers, MOFCOM said.

The China Daily, 26 August 2005

Hu to visit US, Canada, Mexico

President Hu Jintao will pay state visits to the United States, Canada and Mexico from September 5 to 17, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said on Thursday in Beijing. During the trip, Hu will also attend the United Nations 60th anniversary summit. Hu will visit the three nations at the invitation of US President George W. Bush, Canadian Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson and Mexican President Vicente Fox, Kong said. In an interview with the Xinhua News Agency, Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said President Hu's visit comes at a time of stable China-US relations with frequent top level contacts, and increasing communication at other levels and in other sectors.

The People's Daily, 26 August 2005

Russia, China to hold new military exercises, says Russian defense minister

Russia and China may hold new joint military exercises in the future and the friendship between the two armed forces will become a major guarantee of peace in Asia-Pacific and the world at large, Russia Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said in Weifang, east China's Shandong Province. Ivanov made the remarks at the closing ceremony of the first-ever joint military exercises, which started a week ago, first in Russia's Far East and then moved to the Shandong Peninsula in east China.

The China Daily, 27 August 2005

U.S., China to hold more textile talks

China and the United States will hold a second round of talks next week in Beijing aimed at reaching a comprehensive agreement to limit Chinese clothing and textile exports to the United States, the Associated Press reported. A U.S. delegation led by David Spooner, the administration's special textiles negotiator, will meet with their Chinese counterparts next Tuesday and Wednesday, the administration announced Friday. Spooner had predicted at the end of the first round of discussions on Aug. 16 and 17 in San Francisco that a deal could be completed with just one further round of talks.

Xinhuanet, 27 August 2005

Vice foreign minister visits DPRK

BEIJING, Aug. 27 (Xinhuanet) -- Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei will visit Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) from Aug. 27 to 30, a press release from the Foreign Ministry said. The two sides will exchange views on bilateral relations and the six-party talks on the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue, according to the ministry. Wu, also the Chinese delegation head to the fourth round of the six-party talks, visited Japan from Aug. 23 to 26.

The Hindu, 28 August 2005

Russia proposes trination exercises (Vladimir Radyuhin)

MOSCOW: A senior Russian Defence Ministry official has proposed staging triangular war games of the Russian, Indian and Chinese militaries next year. Commenting on the eight-day Russian-Chinese exercises, which ended on Thursday in China, the highly placed source said India could probably join another Russian-Chinese drill to be held within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). "It is not ruled out that SCO member-states, including those which have an observer status, may join Russia and China for these manoeuvres," the Interfax news agency quoted the official as saying on Friday. "It would not be a bad idea if Russia, India and China stage joint military exercises."

The Tribune, 29 August 2005

India cautious about Chinese intelligence collection ploys (Rajeev Sharma)

New Delhi, August 28 The Manmohan Singh government has received a highly classified report from its China experts warning against allowing the Chinese to surge into the country's strategic sector without putting in place a foolproof mechanism of checks and balances. The Tribune understands that there is a growing concern among the Indian policy-makers that New Delhi needs to be wary about Beijing's dubious strategies and intelligence collection ploys used in the USA and Europe for years. The report has put a laser focus on the development of China's technical intelligence collection work doctrine, especially when all round relations are developing between the two countries. The government is likely to sensitise various ministries and departments about protecting the Indian private sector high technology community, the government infrastructure community which deal with telecommunications, railways, ports etc., to counter the Chinese forays into the country's strategic sector, given the history of Chinese strategy.

The China Daily, 29 August 2005

China: Nations close to N. Korea statement

WASHINGTON - China's ambassador to the United States said Sunday that he believed envoys from six nations are very close to agreeing on a joint statement that could eventually lead to North Korea abandoning its nuclear weapons program, AP reported. An earlier round of talks recessed on Aug. 7 with no agreement, and the negotiations were to resume this week in Beijing, although no exact date has been set. The diplomats are trying to agree on a set of principles that would act as signposts for an agreement scrapping North Korea's nuclear program.

The China Daily, 29 August 2005

Sino-US textile talks to resume (Jiang Wei)

China and the United States will kick off the fourth round of talks over the overheating textile disputes in Beijing on August 30 and 31, China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) said over the weekend. It will be held just before the US Government is due to make a decision on whether to impose new caps on additional Chinese textile products at the end of this month. The previous three rounds of Sino-US textile consultations failed to solve disputes between the two countries. The ministry said in a statement following the third round of talks in San Francisco this month that the two sides had made certain progress, though fundamental differences still remain.

The China Daily, 29 August 2005

EU to propose to end textile row with China

LONDON -- The European Union (EU) Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson said on Sunday that he will on Monday propose to end a trade dispute which has stopped millions of items of Chinese clothing from entering Europe. In the past four days, the EU and China have been negotiating in Beijing to find a way to unblock some 75 million pieces of clothing being held at ports in EU member states. The problem stems from a new limit on Chinese clothing imports to the bloc, which came into force in June and was designed to protect the EU's own clothing manufacturers.

The China Daily, 30 August 2005

China, US begin textile talks in Beijing

Delegates from China and the United States began talks on soaring Chinese textile exports, one day after European negotiators wrapped up meetings on the same subject, AFP reported. The two sides started the fourth round of Sino-US textile talks early in the day in Beijing, Xinhua news agency reported. The talks, scheduled to last just two days, follow a meeting in San Francisco earlier this month at which negotiators failed to overcome "fundamental differences" on how to cap the exports, which have worsened trade tensions.

The People's Daily, 30 August 2005

Lien Chan to set up Cross-Straits Peace Foundation: Taiwan media

Lien Chan, honorary chairman of the Chinese Kuomintang Party (KMT), is preparing for establishing a Cross-Straits Peace Foundation, some Taiwan-based media reported Monday. Chang Jung-kung, deputy executive officer of the Kuomintang Central Policy coordination Committee, was quoted as saying that Lien has handed over his application to the Taiwan Authorities. The foundation will be a new channel of fund-raising for the money-tight Kuomintang, who is now spending lots of money in promoting exchanges with the Communist Party of China, according to Chang. The foundation is expected to help the KMT and its brain tank to boost cross-straits peace, he noted.

BBC News, 30 August 2005

EU makes move to end textile row

The European Union's trade chief has begun moves to free up Chinese garments held at EU ports in a row over quotas. As he began talks with member states, Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson vowed to do everything in his power to end the deadlock. He also played down fears that the row could lead to a clothing shortage that may leave retailers with empty shelves. But, Chinese state media has demanded an immediate end to quotas, accusing the EU of protectionism. As he began a round of one-to-one negotiations with EU members Mr Mandelson refused to give details about how he planned to clear the backlog of goods.

The People's Daily, 30 August 2005

123 confirmed dead in Guangdong coal mine accident

Local authorities Monday gave up the search for survivors from a flooded mine in south China after weeks of rescue efforts, setting the death toll in the fatal accident at 123. With the approval of the Guangdong Province, the rescue headquarters ordered the cessation of the rescue work on Monday afternoon, finding no hope of survival for the 117 miners who had been trapped for 23 days in the Daxing Coal Mine of Xingning City in the province. The bodies of six miners killed in the accident were found earlier. Experts at the site asserted Monday that there could be no chance of survival for the miners in the flooded coal mine after such a long time. In addition, the shaft has held huge amount of water and the geological situation underground is too complicated to continue the rescue operation, said He Jianqing, spokesman with the headquarters, at a press conference.

The People's Daily, 31 August 2005

Armed police holds large-scale anti-terror exercise in Xinjiang

Armed police held a large-scale anti-terror exercise in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Tuesday. In the exercise, special police forces fought and subdued a group of "armed terrorists" who took over a company building and held some people as hostages following a failed attack at a prison.

The New York Times, 31 August 2005

Secrecy Veils China's Jailing of a Journalist (Jim Yardley)

BEIJING, Aug. 30 - For the more than 11 months that he has been incarcerated, Zhao Yan has been held in one of the darkest corners of China's legal system because of the accusation against him: that he leaked state secrets to his employer, The New York Times. The accusation, which Mr. Zhao and The Times deny, deprives a defendant in China of almost all rights. Mr. Zhao still has not had a court hearing. No public explanation has been given for his arrest. He is forbidden to see his family. His lawyer's efforts to post bail were denied not by a judge but by the Ministry of State Security, the agency that arrested him. A confidential State Security report and interviews confirm that Mr. Zhao was the focus of a high-level investigation begun in response to an article in The

Times on Sept. 7. The article, which cited two anonymous sources, stated that Jiang Zemin, the former president and Communist Party chief, had unexpectedly offered to resign his last leadership position, as head of the military - an exclusive report that was proved accurate when Mr. Jiang retired on Sept. 19.

The Times of India, 30 August 2005

India, China fuel arms trade boom

WASHINGTON: The value of military weapons sales worldwide jumped in 2004 to the highest level since 2000, driven by arms deals with developing nations, especially India, Saudi Arabia and China, according to a new Congressional study. The total of arms sales and weapons transfer agreements to both industrialised and developing nations was nearly \$37 billion in 2004, according to the study. That total was largest since 2000, when global arms sales reached \$42.1 billion, and was far above the 2003 figure of \$28.5 billion. The US once again dominated global weapons sales, signing deals worth \$12.4 billion in 2004, or 33.5 per cent of all contracts worldwide.