

## MP deported from Africa due to criticisms of China

A Conservative MP says he was deported during a trip to Djibouti due to the east African country's close ties to China. Tim Loughton, the MP for East Worthing and Shoreham, said he was detained for more than seven hours and barred from entry to <u>Djibouti</u> earlier this month. Mr Loughton, who had sanctions imposed on him in 2021 by Beijing, said the experience was "very lonely and frightening". China's foreign office said the accusations were baseless. Mr Loughton was in Djibouti for a 24-hour visit, which included a meeting with the British ambassador. He said he was removed on the next available flight out of the country. Mr Loughton told the BBC. BBC.

# **CHINA AFRICA RELATIONS: A DEEPENING PARTNERSHIP**

China's continuous involvement in Africa's economic and social development is evident through large-scale infrastructure projects and collaborative initiatives. Ambassador Zhang Lizhong highlighted China's extensive contributions, including investments in railroads, highways, ports, and medical personnel training programs. This robust partnership aims to enhance Africa's self-sustaining drive for comprehensive development, focusing on key sectors like poverty reduction, health, education, and technology. Africa 24.

## China, Tanzania celebrate 60 years of diplomatic ties

Friday is the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania. Over the past six decades, these ties have seen consistent and healthy growth. In November 2022, the partnership between the two nations was elevated to a comprehensive strategic level. In 2023, trade between China and Tanzania reached \$8.78 billion, marking an 8.9 percent year-on-year increase. China remains Tanzania's largest trading partner, offering zero-tariff treatment to 98 percent of taxable Tanzania exports to China. CGTN.

## Prince Harry expected in London, then Nigeria, with wife Meghan

Harry, who lives in US, will return to UK for 10th anniversary of Invictus Games in May before joining Meghan on a trip to Nigeria, spokesperson said. Harry has only returned to UK a few times

since departure from royal life in 2020. Invictus Games is a sporting event for soldiers wounded in action. Prince Harry will return to Britain to celebrate the 10th anniversary of his Invictus Games in May, before joining his wife Meghan on a visit to Nigeria, his spokesperson said on Sunday. Harry, the youngest son of King Charles, lives in the United States with Meghan and their two children after he gave up working as a member of the British royal family in 2020. SCMP.

#### Zambia strives to eliminate malaria with China's help, says health official

Zambia is eager to draw lessons from China's successful efforts in malaria elimination to accelerate its own pace, a government official said on Wednesday. Sampa Chitambala-Otiono, the acting director of the National Malaria Elimination Center, emphasized the importance of learning from China's experience as Zambia strives to eliminate malaria by 2030. "The situation in China might be different, but I am sure there are one or two things we can learn from China to fasten the pace of eliminating malaria," she said. The official expressed gratitude to China for its support to the malaria fight over the years, saying China has provided enough support such as provision of vehicles to the malaria program, donation of laboratory equipment as well as conducting training programs. According to her, malaria remains a significant public health concern in the country, accounting for 30 percent of the disease burden, despite the interventions that have been implemented. People Daily Online.

#### China committed to supporting Zimbabwe's innovation-driven development

During the 64th Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF), China has expressed commitment to supporting Zimbabwe's innovation-driven development. A senior Zimbabwean gov't official said the country seeks to harness China's innovation experience for industrialization. Xinhua.

#### Egyptian, Chinese students mark UN Chinese Language Day in Cairo

Students studying in Egyptian colleges celebrated Saturday the United Nations Chinese Language Day with a themed event featuring a concert, food and tea tasting, sketch comedy, and art show. At the event, a traditional orchestra from Nanjing University in southeastern China played melodic music such as "Jasmine" and "Birds Greeting the Phoenix," receiving a thundering ovation from enthusiastic audiences. Li Zhiru, an erhu player at the band who majors in electronic engineering, said he was proud and excited to perform in Egypt and was glad to see the local audience enjoyed the show. The event was held at the Egyptian Chinese University (ECU) in Cairo, with the participation of students and faculty members of universities from the two countries, Arab League representatives, Egyptian officials, and Chinese diplomats. Xinhua.

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