

Urso in China, partnership on green and electric mobility: "But in Africa we are rivals"

The minister arrived in China yesterday for a mission which, he specified, is also "preparatory for that of the Prime Minister, Giorgia Meloni, which will take place at the end of July". The Italian government is convinced that this is the "right time" to create technological and industrial partnerships with Chinese companies, especially to create "production platforms" in the field of green and electric mobility, but Beijing remains a rival in Africa, where Italy wants to bring Europe back with its Mattei Plan. The Minister of Business and Made in Italy said it, Adolfo Urso, he expressed himself during a meeting with journalists in Beijing, where he arrived today for a two-day mission preceding the visit that the Prime Minister will make here at the end of July, Giorgia Meloni. Then, in the next few months, he will be the President of the Republic, Sergio Mattarella, to be welcomed in China to seal "a particularly important year for bilateral relations, which coincides with the seven hundredth year since the death of Marco Polo". Agenzia Nova.

China wary of its citizens' safety in Kenya

THE Chinese Embassy in Kenya has urged its nationals visiting, or based in the country to prioritise their security in the wake of the protests in the host nation. The embassy in Nairobi disclosed that with the peak of the summer tourism approaching, the number of Chinese tourists visiting Kenya was increasing significantly. This coincides with massive protests, which have resulted in dozens of deaths in Kenya. The embassy noted also recently, a Chinese citizen was involved in a traffic accident while traveling to Kenya by car resulting in casualties. "At the same time, considering the recent situation in Kenya, the Chinese Embassy reminds Chinese citizens and tourists in Kenya to pay close attention to the security situation and developments in the area where they are located, be vigilant, pay attention to safety, strengthen precautions and avoid going to parade areas or crowded areas," reads statement from the Chinese Ambassador to Kenya Zhou Pingjian. The East African country is going through its worst crises in 16 years. CAJ News Africa.

China willing to work with Nigeria on global initiatives, says YAN Yuqing

Ms. Yan Yuqing, the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Lagos, has expressed China's readiness to collaborate with Nigeria on implementing the Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative, and Global Civilization Initiative proposed by President Xi Jinping. In her speech, "From the Implementation of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence to Building a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind," marking the 70th anniversary of these five principles, Yuqing emphasised the enduring significance of peaceful coexistence. She highlighted the upcoming Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Summit in Beijing in September, which will outline the future of building a community with a shared future for China and Africa. Yuqing noted that over the past 70 years, the five principles of peaceful coexistence have transcended time and space, overcoming estrangement and demonstrating robust resilience and everlasting relevance. The Nation Newspaper.

China-Egypt Cultural Exchange Event Held To Promote Heritage Protection

The shared heritage of the Chinese and Egyptian civilisations, fostered through trade, via the ancient Silk Road, was highlighted in an international cultural exchange event held here in Egypt's capital, late on Wednesday. Under the theme of "Shared Heritage, Shared Future," the event gathered cultural officials, scholars, and diplomats from China and Egypt, as well as UNESCO representatives. During the event, scholars delivered keynote speeches to promote bilateral cooperation, in preserving cultural heritage and to exchange experiences in the conservation of heritage sites. Hu Kaihong, deputy chief of China's Central Office of Cultural and Ethical Progress, said, the event is of great significance to promoting the vision of equality, mutual learning, dialogue, and inclusiveness among civilisations, implementing the Global Civilisation Initiative, and strengthening exchanges and mutual learning among civilisations. Chinese Ambassador to Egypt, Liao Liqiang said, in his address to the event that, "as two ancient civilisations, China and Egypt have a common heritage that we both are proud of." Mena Fn.

Beijing decries attack on Chinese miners in DR Congo which left many dead, missing

Rebels from Cooperative for the Development of Congo allegedly launched attack which killed 9 in northeastern Ituri province. China on Thursday said it was working with the DR Congo government to locate "missing Chinese nationals" after an overnight attack at a gold mine left at least nine people dead. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said the armed attack on a private Chinese company "left several Chinese nationals dead or missing." Rebels from the Cooperative for the Development of Congo (CODECO) militia group allegedly launched the attack on Wednesday in one of the gold mines in the Djugu area in the northeastern Ituri province. According to natives of the area, six Chinese citizens and three Congolese soldiers were killed in the attack. "China strongly condemns the attack," said Mao, adding that Beijing was "in close touch with" DR Congo over the attack. Anadolu Ajansi.

Chinese firms eye Morocco as way to cash in on US electric vehicle subsidies

After the United States passed new subsidies designed to boost domestic electric vehicle production and cut into Beijing's supply chain dominance, Chinese manufacturers began investing in an unlikely place: Morocco. In the rolling hills near Tangiers and in industrial parks near the Atlantic Ocean, they have announced plans for new factories to make parts for EVs that may qualify for \$7,500 credits to car buyers in the United States. Similar investments have been announced in other countries that share free trade agreements with the United States, including South Korea and Mexico. However, few countries have seen the kind of boom that Morocco has. According to an Associated Press tally, at least eight Chinese battery makers have announced new investments in the North African kingdom since President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act, the \$430 billion U.S. law designed to fight climate change. Africa News.

Mozambique and China to deepen military cooperation – AIM report

Mozambique and China intend to deepen military cooperation, at a moment when the Mozambican government is looking for strategic support to fight Islamist terrorists who have been plaguing parts of the northern province of Cabo Delgado, following the withdrawal of the Southern African Development Community Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM), which should be concluded by 15 July. According to the Chinese Defence Minister Dong Jun, who was speaking, on Monday, in Beijing, during a meeting with his Mozambican counterpart, Cristóvão Chume, cited by the Chinese News Agency Xinhua, "deepening military cooperation with Mozambique is of

strategic importance." "Deepening bilateral military co-operation is of strategic importance for achieving common development and maintaining regional stability", Dong Jun said. Club of Mozambique.

Guinea bauxite exports to China smash records helping fuel hot cape market

Capesize rates cracking past the \$30,000 a day mark in recent days are in no small part down to the record amounts of bauxite heading from West Africa to China. Bauxite is primarily used as the main source of aluminium. It is the only minor bulk that tends to be shipped on capesizes. The US Geological Survey estimates that Guinea's bauxite reserves are the largest in the world. During the second quarter, Greek broker Intermodal described an "unprecedented surge" in bauxite exports from Guinea, reaching a new record high of 38.01m tons, most of which heads to China. China's primary aluminium production has also set a new record, achieving 17.77m tons in the first five months of 2024, a 5.4% increase compared to the previous record set in 2023 for the same period. This increase is driven by strong demand from the solar power and electric vehicle industries, which collectively account for 44% of aluminium usage. Splash 247.

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