

Hargis on US, China Relations With Kenya, Africa

Shirley Martey Hargis, Senior China Policy Fellow at Third Way, discusses President Biden hosting Kenyan President William Ruto and the relationship Africa has with China. She states the Africa is the global foundation of the semiconductor industry, the anchor for energy transition, and shares her insight on whether or not President Biden would be meeting with President Ruto if it were not because of the influence China has in Kenya and largely the global south. Shirley speaks with Kailey Leinz and Joe Mathieu on Bloomberg's "Balance of Power." Bloomberg.

Biden Fetes Kenyan Leader as Africa Competition Grows

Kenyan President William Ruto opened the first state visit to Washington by an African leader in more than 15 years on Wednesday, as President Joe Biden seeks to counter geopolitical headwinds across the continent. Biden welcomed his Kenyan counterpart at the White House and then joined him in meeting business leaders ahead of Thursday's formal portion of the visit, which will start with an honor guard and culminate in a lavish dinner. Jake Sullivan, Biden's national security advisor, said the visit highlights Kenya's "important role in global peace and security." Kenya has worked with the United States on hotspots, including Somalia and, more recently, Haiti. He also saluted Ruto as a "leading voice" on reducing the mounting debts of developing countries and said Biden would make an announcement on the issue. The China Global South Project.

China, Nigeria Customs Sign Agreement On Trade Facilitation

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) to foster bilateral relationship for the enhancement of economic growth. The comptroller general of Customs, Adewale Adeniyi led some of his management team in Shenzhen, last Wednesday, where he highlighted the significance of knotting bilateral affiliation with China, which, according to him, will boost the two countries' import-export operations and favour the businesses of MSMEs in Nigeria. Leadership News.

Huawei unveils Arabic LLM, new data centre in Egypt as part of revenue diversification strategy

Huawei claimed its LLM's automatic speech recognition capability has an accuracy rate of 96 per cent, enabling it to cover over 20 Arabic-speaking countries. The company's launch of the Arabic LLM and the cloud service in Egypt comes amid ongoing efforts by the US-sanctioned firm to attract overseas industrial clients. Chinese telecommunications equipment giant Huawei Technologies has launched an Arabic large language model (LLM) and Egypt's first public cloud service in Cairo as it eyes opportunities amid rising demand for generative artificial intelligence (AI) in the region. The Arabic LLM, a 100 billion parameter model based on Huawei's self-developed Pangu, has been trained with local data to ensure "understanding of the local culture, history, knowledge customs

and more of the Arab world", the company's cloud unit said in a statement on Tuesday. South China Morning Post.

Tanzania promotes heritage, beauty to attract Chinese tourists

A gala featuring traditional Tanzanian music, dancing and acrobatics, along with a tourism documentary, impressed an audience that packed the China National Opera House in Beijing on May 15. The gala opened the 2024 China-Tanzania Culture and Tourism Year, and celebrated the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the countries. Sun Yeli, China's minister of culture and tourism, Angellah Kairuki, Tanzania's minister of natural resources and tourism, and Khamis Omar, Tanzanian ambassador to China, attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches. "These have been six wonderful decades, strengthening the bonds between the two friendly countries," Omar said at the event. In 2022, President Xi Jinping and Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan — in China for a state visit — jointly announced the upgrading of the countries' ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership to boost all-around cooperation and set an example for China-Africa relations in the new era. China Daily.

Kenya Reaffirms One-China Principle, Dismisses Taiwan Independence Claims

Kenya has reiterated its steadfast support for the one-China principle, firmly dismissing Taiwan's claims for independence. The affirmation was made during a Symposium in Nairobi on Monday attended by top dignitaries, including government officials, MPs, Think tanks among others. At the symposium on the Taiwan Question and China's Reunification in the New Era held at the Chinese Embassy in Nairobi, Ambassador Dr. Zhou Pingjian warned that any attempt to challenge China's sovereignty would result in severe consequences. "Anyone challenging China's sovereignty will get burned for playing with fire," he warned, declaring that "Relying on external forces will achieve nothing for Taiwan's separatists. Using Taiwan to contain China is doomed to fail." Capital FM.

China To Send Peacekeeping Officers To South Sudan - China Daily

A total of 12 Chinese peacekeeping police officers will fly to South Sudan to carry out peacekeeping missions in the early hours of May 22, as announced by the Ministry of Public Security on Monday. A departure ceremony for the 10th Chinese peacekeeping police unit to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan was held at the ministry's training base of the peacekeeping police force on Monday. An officer from the ministry's International Cooperation Bureau stated that, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council and the second-largest contributor to peacekeeping operations, China firmly supports and actively participates in UN peacekeeping actions. Capital FM.

Too Good to Be True? Chinese App Temu Sparks Fierce Debate in Morocco

Moroccans are torn between Temu's alluringly low prices and concerns over the digital labyrinth their personal data has entered with no clear way out. Beni Mellal - Shoes for under \$3, electronics for just a few dollars - you may have seen the eye-catching ads on social media recently for Temu, a new online shopping platform that has taken Morocco by storm in recent months with its seemingly unbelievable rock-bottom prices. But the Chinese-owned e-commerce app's meteoric rise has also been accompanied by swirling controversy over issues like data privacy and the long-term impact on local retailers. Morocco World News.

US, Russia, China, France, and South Korea compete to build Ghana's first nuclear power plant

The United States and Russia are competing with China, France, and South Korea to build the first nuclear power plant in Ghana. Ghana is considering companies from the US, Russia, China, France, and South Korea to build its first nuclear power plant. Ghana aims to expand access to electricity by adding nuclear power as a low-carbon energy source. Several other African countries, including Burkina Faso, Uganda, Kenya, Morocco, and Namibia, are also working on integrating nuclear energy into their power grids. Ghana will choose a company by December to build its first nuclear power plant, with contenders including France's EDF, U.S.-based NuScale Power and Regnum Technology Group, and China National Nuclear Corporation, Reuters reported. Business Insider.

Special Representative of the Chinese Government on African Affairs Liu Yuxi Attends Cameroon's National Day Reception

On May 20, 2024, Special Representative of the Chinese Government on African Affairs Liu Yuxi, upon invitation, attended the reception hosted by the Embassy of Cameroon in China to celebrate the 52nd anniversary of Cameroon's National Day and delivered a speech. Liu Yuxi congratulated Cameroon on the 52nd anniversary of its national day, and spoke highly of the country's development achievements. He said that under the strategic guidance of President Xi Jinping and President Paul Biya, China-Cameroon friendly and cooperative relations witnessed flourishing development. He expressed his sincere wish that the cooperation between the two countries in various fields would continue to make new and greater achievements. MFA.

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