



### [China's drills with Tanzania and Mozambique show 'blended approach' to military diplomacy](#)

Beijing is strengthening its African political ties as a trilateral counterterrorism military drill with Tanzania and Mozambique begins. Troops have started tactical training in a trilateral counterterrorism drill between China, Tanzania and Mozambique, as Beijing steps up its military diplomacy with African countries. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) conducted battlefield surveys and set up command posts ahead of the start of the "Peace Unity-2024" military exercise, which is set to run until mid-August. They also held some tactical training using armoured fighting vehicles and self-propelled assault guns at the Tanzanian military's Chinese-built comprehensive training centre in Mapinga, Bagamoyo district, in the days leading up to the official start of the joint drill on July 29. Beijing has sent ground units from the PLA Central Theatre Command as well as a naval flotilla from the Southern Theatre Command to take part in the East African exercise. South China Morning Post.

### [Deepening China's reform: Global opportunities and implications for Africa](#)

Certainly, the world is at an inflection point. We also live in an age of pessimism and cynicism. In contrast, China, the world's second largest economy, has maintained a deep sense of optimism, despite all the challenges the world is facing. The same sense of hope was evident in the recently concluded third plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) convened in Beijing on July 15-18. This optimism is not without justification though. The Chinese economy has steadily recovered and progressed from the COVID-19-era slowdown, with its GDP registering an increase of 5.0 percent in the first half of this year. Moreover, China is pursuing and deepening reform and opening-up on all fronts. This recovery is riding on China's new commitment to advance high-quality growth, focusing on technological innovation and green development, and soaring on the wings of win-win partnerships globally. CGTN.

### [China, South Africa exchange views on Ukraine crisis](#)

Special Representative of the Chinese Government on Eurasian Affairs Li Hui on Friday visited South Africa, and exchanged views on the Ukraine crisis with South African officials. Li is currently on a visit to Brazil, South Africa and Indonesia to carry out the fourth round of shuttle diplomacy on the crisis. During the visit, Li met with Zane Dangor, director-general of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa, and Adv Nokukhanya Jele, legal adviser to South African President Cyril Ramaphosa. Noting that the international community believes it is imperative to cool down the Ukraine crisis, Li said the six common understandings issued by China and Brazil on a political settlement of the crisis has received positive responses from more than 110 countries. China is ready to strengthen communication and coordination with South Africa, and promote building international consensus on this issue based on the six common understandings, he said. Appreciating China for carrying out shuttle diplomacy on the Ukraine crisis, the South African side called on the Global South to enhance collaboration, and create conditions for de-escalating the situation and ultimately achieving peace. CGTN.

### [Chinese Juncao technology bringing tangible benefits to Africans](#)

At an exhibition stand at an agriculture show in the Rwandan capital of Kigali, Emmanuel Ahimana said it is an exciting time to be involved with China's Juncao cultivation technology. His company, which operates in Kigali's Gasabo District, uses the Chinese-invented Juncao technology to grow mushrooms with low-cost materials such as Juncao powder, cotton husks, lime powder, and water. After learning the Juncao technology, Ahimana established a mushroom cultivation workshop in 2016, employing dozens of people. The workshop produces up to 10,000 mushroom tubes monthly. His goal is to expand the business to produce with modern machines and open several shop outlets around Kigali to sell mushrooms. Juncao is a hybrid grass and an important multifunctional agricultural resource developed and used for mushroom farming in China. The innovation invented by Lin Zhanxi from China's Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University in the 1980s has benefitted over 100 countries, including Rwanda. Xinhua.

### [China-aided borehole drilling program nourishes Zimbabwean villagers](#)

Excitement filled the air as water gushed for the first time from a borehole being drilled at a business center in Mahusekwa, a township in Mashonaland East Province of Zimbabwe. The public water point is part of a program to sink 300 boreholes across four provinces, launched last month with aid from China to help Zimbabwe mitigate the effects of an El Nino-induced drought and climate change impacts. Before the borehole was sunk, some villagers had to trek long distances in search of water, said Titha Chainga, a local villager witnessing the drilling. "We are very happy because we now have access to clean and safe water. Previously, we depended on unprotected wells and rivers, but now we have safe water." Spiwe Chakanyuka, another villager, expressed her joy at witnessing the drilling. "We are grateful to our friends from China; they are the best and have done us a great service." Xinhua.

### [Xi's special envoy attends inauguration ceremony of Mauritania's president](#)

At the invitation of President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania Mohamed Ould Ghazouani, Chinese President Xi Jinping's Special Envoy and Vice Chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Wang Guangqian attended President Ghazouani's inauguration ceremony in Nouakchott on Thursday. During the ceremony, President Ghazouani met with Wang. Wang conveyed Xi's warm congratulations and best wishes to Ghazouani, saying that China highly values the development of its relations with Mauritania. He said China stands ready to work hand in hand with Mauritania to consolidate political mutual trust, deepen practical cooperation, enhance cultural exchanges, and continuously open up brighter prospects for the bilateral relationship. Bastille Post Global.

### ['Nigeria has potential to overtake China, Europe in greatness'](#)

Two former ministers, Labaran Maku and Senator Adedayo Adeyeye, have said Nigeria has the potential to overtake China and Europe because the most populous country in Africa has yet-to-be unlocked greatness embedded in it. The duo spoke separately at the valedictory service and dedication of Oba David Opeyemi Adeyeye Hall of Crown Heights College, Arulogun Road, Ojoo area, Ibadan, Oyo State. Nigerian youths, especially students, according to them, should be inspired to reimagine the future of Nigeria and Africa towards embracing the opportunities that lie ahead. The special guest of honour at the event, Senator Adeyeye, who is a

former Minister of Works and the current Chairman of the Nigerian Port Authority (NPA), echoed Maku's sentiments, urging the students to remain focused and dedicated to their goals. "You need to remain focused to be relevant. Do your best and you will be successful in life; focus not on the degree alone, but add self-development to it," Adeyeye stated. The Sun Nigeria.

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