



### [EU, US losing battles for Africa and Latin America to China](#)

After the outbreak of war in Ukraine, it suddenly dawned on European leaders that they relied too much on supply chains for critical minerals from China. So they scrambled to Africa to try to invest and build independent supplies of their own. Now they are surprised that their investments and high-level contacts with key African countries have lagged far behind the Chinese. Moreover, Africans are not terribly welcoming. The Europeans wonder why. Over in South America, China has become the main trading partner and a key foreign investor with the majority of countries in Uncle Sam's own backyard. South China Morning Post.

### [African scholar hails Ethiopia-Djibouti railway: Fast, convenient and safe](#)

"My friend used to travel for 3 days from Addis Ababa to Djibouti city, but now within 11 or 12 hours (via the railway) and with safety also." said Melaku Mululem, training director general at the Institute of Foreign Affairs in an interview with China News Network recently. Mululem added that over the years, Ethiopia and China have carried out cooperation programs under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and promoting green and low-carbon development, which have brought a lot of benefits to local people. (Gan Tian). Ecns.cn.

### [Is Algeria quietly acquiring Russia's Su-57 stealth fighter?](#)

After the head of Rosoboronexport, Alexander Mikheev announced to Russian journalists on November 13 that a contract had been signed for the acquisition of the Su-57 Felon by a foreign operator, speculation began as to who the customer might be. Algeria is the most commonly mentioned potential buyer, with reports surfacing from Africa, Asia, and Europe. The X account Kad-Ghani claims Algeria is the first foreign operator of the Su-57, drawing a historical parallel to Algeria's acquisition of the MiG-25 years ago. "Algeria makes history again! First customer of the MiG-25, now the first export customer of the Su-57," says Kad-Ghani in a post. He identifies himself in his bio as an Algerian blogger, defense and military analyst, and OSINT specialist. Bulgarian Military.

### [China President's Visit To Bring New Dynamic to Bilateral Ties Between Rabat- Beijing](#)

China's ambassador to Morocco recently acknowledged the significance of President Xi Jinping's visit to Morocco on November 21, describing it as a pivotal moment for strengthening bilateral ties. According to Ambassador Li, the visit will bring a "new dynamic" to the relationship between China and Morocco, further diversifying their cooperation across political, economic, and cultural sectors. The Chinese president made a brief visit to Casablanca, where Morocco's Crown Prince Moulay El Hassan welcomed him earlier this week. The brief visit served the two countries to reiterate their determination to work together to strengthen bilateral ties at all levels. Morocco World News.

### [Hong Kong can unlock Zimbabwe's mining potential as an investment platform, envoy says](#)

This story is part of a series of interviews with consuls general of emerging and belt and road economies

with which Hong Kong is keen to build ties. The previous ones are here. Zimbabwe's top diplomat in Hong Kong is seeking an agreement between InvestHK and his country's own investment body as he looks to tap the city's financial resources to further develop the African nation's mining sector. In an exclusive interview with the Post, Consul General Ellias Mutamba said he had been pursuing more business and student exchanges in Hong Kong as he felt there was a lack of knowledge about Zimbabwe in the city. South China Morning Post.

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