



### **With African mining interests at stake, China wades into DR Congo-Rwanda conflict**

China rarely criticises or takes sides in African conflicts, but recent insurgency in the Democratic Republic of Congo appears to have prompted a measured shift in approach. Beijing – through its UN ambassador, Fu Cong – has directly asked Rwanda on at least two occasions so far this year to end its backing of the M23 rebel group and pull Rwandan troops out of the DR Congo. “China reiterates its hope that Rwanda will heed the call of the international community, stop its military support for M23, and immediately withdraw all its military forces from the [DR Congo] territory,” Fu said in February. South China Morning Post.

### **Experts share insights on Chinese, African civilizations**

More than 100 experts, scholars, and diplomatic envoys from China and African countries gathered Wednesday in Ismailia Governorate, northeast of Egypt, to share insights and reflections from Ancient Chinese and African civilizations on contemporary global challenges. Hosted by the China-Africa Institute at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Suez Canal University of Egypt, the 4th Conference on Dialogue Between Chinese and African Civilizations featured three sub-forums focusing on the mutual learning of governance experience in ancient Chinese and African civilizations, urban and rural governance in the process of modernization, and archaeological cooperation and cultural relics' protection. Xinhua.

### **Ambassador Yu: Nigeria Can Benefit from China's Zero-Tariff Push**

Following rising global trade tensions, Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Yu Dunhai, has described the recent escalation in U.S.-China tariff disputes as a strategic opportunity to strengthen China-Nigeria economic relations. Speaking during a press briefing on Friday in Abuja, Ambassador Yu reframed the U.S. trade restrictions as a “crisis with opportunities,” suggesting that the fallout presents new openings for mutual cooperation and economic diversification between China and Nigeria. The ambassador emphasised the importance of a free and open multilateral trading system, especially for Africa's development and revitalisation. Newscentral Television.

### **Chinese J-10C fighters shock U.S. ally Egypt in joint exercise**

In a striking display of military cooperation, Chinese J-10C fighter jets took flight from an Egyptian airbase in mid-April 2025, marking a significant moment in the inaugural China-Egypt joint air exercise, dubbed Eagles of Civilization 2025. This unprecedented drill, running from mid-April to early May, saw the Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force deploy a detachment to Egypt, including at least five Xian Y-20 transport aircraft, which delivered the advanced fighters to Cairo. The event, announced by China's Ministry of National Defense on April 16, has sparked intense interest due to persistent rumors that Egypt may be eyeing the J-10C as a potential addition to its air force, a move that could reshape the geopolitical landscape of the Middle East. Bulgarian Military.

### **US and China Clash in DR Congo Over Gold & Other Minerals**

This interest from the U.S. comes at a time when President Donald Trump and China's President Xi Jinping are engaged in trade wars. The Trump administration aims to compete with China in investing in the mining industry in Congo, where China has been a significant player, particularly in copper and cobalt extraction. A notable example of Chinese investment is the Sicominex joint venture, involving Chinese companies like Sinohydro and China Railway Group. The Kenya Times.

### **Students celebrate upcoming International Chinese Language Day in South Africa**

A student makes paper-cutting during an event celebrating the upcoming International Chinese Language Day at the Confucius Institute at the University of Johannesburg in Johannesburg, South Africa, April 17, 2025. A student writes Chinese calligraphy during an event celebrating the upcoming International Chinese Language Day at the Confucius Institute at the University of Johannesburg in Johannesburg, South Africa, April 17, 2025. Xinhua.

### **Chinese tricycles powering rural livelihoods in Kenya**

In his hometown of Kitui in eastern Kenya, Nixon Nzioka has become one of the most sought-after transportation service providers. Nzioka owns a tricycle, which he uses to transport agricultural products, household goods, water, and various construction materials such as sand, gravel, and stones. "Business is good. There are only two of us in this trading center offering tricycle transportation services," Nzioka, who bought the Chinese-made machine five months ago, told Xinhua. China Daily.

### **Inside Ruto's high-stakes China visit amid raging global trade war**

Analysts suggest President Ruto's visit presents a unique opportunity for Nairobi to leverage the US-China fallout to Kenya's advantage. Talks with President Xi Jinping also expected to centre around debt and financing for major infrastructure projects. President William Ruto is set to embark on a crucial five-day state visit to Beijing, China, commencing Tuesday. The visit comes as Kenya grapples with mounting economic pressures and as the cash-strapped Kenya Kwanza administration seeks to navigate local economic headwinds but also the turbulent waters of the ongoing US-China trade conflict. The Standard.