

China Signals Strong Interest in South African Agriculture Amid Global Trade Shifts

The Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa (Agbiz) welcomed the news following comments by Wu Peng, the Chinese Ambassador to South Africa, who reiterated China's commitment to strengthening economic ties. Using the social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Ambassador Wu confirmed that China is open to importing more agricultural and industrial goods from South Africa, reflecting its strategic focus on securing food supply chains. Wandile Sihlobo, Agbiz's chief economist, underscored the importance of the announcement, noting that China plays a pivotal role in global agricultural trade. Trends'n'Africa.

# <u>China, Egypt wrap up first joint air force training, practice air superiority combat, suppressive air defense</u>

The air forces of China and Egypt have recently wrapped up their first joint air force training, featuring exercises on air superiority combat and suppressive air defense, as well as low-altitude flyovers of the Pyramids. An expert said on Monday that the training courses showed a high level of collaboration among the two countries' warplanes in drills that were close to real combat. The China-Egypt "Eagles of Civilization 2025" joint air force training concluded at an Egyptian air force base on Sunday, the Global Times learned from the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force on Monday. Global Times.

#### China a strategic partner in modernization drive, says Kenyan president

Kenyan President William Ruto has said that Kenya expects deepening cooperation with China in efforts to speed up its modernization in major sectors such as manufacturing, agriculture, transport and energy. #GLOBALink Xinhua.

#### Morocco, China firms win \$152mln rail tunnel deal

Morocco has awarded a project to build a 3.3-kilometre underground rail tunnel to a consortium comprising a local firm and a Chinese company. The rail which runs under Rabat city will be connected to the planned high-speed network linking the North-Western cities of Marrakesh and Kenitra. In a report on Monday, the Arabic language daily Sabah Akadir said the project has been awarded to an alliance of Moroccan SGTM Company and Sinohydro Bureau 5 of China, adding that the project cost is around \$152 million. Zawya.

#### US lawmakers criticize Somalia for purportedly bowing to China

The United States Foreign Relations Senate Chair Jim Rische and other Taiwan-friendly lawmakers have offered harsh criticisms of Somalia, following the country's decision to no longer recognize Taiwanese passports last week. Almost two weeks ago, the Somali Civil Aviation Authority issued a statement that Taiwanese travel documents, including official passports, would no longer be allowed to enter or transit through Somalia, in accordance with the one-China principle and UN General Assembly Resolution 2758. RTI.

#### 20th edition of Tour du Benin held in Cotonou

Cyclists compete during the 20th edition of the Tour du Benin, in Cotonou, Benin, May 4, 2025. (Photo by Seraphin Zounyekpe. Xinhua.

## China's Hanzo Motors to establish its first car factory in Benghazi, Libya

The Libyan Chinese Chamber reported today that China's Hanzo Motors is to establish its first car factory in Benghazi, Libya, in partnership with a group of Libyan entrepreneurs. The Chamber said this move would make Benghazi Africa's gateway to Chinese technology. The Chamber added that the announcement is an exceptional achievement that reflects Libya's industrial ambition. Libya Herald.

### Negotiations Underway to Free Chinese Hostage in Eastern DR Congo

Congolese authorities in the far eastern Kalemie Territory along Lake Tanganyika near the border with Tanzania are negotiating with a group of bandits who kidnapped a Chinese national and a local woman in late April. The unknown group of assailants is demanding a ransom for the release of the pair, who were taken captive after their vehicle was ambushed on a road near the town Kalemie on April 26th. China Global South Project.

#### China, Gabon pledge to advance cooperation

China highly values the development of its relations with Gabon and is willing to work together to elevate the comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership between the two countries to new heights, Chinese President Xi Jinping's special envoy Mu Hong said here on Sunday. At the invitation of Gabonese President Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema, Mu, who is also the vice chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, attended Nguema's inauguration ceremony on Saturday in Libreville, the capital of Gabon. On Sunday, the Gabonese president met with Mu in Libreville. Xinhua.

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