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## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on Beijing Declaration of the Conference Marking the 70th Anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, July 1, 2024

The commemorative events marking the 70th anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence were held in Beijing on June 28. President Xi Jinping delivered an important address. As the host of the commemorative events, China issued the Beijing Declaration of the Conference Marking the 70th Anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence after the events to reflect the key viewpoints of the participants. The participants believe that the issuance of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence has had an epoch-making significance. Over the past seventy years, the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence have shown everlasting relevance.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/2511\\_665403/202407/t2024070111445268.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/202407/t2024070111445268.html)

## **NASA plays 'blame-shifting' game with China as lunar soil research set to start**

Fan Anqi

Global Times, July 1, 2024

As the US space industry recently faced yet more delays and stagnation with key components including manned spacecraft and space suits "going wrong," NASA has once again resorted to its "sour grapes" rhetoric upon seeing China's successful retrieval of fresh lunar soils from the far side of the moon, by claiming that China did not directly invite its scientists to participate in the lunar soil research.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315190.shtml>

## **Cambodia denies hosting Chinese naval base, but two ships raise suspicions**

Austin Ramzy

The Wall Street Journal, July 1, 2024

Residents of this village on the Gulf of Thailand say they have been warned not to talk about the big expansion taking place at the nearby naval base or the two hulking gray Chinese warships docked there, dominating the waterfront. On a wooded hilltop dotted with Buddhist shrines that overlooks the base, security arrived quickly to tell visitors not to take photos. But the presence of two Chinese navy corvettes, which first arrived in December, is hard to miss. Docked at a 1,000-foot pier, they are visible from the village's main road. Initially, the Cambodian military said the ships were there to help with training.

<https://www.wsj.com/world/cambodia-denies-hosting-chinese-naval-base-but-two-ships-raise-suspicions-b9ce42ce>

## **China's H-6K bomber displays high ballistic missile-carrying capacity**

Liu Xuanzun

Global Times, July 1, 2024

An official photo recently released by the Chinese military showed the outstanding capability of the H-6K bomber in carrying air-launched ballistic missiles - capable of carrying four instead of two previously shown to the public. The photo, published in a release posted in the WeChat account of the air force of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Southern Theater Command, showed an H-6K bomber taking off ahead of a mid-night exercise at an undisclosed date in the summer. Observers pointed out that the H-6K in the photo carried two air-launched ballistic missiles, dubbed the YJ-21 by foreign media, under one side of its wings, indicating that it very likely carried four missiles in total under two wings, considering the need to keep balance.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315189.shtml>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on the resolution entitled “Enhancing International Cooperation on Capacity-building of Artificial Intelligence”, submitted by China in the 78th session of the UN General Assembly**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, July 2, 2024

The 78th session of the UNGA yesterday adopted by consensus the resolution “Enhancing International Cooperation on Capacity-building of Artificial Intelligence” proposed by China and co-sponsored by over 140 countries. The resolution reflects the extensive consensus among countries on enhancing AI capacity-building and speaks volumes about the political will of countries on enhancing capacity-building and bridging the AI divide through solidarity and cooperation. The resolution, in line with the human-centric principle and the principle of artificial intelligence for good for all, is focused on AI capacity-building, stresses the importance of increasing the representation and say of developing countries in global AI governance, advocates a fair and nondiscriminatory business environment, supports the United Nations in playing a central role, encourages effective capacity-building assistance for developing countries through international cooperation and concrete actions, so as to realize the healthy and sustainable development of AI.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/2511\\_665403/202407/t2024070211446018.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/202407/t2024070211446018.html)

## **US willing to sacrifice whole Asia-Pacific for own gains**

Zheng Yongnian

Global Times, July 2, 2024

For the US, the Asia-Pacific region becoming a "powder keg" is the ultimate means of victory. The US claims to be the guardian of peace in the region, but in fact, it has been dividing Asia-

Pacific, creating conflicts across the region to an extreme extent. The ruling elite in the US seems to be trapped in an extreme fear of China. For the US, as long as it can defeat China and emerge as the ultimate "winner," it is willing to risk the destruction of the whole of Asia through war. As some extreme anti-China forces in the US openly declare, Washington's goal in its contest with China should indeed be victory.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315270.shtml>

## **The underground network sneaking nvidia chips into China**

Raffaele Huang

The Wall Street Journal, July 2, 2024

A 26-year-old Chinese student in Singapore was packing suitcases last fall to return home for vacation. Besides his clothes and shoes, his luggage included six of Nvidia's NVDA 2.48%increase; green up pointing triangle advanced artificial-intelligence chips. A connection from college asked him to bring the chips because the U.S. restricted their export to China. Each chip was roughly the size of a Nintendo Switch game console, and the student didn't flag any suspicions at the airport.

<https://www.wsj.com/tech/the-underground-network-sneaking-nvidia-chips-into-china-f733aaa6>

## **Xi, Tokayev hold talks, hail China-Kazakhstan relations**

Global Times, July 3, 2024

Chinese President Xi Jinping said that he is ready to work with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev to jointly build a more substantive and dynamic China-Kazakhstan community with a shared future, and inject more positive energy to the development and stability of the region and beyond, during his meeting with Tokayev at the presidential palace in Astana. Xi is on a state visit to Kazakhstan and will attend here the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315375.shtml>

## **US recalls potent midrange missiles from Philippines used in South China Sea drills: China has repeatedly criticised the missiles being deployed to the Philippines**

South China Morning Post, July 3, 2024

A powerful midrange US missile system that Washington has deployed to the Philippines will be returned to the United States in September, according to a Philippine military spokesman. China,

which is intensifying its sweeping territorial claims in the South China Sea and provocative activities in the waters especially against Philippine vessels, has repeatedly criticised the missile deployment. Chinese Defence Minister Dong Jun said in a meeting with his US counterpart Lloyd Austin in Singapore on May 31 that the missile system severely threatens security in the Asia region and undermines regional peace and stability.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/3268941/us-recalls-potent-midrange-missiles-philippines-used-south-china-sea-drills>

## **Hyping Chinese 'spy bases' in Cuba slander; shows US' hysteria: expert**

Wang Qi

Global Times, July 3, 2024

Chinese Foreign Ministry refuted a US think tank report claiming that it has found some suspected "spy bases" in Cuba which it believes would enable China to conduct intelligence operations against the US. Analysts said the US has once again hyped up the issue through the collusion between the media and institutions to suppress and smear China. At the same time, it reflects the anxiety of Washington, which is deeply entrenched in its Monroe Doctrine tradition, over China's rising influence and deepening ties with Latin America.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315376.shtml>

## **Chinese and French researchers complete lunar radon-gas detection mission**

Xinhua, July 4, 2024

A collaborative team of Chinese and French researchers has successfully completed a mission to measure the distribution of radon gas and polonium on the moon, employing the French payload aboard China's Chang'e-6 lunar probe for the purpose, according to the Institute of Geology and Geophysics (IGG) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The French payload, named Detection of Outgassing RadoN (DORN), is capable of measuring both radon gas and its decay products on the lunar surface, as well as charged particles in the space environment.

<https://english.news.cn/20240704/e14deec4a9c4b53bbb89ff7a796fda9/c.html>

## **Chinese 'Falcon 9 equivalent' rocket accident 'a rookie mistake'**

Fan Anqi

Global Times, July 4, 2024

The unexpected take-off and crash of the Chinese "Falcon 9 equivalent" carrier rocket during what was supposed to be a static fire test was a "rookie mistake," and it won't have a significant impact

on the country's commercial space industry, but will serve as a warning bell for peers to ensure safer operations in the future, space observers told the Global Times. Space Pioneer, China's leading private rocket firm, issued an apology for the failed test of its reusable rocket model, Tianlong-3, which was accidentally fired into the sky from its launch pad on June 30, due to "structural failure at the connection point."

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315453.shtml>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on China's expectations from Bangladesh during PM Hasina's visit**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, July 4, 2024

China and Bangladesh are good neighbors, good friends and good partners. We have similar visions for development and well-aligned development strategies. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations 49 years ago, the two countries have treated each other with respect and equality, engaged in mutually beneficial cooperation, supported each other on issues concerning our respective core interests, and jointly advanced modernization. We have set a good example of friendship and cooperation between developing countries. In recent years, with the strategic guidance and commitment of leaders of our two countries, the two sides have deepened China-Bangladesh strategic cooperative partnership, and had fruitful and practical cooperation in various fields. China stands ready to work with Bangladesh through this visit to carry forward the spirit of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, deepen political mutual trust, further synergize development strategies, advance high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, speed up implementing the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, and elevate our bilateral relations to a new level.

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## **China is finally starting to do something about the U.S. Fentanyl crisis**

Brian Spegele

The Wall Street Journal, July 4, 2024

China is taking tentative new steps to help disrupt the global supply chain fueling the opioid crisis after intensifying criticism from the U.S. that its chemical factories are partly responsible for the deadly scourge. After a long freeze in joint counternarcotics work between the countries, President Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping pledged to resume cooperation at a summit in California last November. Since then, Chinese authorities have quietly shut down some sellers of precursor chemicals used by Mexican cartels to make fentanyl and say they are close to imposing new regulations sought by the U.S. on three additional chemicals.

<https://www.wsj.com/world/china/china-is-finally-starting-to-do-something-about-the-u-s-fentanyl-crisis-2206dd90>

## **Is China fueling Pakistan's nuclear ambitions against India?**

The Economic Times, July 4, 2024

China has played a crucial role in aiding Pakistan's military modernization. The JF-17 Thunder, developed jointly by Pakistan Aeronautical Complex and China's Chengdu Aircraft Industry Corporation, is poised to take over from the aging Mirage III and V aircraft in Pakistan's air force. With over 130 operational JF-17s, this partnership underscores the deepening defense cooperation between the two countries.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/is-china-fueling-pakistans-nuclear-ambitions-against-india/articleshow/111477424.cms?from=mdr>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on Belarus being new member of SCO**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, July 5, 2024

As an observer of the SCO for a long time, Belarus highly recognizes the Shanghai Spirit and other core visions of the organization, actively participated in SCO cooperation in various fields, and made important contributions to the development of the SCO. During this year's summit, President Xi Jinping and leaders of other SCO member states jointly signed a resolution to grant Belarus the status of an SCO member state, making the country the 10th SCO member state. China once again extends warm congratulations to Belarus and looks forward to Belarus' active, comprehensive and in-depth participation in SCO activities and its new contribution to the organization's development.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/2511\\_665403/202407/t20240705\\_11449015.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/202407/t20240705_11449015.html)

## **China and Russia prepare for Pacific Rim navy drill in US, Japan and South Korea's wake**

Sylvie Zhuang

South China Morning Post, July 5, 2024

The Chinese and Russian navies are preparing for a joint Pacific Rim patrol just days after the US, Japan and South Korea wrapped up a trilateral drill in the same area. "The corvette Sovershenny of the Pacific Fleet arrived at a meeting point with a detachment of People's Liberation Army Navy's warships in the Strait of Korea near [South Korea's] Jeju Island," Russia's Ministry of Defence said, without saying when the drill would start or how long it would take. The vessels would also conduct anti-submarine, anti-aircraft defence, and search and rescue operations, it said. It is the fourth joint maritime patrol between the two countries in the Pacific Rim.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/military/article/3269342/china-and-russia-prepare-pacific-rim-navy-drill-us-japan-and-south-koreas-wake>

## **Diplomats get up close look at China's nuclear power operations**

Zhao Lei

China Daily, July 5, 2024

Diplomats from 11 nations recently visited several Chinese institutes involved in the nation's nuclear power operations during a five-day tour, according to the China Atomic Energy Authority. Organized by the authority, the Chinese Foreign Ministry and the country's Permanent Mission in Vienna, envoys from Argentina, South Africa, Ghana, Kenya, Malaysia and another six countries were given guided tours to the Linglong One in Hainan province, the world's first commercial small modular reactor, the China Institute of Atomic Energy, the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, the State Nuclear Security Technology Center as well as some other organizations related to the nuclear power industry, the authority said in a news release.

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202407/05/WS6687d8fba31095c51c50ca79.html>

## **Nuclear China in the Twenty-First Century: Status and Implications for the World and Europe**

David Santoro

James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, July 5, 2024

In August 2021, shortly after new evidence surfaced that China might be expanding its nuclear arsenal much more extensively and rapidly than previously assumed, Admiral Charles Richard, Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, described Beijing's military investments as a "strategic breakout." He underscored that the "explosive growth and modernization of [China's] nuclear and conventional forces can only be what I describe as breathtaking," adding that "that word, breathtaking, may not be enough.

<https://nonproliferation.org/nuclear-china-in-the-twenty-first-century-status-and-implications-for-the-world-and-europe/>

## **China's Type 094 Jin-class missile submarines have just 1 mission**

Maya Carlin

The National Interest, July 5, 2024

China's Jin-Class Type 094 submarines, designed for ballistic missile deployment, face significant challenges despite being an upgrade from the Xia-class. These subs are criticized for their high noise levels, which undermine their strategic deterrence capability. Armed with JL-2 and possibly JL-3 missiles, their range can threaten U.S. territories like Hawaii, Guam, and Alaska. However, doctrinal and technological limitations, along with command and control issues, question their



effectiveness in global nuclear deterrence. The upcoming Type 096 aims to address these shortcomings, indicating China's ongoing commitment to enhancing its submarine fleet.

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/chinas-type-094-jin-class-missile-submarines-have-just-1-mission-208821>

## **China to jointly promote nuclear science, technology with developing countries**

Xinhua, July 5, 2024

China is willing to provide more nuclear science and technology solutions to a vast number of developing countries, according to China Atomic Energy Authority (CAEA). Liu Jing, deputy director of the CAEA, highlighted the need to work together in order to cope with sustainable development challenges such as climate change, food security, health and environmental governance. He made the remarks during an event held to mark the 40th anniversary of China's accession to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Envoys from 11 countries including Argentina, South Africa and Pakistan, who are stationed in the organizations affiliated to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna, were invited to China.

<https://english.news.cn/20240705/68461542882045ec885609270ca5c3e1/c.html>

## **China to make forward-looking arrangements for future industries including humanoid robots, brain-computer interface**

Global Times, July 5, 2024

China will make forward-looking arrangements for future industries including humanoid robots and brain-computer interface, while trying to make breakthroughs in key technologies, China's Minister of Industry and Information Technology Jin Zhuanglong said. "We are trying to achieve a number of iconic results, form a number of iconic products and build a number of business incubators," Jin said at the press conference. The future industries involve advanced technology, such as the metaverse, humanoid robots, brain-computer interface and quantum information.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315509.shtml>

## **There is a massive nuclear arms race started by China & Russia**

Peter Huessy

Warrior Maven, July 6, 2024

The Washington Post recently noted that the world has a lot of arms but not much control. And surprisingly, the Post then went on to explain while the US has exercised restraint in its nuclear

modernization—staying within the New START limits---not so Russia and China, with the result that an arms race is underway. As retired Admiral Charles Richard noted in 2022 China is adding to its nuclear arsenal at a breathtaking speed. Russia has a significant upload capability in the multiple thousands of warheads, especially concerning given there have been no New START inspections for many years, on top of thousands of theater nuclear forces under no arms limits.

<https://warrormaven.com/global-security/there-is-a-massive-nuclear-arms-race-started-by-china-russia>

## **Is the China-Russia friendship facade set to crumble?**

Hiroyuki Akita

Nikkei Asia, July 7, 2024

In their highly publicized meeting on Feb. 4, 2022, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin orchestrated a display of unity and camaraderie, declaring that the friendship between the two countries has "no limits." Despite these outward demonstrations of solidarity, genuine trust remains elusive between China and Russia, whose shared history is marred by border conflicts stemming from ideological and territorial disputes. The tensions culminated in armed clashes in 1969.

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/Comment/Is-the-China-Russia-friendship-facade-set-to-crumble>

## **China plans to use drones to blockade Taiwan after US unveils 'Hellscape' strategy**

Wion, July 7, 2024

The Chinese military has claimed that it has the capability to impose and maintain a blockade on an island, solely using drones. The claim has been made in a peer-reviewed paper in the Chinese academic journal Command Control & Simulation, published last month. According to Chen Huijie, an engineer with the 92116 unit of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the project lead of the research, a simulation was run over an unnamed island with a narrow shape similar to Taiwan's terrain. The objective of the mission was to form a blockade and control the island which had been fortified with a large number of air defence missile launchers, while hostile warships and submarines prowled the surrounding waters.

<https://www.wionews.com/world/china-plans-to-use-drones-to-blockade-taiwan-after-us-unveils-hellscape-strategy-738679>

## **US, China ramp up uranium imports from Russia**

Mirage News, July 7, 2024

In May, the United States purchased about 91 tons of enriched uranium from Russia, valued at \$210 million, according to Russian media reports. This marks the highest amount since March 2023, when imports totaled \$246 million. Russian shipments accounted for 21.5% of the total enriched uranium the U.S. bought in May 2024. Interestingly, while China was the largest exporter of enriched uranium to the U.S. in May, it also became the largest importer of Russian enriched uranium in May, purchasing a multi-year record amount of \$233 million. The last time China imported such a large quantity of enriched uranium from Russia in a single month was in 2015.

<https://www.miragenews.com/us-and-china-ramp-up-russian-uranium-imports-1270511/>

## **China's new interception radar 'can track 10 hypersonic missiles at Mach 20'**

Stephen Chen

South China Morning Post, July 7, 2024

Chinese scientists say they have achieved an advance in radar technology that may turn up the heat in the race for hypersonic weapons. The project team led by Zheng Xiaoping, a professor with Tsinghua University's department of electronic engineering, said it had built a radar capable of tracking 10 incoming hypersonic missiles at Mach 20 with unprecedented precision, and it could also identify false targets. During ground-based simulations, the new radar showed an error of 28cm (11 inches) in estimating the distance of a missile travelling at nearly 7km (4.3 miles) per second, and it was up to 99.7 per cent accurate when estimating the missile's speed, the team said of a feat previously thought to be impossible.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3269347/chinas-new-interception-radar-can-track-10-hypersonic-missiles-mach-20>

## **China develops new stealth aircraft likely to be deployed on carriers**

Yukio Tajima

Nikkei Asia, July 8, 2024

China is developing a new stealth combat aircraft to be deployed on an aircraft carrier, Nikkei has learned. It will be a fifth-generation fighter jet with a stealth function and is expected to be deployed on China's third aircraft carrier, the Fujian. The new jet's capability would raise the People's Liberation Army's ability to execute its strategies in the air and on the sea, increasing the country's threats to Japan and Taiwan. Shenyang Aircraft Industry Group in late June showed a movie of its newest stealth aircraft, the Jian31B or J-31B, to the public. The text in the movie

reads "From the land base to marine base." A source in Japan's security authorities said the jet was built with the use on aircraft carriers in mind.

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics/Defense/China-develops-new-stealth-aircraft-likely-to-be-deployed-on-carriers>

## **China-France astronomical satellite detects three GRBs**

Global Times, July 8, 2024

The Sino-French astronomical satellite called Space Variable Objects Monitor (SVOM) has reportedly detected three gamma-ray bursts (GRBs). The coordinates of these GRBs have already been submitted to the General Coordinates Network (GCN), according to the China News Service. According to the project team of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) involved in the SVOM mission, after the satellite was launched on June 22, its gamma-ray detector was officially put into operation on June 24. Subsequent activation of the detector's high voltage systems during on-orbit testing on June 27 allowed it to capture its first gamma-ray burst that same day, marking the satellite's initial scientific achievement in orbit.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315648.shtml>

## **China's Artificial Sun generated a magnetic field, clearing a real path for fusion**

Caroline Delbert

Popular Mechanics, July 8, 2024

China joined the quest for an enormous, internationally cooperative nuclear fusion reactor in 2023. Now, they've reached a milestone by generating its magnetic field for the first time—a field that is entirely new in its design. The “artificial sun” reactor, Huanliu-3 (HL-3), is a tokamak run by 17 collaborating labs and facilities around the world. But the much-ballyhooed quest to make energy using these huge reactors still has a decade or more to go, with a lot of misinformation in the mix.

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/science/a61503601/china-artificial-sun-magnetic-field-nuclear-fusion/>

## **U.S. creates high-tech global supply chains to blunt risks tied to China**

Edward Wong and Ana Swanson

The New York Times, July 8, 2024

If the nascent effort progresses, it may help the administration meet some of its broad strategic goals. It wants to blunt security concerns involving China, which is growing its chip manufacturing

while making threats against Taiwan, a global center of chip technology. And it wants to lower the risks of disruptions to the chip supply chain — risks that became evident during the coronavirus pandemic and the war in Ukraine, both of which threw global shipping and manufacturing into turmoil.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/07/08/us/politics/supply-chain-china-tech.html>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on Japan and the Philippines reciprocal access agreement**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, July 8, 2024

The exchange and cooperation between countries should not undermine the mutual understanding and trust between other countries in the region. It should not threaten regional peace and stability, target any third party, or harm the interests of any third party. The Asia-Pacific region does not need any military bloc, still less groupings that incite bloc confrontation or a new Cold War. Any move that undermines regional peace and stability, and harms regional solidarity and cooperation will be met with vigilance and opposition from people in regional countries. Japan bears serious historical responsibilities for its aggression and colonial rule over the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries during WWII. Japan needs to reflect on that part of history and act prudently in fields related to military and security.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/2511\\_665403/202407/t20240708\\_11450025.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/202407/t20240708_11450025.html)

## **China outspends the U.S. on fusion in the race for energy's holy grail**

Jennifer Hiller and Sha Hua

The Wall Street Journal, July 8, 2024

A high-tech race is under way between the U.S. and China as both countries chase an elusive energy source: fusion. China is outspending the U.S., completing a massive fusion technology campus and launching a national fusion consortium that includes some of its largest industrial companies. Crews in China work in three shifts, essentially around the clock, to complete fusion projects. And the Asian superpower has 10 times as many Ph.D.s in fusion science and engineering as the U.S.

<https://www.wsj.com/world/china/china-us-fusion-race-4452d3be>

## **China's plenum must offer action not rote slogans**

Eswar Prasad

Financial Times, July 9, 2024

The mood in China is dismal. Indicators of domestic and foreign sentiment — household consumption, private investment and inflows of foreign capital — have been anaemic. Property values continue to fall and the stock market is in the doldrums, both reflecting and feeding into the sense that the economy is rudderless and that the government either doesn't understand the gravity of the situation or doesn't have a plan to stem the rot. Or both. The third plenum of the Chinese Communist party's Central Committee, a major meeting that typically sets out a road map for economic policies in each five-year cycle, is set to take place next week.

<https://www.ft.com/content/8b4f3e87-8999-4767-b79c-698c1d4d8800>

## **Chinese Foreign Ministry on NATO's stance towards China**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, July 9, 2024

We firmly reject NATO's vilification and blame-shifting against China. NATO should not use China to justify its insertion into the Asia-Pacific and attempt to disrupt regional dynamics. China is a force for world peace, a contributor to global development and a defender of international order. Our objective and just position and constructive role on the Ukraine crisis and international and regional hotspot issues are widely recognized by the international community. We urge NATO to form the right perception of China, get rid of its Cold War mentality and zero-sum approach, stop scaremongering on security and making imaginary enemies, stop forming exclusive clubs in the name of collective defense, and play a constructive role for global peace, stability and development.

[https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/2511\\_665403/202407/t20240709\\_11451080.html](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/202407/t20240709_11451080.html)

## **U.S., allies issue rare warning on Chinese hacking group**

Mike Cherney

The Wall Street Journal, July 9, 2024

Australia, the U.S. and six other allies warned that a Chinese state-sponsored hacking group poses a threat to their networks, in an unusual coordinated move by Western governments to call

out a global hacking operation they say is directed by Beijing's intelligence services. The advisory was a rare instance of Washington's major allies in the Pacific and elsewhere joining to sound the alarm on China's cyber activity. Australia led and published the advisory. It was joined by the U.S., U.K., Canada and New Zealand, which along with Australia are part of an intelligence-sharing group of countries known as the Five Eyes. Germany, Japan and South Korea also signed on.

<https://www.wsj.com/politics/national-security/u-s-allies-issue-rare-warning-on-chinese-hacking-group-9eebb0ce>

## **Biden wants to cut U.S. need for Chinese cranes; ports fear higher costs**

David J. Lynch

The Washington Post, July 9, 2024

President Biden wants American ports to stop buying Chinese ship-to-shore cranes and to start buying American ones. There's just one problem: No one in the United States makes the giant cargo-handling gear. The president has proposed a 25 percent tariff on Chinese models to encourage the emergence of a domestic alternative, which could take years. In the meantime, the nation's ports complain they will be stuck paying extra for Chinese cranes they ordered before the tariff announcement. European alternatives exist, but cost much more, even after the tariffs are included in the Chinese price.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2024/07/09/cranes-china-ports-biden/>

## **China, Bangladesh elevate ties, broaden cooperation**

Wang Qi

Global Times, July 10, 2024

China and Bangladesh elevated their relations to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced this while meeting in Beijing. Experts described Hasina's visit to China as a journey of cooperation and friendship. Although some Indian media outlets are seemingly concerned about the visit, experts said the development of China-Bangladesh ties does not target any third party, and will be conducive to overall peace and stability in South Asia.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315808.shtml>

## **China ranks among best in global nuclear safety, advances AI integration into nuke power operation: forum**

Fan Anqi

Global Times, July 10, 2024

The overall safety level of nuclear power in China ranks among the best in the world, and China is working on integrating artificial intelligence (AI) and big data into the application of nuclear power plants to ensure safer and more reliable nuclear power operations, industry insiders said at a forum held in Beijing. Ye Qizhen, an academician at the Chinese Academy of Engineering, said at the forum that China's operational nuclear units have maintained safe and stable operation, with no International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES) level 2 or above operational incidents in the last 30 years.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202407/1315795.shtml>

## **China rebukes Philippines, denies blocking medical evacuation from Second Thomas Shoal**

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South China Morning Post, July 10, 2024

China has hit out at the Philippines, accusing it of “deliberately misleading” the international community over their latest squabble in the South China Sea in which Philippine forces claimed Chinese vessels tried to block the evacuation of a sick soldier. In a statement, China Coast Guard said it had allowed the Philippines to evacuate an ill person from an “illegally grounded warship” under “humanitarian considerations” and had “monitored and verified” their actions in accordance with the law.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3269876/china-rebukes-philippines-denies-blocking-medical-evacuation-second-thomas-shoal>

## **Chinese navy destroyer and helicopter shadowed Australian warship during high-profile standoff, documents show**

Daniel Hurst

The Guardian, July 10, 2024

An Australian helicopter was flying south-east of China's Shandong peninsula but outside its territorial waters when a Chinese fighter aircraft released flares in its path, new documents show.



Guardian Australia can reveal that Australia's HMAS Hobart warship was also being shadowed by a People's Liberation Army (PLA) navy destroyer and another Chinese helicopter at the time of the 4 May standoff. The incident emerged as another flashpoint in tensions between the two countries, casting a shadow over attempts to "stabilise" the diplomatic relationship.

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/article/2024/jul/11/chinese-navy-destroyer-and-helicopter-shadowed-australian-warship-during-high-profile-standoff-documents-show>

## **U.S. Coast Guard encounters People's Republic of China military naval presence in Bering Sea**

United States Coast Guard News, Department of Homeland Security, July 10, 2024

The U.S. Coast Guard encountered multiple People's Republic of China military ships in the Bering Sea. The crew of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Kimball (WMSL 756) detected three vessels approximately 124 miles north of the Amchitka Pass in the Aleutian Islands, and an HC-130J aircrew from U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak detected an additional vessel approximately 84 miles north of the Amukta Pass. All four of the People's Republic of China vessels were transiting in international waters but still inside the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, which extends 200 nautical miles from the U.S. shoreline.

<https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/3834722/us-coast-guard-encounters-peoples-republic-of-china-military-naval-presence-in/>

## **As violence surges, can Pakistan protect its Chinese projects?**

Zia ur-Rehman and Christina Goldbaum

The New York Times, July 10, 2024

China has invested billions in megaprojects across Pakistan. But a resurgence in militant violence is threatening to derail badly needed investment. Across Pakistan, authorities are hurrying to bolster security for Chinese workers after a surge in militant violence targeting Chinese-funded megaprojects. The attacks have threatened infrastructure, energy and trade projects that have kept Pakistan's economy afloat through a dire economic crisis. That investment in Pakistan, which began in 2015 as part of China's Belt and Road Initiative, involves around \$60 billion of planned projects.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/07/10/world/asia/pakistan-china-attacks.html>

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