



### [Niger Suspends Oil Export to China Over Row with Benin](#)

Niger has halted oil exports to China via its pipeline to Benin's coast, intensifying the dispute between the neighboring West African states. Oil Minister Mahamane Moustapha Barke Bako oversaw the shutdown at the Agadem oilfield, stopping the \$400 million export agreement with China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC). Relations soured when Benin blocked Niger's crude exports in May and demanded that Niger reopen its border to Benin's goods. After a brief period when normalcy had seemingly been restored, the row flared again when Benin detained five Niger nationals, accusing them of entering a pipeline terminal under false pretenses. Niger denied these allegations, stating that the detainees were only supervising crude loading in line with its agreement with Benin. According to Minister Bako, Benin's actions necessitated the halting of oil exports as it could be stealing Niger's oil given it has no representative to ensure otherwise. Africa.com.

### [Ethiopia will strengthen relations with China in all areas](#)

The vice president of the ruling Prosperity Party of Ethiopia, Adem Farah, affirmed that they will continue strengthening long-standing cooperative relations with China in all areas. Farah highlighted China's status as a solid economic partner in the development of Ethiopia during his talk with the director of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Liu Jianchao, on the sidelines of the "World Majority for Multipolar Order" forum meeting in Russia, Fana Broadcasting Corporate reported. The Ethiopian authority said that many Chinese companies are actively involved in various Ethiopian sectors and welcomed the CPC's support in Ethiopia's quest to become a member of the BRICS group (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arabs Emirates, Iran and recently Ethiopia). Prensa Latina.

### [S. Africa unity govt to retain policy course](#)

Country will work closely with China as exchanges likely to intensify, experts say. The new coalition government in South Africa will not result in a big policy shift in the domestic field or relations with China, and South Africa-China collaboration and exchanges are likely to intensify, experts say. South Africa announced the formation of a coalition government on Friday, South Africa's first in 30 years, which came two weeks after elections that resulted in no outright winning party. The African National Congress, which had the highest number of votes, formed a government with the Democratic Alliance, the Inkatha Freedom Party, the National Freedom Party and the Patriotic Alliance. Cyril Ramaphosa was chosen as the country's president on Friday. Congratulatory messages continued to pour in for the leader. China Daily.

### [Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Lin Jian's Regular Press Conference on June 17, 2024](#)

At the invitation of the government of the Republic of South Africa, President Xi Jinping's Special Envoy and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Xiao Jie will attend the inauguration

of President Cyril Ramaphosa in Pretoria, the capital of South Africa, on June 19. From June 18 to 25, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of the CPC Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission Chen Wenqing will attend the fourth China-Singapore Social Governance Forum in Singapore and visit Singapore and South Africa upon invitation. CCTV: On June 14, the National Assembly (NA) held the first sitting of the new Parliament in Cape Town, and Cyril Ramaphosa, leader of the African National Congress, was reelected as President. What's China's comment on that? What's China's expectation for its relations with South Africa? Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America.

### [Kenya to export one million kilos of tea to China as it eyes Sh211b](#)

The first consignment of Kenyan tea is expected to be shipped to China by the end of this month. This follows the government's launch of the China-Kenya Tea Trade Centre in Fujian Province of China to facilitate distribution of Kenya tea to the Asian country in May this year. According to the Tea Board of Kenya (TBK), it is expected that by the end of the year, one million kilogrammes of Orthodox teas under the arrangement will have been shipped to the Asian giant. Within the same period, Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Benny Tea of China on technology transfer and marketing. "All the teas manufactured under this arrangement will have guaranteed market access to China through Benny Tea," reads a statement by TBK. During the signing of the MOU, Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi said the launch would positively change Kenya's tea market share in China. The Standard.

### [China to attend World University Mind Sports championship in Uganda](#)

Uganda, the host for the 2024 FISU World University Mind Sports Championship, has confirmed that China will send a team for the event scheduled for June 25-30 in Entebbe. Peninah Aligawesa Kabenge, the vice president of the International University Sports Federation (FISU), told Xinhua on Saturday that China was among the first nations to indicate their readiness to attend the championship. "China is a big nation in the Mind Sports and they have already confirmed participation. Remember they won gold at the 2020 FISU World University Championship Mind Sports," added Kabenge. She noted that more than 20 countries and regions have confirmed participation in the tournament, which includes chess and bridge. "We are preparing well because our target is to organize a very successful 2024 FISU World University Mind Sports Championship. Our teams are also preparing well because being hosts we believe home advantage should also play a role in motivating our players more," explained Kabenge. The Independent Uganda.

### [Investigations reveal the troubling connections between 'politically exposed persons' and Chinese companies within Ghana's fisheries sector](#)

Investigations reveal a shadowy nexus of power, 'PEPs' and lack of transparency. Samuel Abayitey, a Ghanaian fishery observer, disappeared under mysterious circumstances in October 2023 while aboard the Korean-owned trawler vessel Marine 707. His vanishing, just like the unresolved case of Emmanuel Essien years earlier, points to a troubling pattern of risk and vulnerability for observers in Ghana's fisheries sector. An investigation led by iWatch Africa in partnership with the Pulitzer Center's Ocean Reporting Network sheds light on the nexus of power and privilege within Ghana's fisheries industry. It reveals troubling connections between "politically exposed persons," fishing trawler ownership and the pervasive lack of accountability. According to Ghana's

regulations, politically exposed persons (PEPs) are individuals who are or have been entrusted with prominent public functions both in Ghana or in foreign countries and people or entities associated with them. Global Voices.

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