



### [US sanctions firms for training China's military aircrew in South Africa](#)

The United States has taken decisive action against companies allegedly involved in training Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) aircrew in South Africa. The US Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) recently announced sanctions against four firms spanning Hong Kong, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. These companies are accused of utilizing Western and NATO sources to provide training to PLA air personnel. The sanctioned firms include Global Training Solutions Limited and Smartech Future Limited in Hong Kong, Grace Air (Pty) Ltd in South Africa and Livingston Aerospace Ltd in the United Kingdom, according to the US Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). The BIS added 16 companies to its Entity List last year, citing their purported provision of training to Chinese military pilots using Western and NATO resources. Among the sanctioned entities are TFASA, Frontier Services Group, AVIC International Flight Training Academy (AIFA), and the Chinese Flight Test Establishment (also known as the Shaanxi-based AVIC Flight Test Center). Military Africa.

### [China's Arm Sales and Military Diplomacy in Africa](#)

Russia has long been the top arms supplier to Africa. However, the Ukraine war has made it difficult for Russia to maintain its arms exports to Africa due to international sanctions and the need to support its ongoing conflict. Seizing this opportunity, China, the world's second-largest arms producer and fourth-largest arms exporter, is dramatically expanding its arms exports to Sub-Saharan Africa. Chinese weapons have been found in numerous conflict zones across Sub-Saharan Africa, as Beijing has been actively supplying weapons to conflicts in Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), South Sudan, and Ethiopia. Additionally, Chinese weapons are flowing into Chad, Angola, Nigeria, Mali, and other countries. In Nigeria, weapons factories have been established, exporting Chinese arms to other African nations, such as Zimbabwe. Geopolitical Monitor.

### [Country's central provinces bolster trade ties with Africa](#)

In the predawn mist off Kenya's coast, fishermen cast their nets into the sea, chasing wild anchovies. Little do they know, this catch would soon embark on a journey to China and elsewhere, where it would be made into tasty snacks destined for supermarkets across over 30 countries. Jinzai Food Group Co Ltd in Central China's Hunan province drives this international operation. Since 2022, after Kenya's aquatic products gained access to the Chinese market, the company has emerged as one of the largest importers of these products. "The company's sales of dried small deep-sea fish have surpassed 1 billion yuan (\$137.5 million) and tens of thousands of tons of fish are imported each year," said Zhou Jinsong, the company's chairman. Zhou added that the company has set up a fish-processing factory in Kenya, supports the local government in conducting fishing surveys, and helps train fishermen into skilled industrial workers. Jinzai exemplifies the thriving economic and trade exchanges between Hunan and Africa. The province has stayed at the forefront of China-Africa economic and trade relations. China Daily.

### [Chinese products at Tanzania's trade fair create new business opportunities](#)

Mussa Kaisi, a cashew nut farmer from Tanzania's Mtwara region, could not take his eyes off a 50-horsepower tractor displayed by Bada (Shandong) Agricultural Machinery Company Ltd. at the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF). "I bought this type of tractor from this company in March this year, and it is helping me in my cashew nut farming," said Kaisi, who owns 125 hectares of cashew nut trees. Using the tractor, he expects to boost his cashew nut production from 20 tonnes to more than 35 tonnes in the next harvesting season, starting in September 2024. "Products displayed by Chinese companies are helping Tanzanian entrepreneurs improve production in various sectors, including agriculture and manufacturing," he added. Many other Tanzanians visiting the DITF, like Kaisi, were also attracted to various Chinese products on display at the Chinese pavilion. The trade fair, running from June 28 to July 13, hosted more than 4,000 exhibitors from 26 countries, including over 200 Chinese companies. Xinhua.

### [Flying cars could take off in China, subsea power project aims to link Morocco to UK in this week's R&D World roundup](#)

While a massive underwater power cable promises to bring renewable energy from Morocco to the UK, high above the streets of Guangzhou, China, another futuristic vision is taking flight: flying cars. These ambitious projects underscore a global surge in research and development, as evidenced by the latest R&D World Index (RDWI). The R&D World Index (RDWI) for the week ending July 5, 2024, closed at 3,920.01 for the 25 companies in the RDWI. The Index was up 2.59% (or 98.93 basis points). Nineteen RDWI members gained value last week from 0.13% (General Motors) to 7.46% (Apple). Six RDWI members lost value the previous week from -0.83% (Astra Zeneca) to -4.50% (Bristol-Myers Squibb). French photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing startup Carbon announced plans last week for its R&D and training facility in Istres on the south coast of France. Its "CARBON Lab" will receive a \$36 million investment to develop and rehabilitate several unused industrial buildings near its proposed gigafactory in Fos-sur-Mer, which the company expects to commission in late 2026. Research and Development World.

### [Guinea-Bissau president to visit China](#)

At the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, President Umaro Sissoco Embaló of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau will pay a state visit to China from July 9 to 13, foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying announced on Monday. During the visit, Xi will host a welcoming ceremony and a banquet for Embaló and the two heads of state will hold talks, Lin Jian, another spokesperson for the foreign ministry, told a press briefing on Monday. Premier Li Qiang will also meet with Embaló, Lin said. Lin noted that the Chinese people firmly supported the people of Guinea-Bissau in their struggle for national independence and liberation in the 1970s. In recent years, the two countries have firmly supported each other on issues concerning each other's core interests, conducted cooperation in economic and social development, maintained communication and coordination in international affairs, and continuously scored new achievements in friendly relations, Lin said. Xinhua.

### [US intervention in Congo deal highlights need for China to secure mineral cooperation](#)

The US appears to be increasing its intervention in African countries to restrict the operations of Chinese mining companies, highlighting the need for China to secure a stable supply chain for critical minerals through enhanced

collaboration with alternative mineral suppliers. The US has just intervened in the sale of a Congolese copper mine to a Chinese company by encouraging the Democratic Republic of Congo's state-owned miner Gécamines to review the sale, the Financial Times reported over the weekend, citing people familiar with the matter. While it remains unclear how the deal will fare, the incident serves as yet another illustration of the US leveraging its influence to hinder the international expansion of Chinese companies in the critical minerals sector. As global demand for electric cars and high-tech products has grown, key mineral resources critical to these industries have become part of the US' global strategic landscape. Global Times.

### [\*\*Ambassador Yin Chengwu Met with Mayor of Monrovia Siafa\*\*](#)

On July 5, Yin Chengwu, Chinese Ambassador to Liberia, met with Hon. John-Charuk S. Siafa, Mayor of Monrovia. The two sides exchanged views on sub-national affairs cooperation between the two countries. Yin expressed China's willingness to continue to promote friendly exchanges between local governments and strengthen exchanges and mutual learning on urban governance of China and Liberia. Hon. Siafa noted that Monrovia is willing to conduct communication and cooperation with more provinces and cities in China. Distributed by APO Group on behalf of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Liberia. Africa .com.

### [\*\*China & Guinea-Bissau Ties: Guinea-Bissau President Umaro Sissoco Embaló arrives in Beijing for state visit\*\*](#)

Guinea-Bissau's President Umaro Sissoco Embaló has arrived in Beijing. He is on a state visit until Saturday. Chinese President Xi Jinping will host a welcome ceremony for him. President Xi and Premier Li Qiang will separately meet President Embaló for talks. Our reporter You Yang has more from Beijing. YOU YANG, Beijing "President Umaro Sissoco Embaló of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau arrived in Beijing on Tuesday. At the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, President Embaló is paying a state visit to China from Tuesday to Saturday. During this time, President Xi will host a welcoming ceremony and a banquet for President Embaló and the two heads of state will hold talks. Chinese Premier Li Qiang will also meet with President Embaló. Ahead of his trip to China, President Embaló gave a speech at the airport in Guinea-Bissau, noting that China is an "essential and indisputable" partner in bilateral cooperation. He also praised China's contribution to the development of the West African country. The leader of Guinea-Bissau said the two countries "have been traditional partners since the beginning of the national liberation struggle of Guinea-Bissau." CGTN.

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