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Nigeria suspends Chinese deal Nigeria has suspended a railway deal with China in the latest move by President Umaru Yar'Adua to review contracts signed by the last administration. The authorities suspended the rail contract with one of China's biggest engineering firms because the cost was inflated and there were no funds for the project, meant to modernize Nigeria's century-old rail system, according to a presidential spokesperson. [Read More](#)

China's Chery pleased with SA sales Sales of the Chinese Chery passenger vehicle range has averaged 356 units a month since the brand's introduction to the South African market in June, says Chery MD Brett Soso. Chery will not escape the current market turmoil unscathed, though, the company is in the same position as other vehicle importers even if it imports the brand from China. [Read More](#)

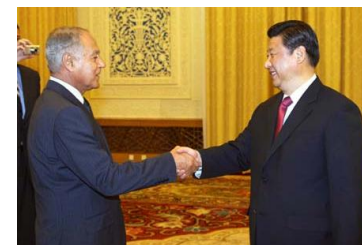


China prepares to increase special cooperation zones in Africa to ten China is preparing to double from five to ten the number of special cooperation zones to be set up in Africa, according to diplomatic sources. If Beijing's confirms this, Cape Verde resides at the top of the list to receive one of these zones, which Chinese president Hu Jintao promised to establish in Africa by 2010. [Read More](#)

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Mpumalanga Donates US\$99 000 to China's Reconstruction Fund The Mpumalanga Provincial Government has pledged US\$99 000 towards the reconstruction fund aimed at assisting the victims of the earthquake that hit the Sichuan province in China earlier this year. The earthquake left more than 12 000 people dead and 18 000 people missing. The US\$99 000 donation forms part of a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Mpumalanga Premier, Thabang Makwetla and his counterpart [Read More](#)

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