



Weekly China Briefing

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Sichuan quake death toll 19,500, could climb to 50,000

Chinese officials have confirmed that the death toll of this week's earthquake has reached 19 509 and warned that it might soar to 50 000. More than 130 000 soldiers and police are currently working with the relief operation. [Read More](#)



Kidnapped Chinese workers freed in Nigeria

Three Chinese construction workers from the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation that were kidnapped last Tuesday in southern Nigeria were freed on Friday the 9th of May. [Read More](#)

Chinese firm mulls US\$ 500 million investment in Zimbabwe

A Chinese company is reportedly exploring the possibility of investing US\$ 500 million in electricity generation in Zimbabwe. China Hainan Airline is reportedly also willing to expand the Victoria Falls Airport. [Read More](#)



China to fund construction of new Attorney General's Office in Mozambique



A Chinese company is to build the Mozambican Attorney General's new office funded via a US\$ 40 million Chinese credit line. [Read More](#)

China condemns rebel attack on Sudanese capital



A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman has condemned the attacks on Saturday by the Darfur rebel group Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) on the Sudanese capital Khartoum. [Read More](#)

China and Guinea Bissau vow to boost parliamentary co-operation



During a visit by the Speaker of Guinea Bissau's Parliament to Beijing, China and Guinea Bissau vowed to step up their inter-parliamentary cooperation in an effort to boost bilateral relations. [Read More](#)

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