



## Weekly China Briefing

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### Anglo signs deal with China Development Bank

Mining group Anglo American Plc has sealed a strategic alliance with the China Development Bank to develop a range of mining projects. According to a memorandum of understanding between Anglo and the bank projects would be developed in China, Africa and other regions. [Read More](#)



### Chinese peacekeepers in Sudan awarded medal during Spring Festival

United Nations Peacekeeping Medals have been awarded to Chinese peacekeepers in Sudan in honour of their great contributions to peace and the reconstruction of the country. [Read More](#)

### Rebuilding of electricity grid brings new opportunities for economic growth

Chinese know how and capital will assist Guinea Bissau with the rebuilding of its debilitated electricity grid, creating new opportunities for economic growth. China's Western Metal Product Company (Wempco), together with Africa Infrastructure, are involved in a joint venture aimed at providing emergency power to this African nation. [Read More](#)

### World Bank sees change in China's African role

The World Bank has lauded China's participation for the first time recently in the Bank's meetings on the needs of some of Africa's poorest countries. The positive sentiment was expressed by Bank President, Robert Zoellick, who stated that "it is a confirmation that China is playing a larger role in the region." [Read More](#)

### Sierra Leone: China Opens Development Packages for Country

The current Chinese ambassador to Sierra Leone says that more development projects will be initiated in the West African country. Some of these projects include the building of a hundred-bed hospital with an anti-malarial center in Freetown, two new schools, a new stadium as well as the cultivation of better rice varieties. [Read More](#)

### Fighting intensifies in Chad; Chinese moved to safety

The Chinese embassy has helped evacuate more than 200 Chinese nationals from N'Djamena, the Chadian capital, as heavy clashes continued during the city's siege by rebels. Foreign Ministry spokesman, Liu Jianchao, stated that the Chinese nationals have been moved to neighboring Cameroon. [Read More](#)



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