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2. US on Sino-DPRK Relations

The Nixon Center (Natalie Matthews, "CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE STEINBERG", Washington, 2010/07/28) reported that US Deputy Secretary of State Jim Steinberg said that the PRC is reaping the consequences of all parties' inability to deter DPRK provocations which have resulted in joint military exercises by the U.S. and South Korea in the Yellow Sea. The

report cited him as saying, "China is suffering the indignity of exercises close to its shores, and though they are not directed at China, the exercises are a direct result of China's support for North Korea and unwillingness to denounce their aggression." He said that despite Beijing's discomfort with the U.S.-ROK military exercises, the U.S.'s long-term goals are consistent with the PRC's two most fundamental interests: a nuclear weapons free peninsula and the maintenance of regional stability.

<http://www.nixoncenter.org/index.cfm?action=showpage&page=Deputy-Secretary-Steinberg-2010>

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3. DPRK-Burma Relations

BBC News ("NORTH KOREA MINISTER VISITS BURMA AMID NUCLEAR FEARS", 2010/07/29) reported that DPRK foreign minister Pak Ui-chun has arrived in Burma for talks with top leaders, reports from the region say. Pak will travel to the capital, Naypyitaw, for talks with counterpart Nyan Win, officials said. He is expected to spend four days in Burma, reports said.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-10799210>

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4. ROK Civil Society on Naval Ship Sinking

Joongang Ilbo (Kim Jung-wook, "IN D.C., LIBERAL CIVIC GROUPS GET COLD-SHOULDERED", Washington, 2010/07/29) reported that a delegation from the ROK Committee for Implementing June 15 Joint Declaration paid a visit to the U.S. State Department and attended a forum at the U.S. Congress to convey its opinion. According to sources, Kim Sang-geun, head of the delegation, delivered a letter to the U.S. officials, expressing the group's "disappointment" at the Barack Obama administration's DPRK policy and urging Washington to have bilateral negotiations with Pyongyang as soon as possible. According to the source, Sung Kim, chief U.S. negotiator for the six-party talks, rebuffed the group's argument about the Cheonan's sinking, saying that an international investigative team's conclusion was based on an objective and scientific investigation and that the U.S. fully trusts its findings.

<http://joongangdaily.joins.com/article/view.asp?aid=2923876>

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5. US-Japan Nuclear Agreement

Bloomberg (Sachiko Sakamaki, "PANEL RECOMMENDS JAPAN ALLOW ENTRY OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS", Tokyo, 2010/07/27) reported that a Japanese government panel will propose shifting defense policy to allow the transportation of U.S. nuclear weapons within the country and lift a ban on arms exports. Other recommendations include allowing joint weapons development with other countries besides the U.S.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-07-27/panel-recommends-japan-allow-entry-of-u-s-nuclear-weapons-asahi-reports.html>

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6. PRC Military Exercises

China Daily ("CHINA CONDUCTS 2 MILITARY DRILLS", Beijing, 2010/07/29) reported that the PRC military conducted two exercises near the Yellow Sea, while the United States and the Republic of Korea (ROK) engaged in a joint military drill that concluded on Wednesday. According to the Xinhua News Agency, an army unit based at an inland province in the Jinan Military Command ferried combat forces and arms to "a coastal city" in Shandong province on Tuesday. The PRC's Central Television Station (CCTV) on Tuesday broadcast footage of the Nanjing Military Command testing a new long-range artillery rocket on land toward the Yellow Sea. Liu Mingjin, chief of staff of the artillery division, told CCTV that the drill was intended to test the troop's long-range striking precision.

<http://english.eastday.com/e/100729/u1a5360156.html>

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