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SUMMARY

1. AT THE REGULAR BI-WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFING MFA SPOKESMAN SUN YUXI SAID CHINA WOULD CONTINUE TO OFFER RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN "WITHIN ITS CAPABILITIES." CHINA HOPES THE INTERIM AND FUTURE GOVERNMENTS OF AFGHANISTAN WILL MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NEIGHBORS AND THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL TAKE ITS PLACE AS A RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, SUN SAID. AFTER TALKS IN BEIJING, CHAIRMAN KARZAI "FULLY UNDERSTANDS" CHINA'S CONCERNS OVER "EAST TURKESTAN TERRORISM" AND AFGHANISTAN WILL RETURN ANY "EAST TURKESTAN TERRORISTS" TO CHINA, SUN SAID. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT SOME "EAST TURKESTAN MEMBERS" RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM USAMA BIN LADEN AND PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN, SUN ASSERTED. THE FIGHT AGAINST THE "EAST
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TURKESTAN" MOVEMENT SHOULD CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S COUNTERTERRORISM ENDEAVORS, HE MAINTAINED. SUN CONFIRMED THAT A CANADIAN FALUN GONG PRACTITIONER WAS ARRESTED ON TIANANMEN SQUARE AND WOULD BE DEPORTED. CHINA BELIEVED U.S.-HELD AL-QAIDA PRISONERS SHOULD BE "HANDLED ACCORDING TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION AND TREATED AS PRISONERS OF WAR" SUN SAID. PRESIDENT JIANG RECEIVED A LETTER JANUARY 22 FROM YASSER ARAFAT STATING THE PALESTINIANS WILL LIVE UP TO CEASE-FIRE COMMITMENTS AND APPEALING TO CHINA TO INCREASE ITS EFFORTS TO SALVAGE THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

AFGHAN RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE

2. BLOOMBERG ASKED WHETHER CHINA INTENDED TO INCREASE ITS DONATIONS TO THE AFGHAN RECONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE BEYOND THE USD ONE MILLION IT PLEDGED AT THE TOKYO CONFERENCE. SUN REPLIED THAT CHINA HAS ALREADY DONATED RMB 30 MILLION (USD 3.6 MILLION) IN HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES TO AFGHANISTAN IN ADDITION TO THE USD ONE MILLION IN CASH PLEDGED IN TOKYO. THE CASH WAS RELEASED TO AIA CHAIRMAN KARZAI ON JANUARY 23 DURING MEETINGS IN BEIJING WITH PREMIER ZHU RONGJI, SUN SAID. IN THE FUTURE, CHINA WILL OFFER ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN "WITHIN ITS CAPABILITIES AND ACCORDING TO THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN." CHINA WILL DETAIL FUTURE PLANS "IN DUE

COURSE," SUN SAID, NOTING THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN
KARZAI AND PRESIDENT JIANG WOULD BEGIN SHORTLY. (NOTE:
CHINA'S OFFICIAL XINHUA NEWS SERVICE REPORTS THAT
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PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD CHARIMAN KARZAI
THAT CHINA WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL USD 150 MILLION
WORTH OF ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN. END NOTE.)

AFGHAN FOREIGN RELATIONS

3. APP ASKED FOR COMMENT ON THE FUTURE OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN. AS A CLOSE NEIGHBOR
OF AFGHANISTAN, SUN REPLIED, CHINA HAS LONG BEEN
CONCERNED OVER THE SITUATION THERE. AFTER A LONG PERIOD
OF WAR, THE STRONGEST WISH OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE IS FOR
PEACE, SU SAID. PEACE IS AN IMPORTANT PREREQUISITE FOR
RECONSTRUCTION IN AFGHANISTAN. CHINA CALLS ON THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO
RESTORE PEACE AND STABILITY IN AFGHANISTAN, SUN STATED.
CHINA HOPES THE INTERIM AND FUTURE GOVERNMENTS OF
AFGHANISTAN WILL MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL
NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING PAKISTAN, AND TAKE ITS PLACE AS A
RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

"EAST TURKESTAN TERRORISM"

4. THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE ASKED WHETHER, BY DETAILING
LINKS BETWEEN THE "EAST TURKESTAN" SEPARATIST GROUPS AND

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USAMA BIN LADEN (UBL), CHINA IS SEEKING SUPPORT FROM THE U.S. IN ITS DOMESTIC ANTI-SEPARATIST CAMPAIGN. SUN RESPONDED THAT CHINA BELIEVES TERRORISM IS THE COMMON ENEMY OF ALL HUMANITY. THE "EAST TURKESTAN" GROUPS HAVE LONG RECEIVED TRAINING AND SUPPORT FROM "UBL FORCES," AND THEIR "SERIOUS TERRORIST ACTIVITIES" IN XINJIANG HAD DAMAGED THE PROPERTY AND LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE, SUN ASSERTED. RECENTLY, THE STATE COUNCIL PROMULGATED "IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS" OUTLINING EVIDENCE AGAINST THE "EAST TURKESTAN" GROUPS, SUN NOTED. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT SOME "EAST TURKESTAN MEMBERS" PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN. THE MOVEMENT IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION THAT SHOULD BE "STRONGLY COMBATED," SUN ASSERTED. THE FIGHT AGAINST THE "EAST TURKESTAN" MOVEMENT SHOULD CONSTITUTE A PART

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OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS, SUN STATED. CHINA HAS THE RESOLVE AND THE CAPABILITY TO FIGHT THE SEPARATISTS AND SHOULD RECEIVE UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 BEIJIN 00649 02 OF 03 241136Z THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT AND COOPERATION, SUN STATED.

5. AP ASKED WHETHER, DURING KARZAI'S BEIJING VISIT, CHINA WOULD REQUEST THE EXTRADITION OF ANY "EAST TURKESTAN" INDIVIDUALS BEING HELD IN AFGHANISTAN. SUN SAID THAT DURING HIS TALKS WITH CHAIRMAN KARZAI PREMIER ZHU BRIEFED ON CHINESE COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS AGAINST "EAST TURKESTAN" SEPARATISTS. CHAIRMAN KARZAI "FULLY UNDERSTANDS" CHINA'S CONCERNS, SUN ASSERTED, AND THE AIA WOULD RETURN ANY "EAST TURKESTAN TERRORISTS" TO CHINA.

6. THE CHICAGO TIMES ASKED HOW SUCH PRISONERS WOULD BE HANDLED IN CHINA. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, SUN SAID, THAT SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE TERRORISTS WHO HAVE BROKEN LAWS AND COMMITTED CRIMES AND THEY WOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDING TO LAW.

7. AP ASKED IF CHINA PLANNED TO RELEASE FURTHER EVIDENCE ON TERRORIST ACTIVITY BY "EAST TURKESTAN" GROUPS. SUN REPLIED THERE IS "AMPLE AND COMPELLING EVIDENCE" INDICATING THE GROUPS WERE SUPPORTED AND TRAINED BY UBL. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN FOUND TO HAVE COOPERATED WITH OTHER TERRORISTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND TO HAVE COMMITTED TERRORIST ACTS IN "OTHER PLACES."

UBL/MULLAH OMAR WHEREABOUTS

8. PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ASKED IF KARZAI PROVIDED CHINA ANY INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF UBL OR MULLAH UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 BEIJIN 00649 02 OF 03 241136Z OMAR. SUN REPLIED THAT HE HAS NOTED THERE IS NOW A LARGE REWARD FOR THE CAPTURE OF UBL OR MULLAH OMAR BUT HAS HEARD NO NEWS OF THEIR LOCATIONS. CHINA HOPES BOTH INDIVIDUALS WILL BE APPREHENDED SOON AND BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

ARAFAT'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT JIANG

9. APP ASKED FOR DETAILS ON CHAIRMAN ARAFAT'S RECENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT JIANG. PRESIDENT JIANG HAD RECEIVED A LETTER DATED JANUARY 22 OUTLINING ARAFAT'S VIEWS OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, SUN RESPONDED. THE LETTER STATES THAT THE PALESTINIANS WILL LIVE UP TO THEIR CEASE-FIRE COMMITMENTS AND SPEAKS HIGHLY OF CHINESE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PEACE IN THE REGIONS, SUN SAID. ARAFAT ALSO APPEALED TO CHINA TO EXERCISE ITS "IMPACT IN THE WORLD" TO SALVAGE THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. CHINA'S POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IS CONSISTENT, SUN CONTINUED. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST, SUN SAID, FM TANG EXPRESSED CHINA'S HOPE FOR AN END TO THE OCCUPATION OF PALESTINIAN TERRITORY BASED ON EXISTING UN RESOLUTIONS. CHINA HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED THE PRINCIPLE OF LAND FOR PEACE SHOULD BE RESPECTED AND HOPES THE RELEVANT PARTIES WILL RESUME NEGOTIATIONS AT AN EARLY DATE. CHINA OPPOSES THE USE OF

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INDISCRIMINATE FORCE BY ISRAEL, SUN ADDED. CHINA ALSO
ADVOCATES A STRONGER ROLE FOR THE UNSC IN SEEKING A
RESOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT.

JAPAN-DPRK TALKS

10. AP ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF TALKS, HELD IN CHINA,
BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND DPRK GOVERNMENTS ON THE RECENT
SHIP SINKING. SUN REPLIED THAT CHINA WELCOMES EFFORTS
BY JAPAN AND THE DPRK TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS.
CHINA HOPES THAT SUCH EFFORTS WILL HELP TO ENHANCE THE
STABILITY AND SECURITY IN THE REGION. SUN SAID THAT ANY
CONSULTATIONS WERE BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE DPRK BUT CHINA
ALWAYS STOOD READY TO HELP THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS.

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11. AFP ASKED FOR COMMENT ON MEDIA REPORTS THAT
LISTENING DEVICES WERE DISCOVERED IN PRESIDENT JIANG'S
NEW PLANE AFTER ITS DELIVERY FROM THE U.S. SUN REPLIED
THAT IT IS "TOTALLY UNNECESSARY AND STUPID TO BUG
CHINA."

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12. AP ASKED FOR DETAILS ON THE ARREST OF A CANADIAN FALUN GONG (FLG) PRACTITIONER ON TIANANMEN SQUARE. SUN SAID THAT ON JANUARY 23 A CANADIAN FLG PRACTITIONER "CAUSED TROUBLE" ON TIANANMEN SQUARE. THE INDIVIDUAL VIOLATED CHINESE LAWS ON "PUBLIC GATHERINGS AND PARADES" AND CIVIL REGULATIONS. SECURITY PERSONNEL REMOVED AND DETAINED THE INDIVIDUAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE DEPORTED, SUN SAID.

AL-QAIDA DETAINEES

13. AFP ASKED FOR COMMENT ON THE U.S. DETENTION OF AL-QAIDA PRISONERS AT THE GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE. SUN REPLIED THAT THE GENEVA CONVENTION CLEARLY STIPULATES THAT FIGHTERS SHOULD BE TREATED AS PRISONERS OF WAR. THE "RELEVANT PARTIES" SHOULD HANDLE THE PRISONERS ACCORDING TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION, SUN ADDED.

U.S. DEFENSE BUDGET

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14. REUTERS ASKED FOR CHINA'S POSITION ON PRESIDENT BUSH'S DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST. SUN REPLIED THAT INTERACTIONS AMONG THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD BE BASED ON MUTUAL TRUST AND RESPECT. ANY COUNTRY'S SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF SAFEGUARDING WORLD PEACE. THE U.S. DEFENSE BUDGET IS AN INTERNAL POLICY DECISION AND FOR THE U.S. TO DECIDE, SUN SAID.

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