



China Headlines – a selection of recent headlines from the BBC News

China trade surplus hits record

Surging exports trigger a rise in China's trade surplus with the rest of the world to a record \$27bn in June.

China officials break child rule

Nearly 2,000 officials broke the one-child rule in China's Hunan province in the five years to 2005, authorities say.

China trade threatens tropical trees

Demand in China for merbau wood is driving the species towards extinction, reports the BBC's Michael Bristow.

China's eco-city faces growth challenge

Shanghai plans to turn a huge island in the Yangtze River into an eco-city - but how green are its expansion plans?

China unable to commit on climate

China is not able "for the time being" to commit to binding agreements to cut carbon emissions, a government official has told British parliamentarians.

Beijing to trial removing 1million cars

Beijing has confirmed it is planning to keep a million cars off the city's roads next month to test what effect it has on pollution.

Fifth of China goods sub-standard

A Chinese government report has found that nearly 20% of products made in the country are below standard.

China Southern in \$4bn jet order

China Southern Airlines reveals it has placed orders to purchase 45 new jets - worth a total of \$3.7 billion.

China's hunger for African minerals

Africa's minerals are vital for the booming Chinese economy, writes the BBC's James Reynolds.

China strikers 'beaten by thugs'

Hundreds of Chinese migrant workers have been attacked after striking over unpaid wages, state media reports.



China finishes longest sea bridge

China says it has finished building the world's longest sea-crossing bridge, in the east of the country.

China's Hu sets out policy goals

Chinese President Hu Jintao puts clean government and sharing wealth at the top of his political agenda.

China to launch \$1bn Africa fund

China is launching a \$1bn fund, backed by the Chinese Development Bank, to boost trade and investment in Africa.

Chinese farmers battle the elements

Farmers in China are at the mercy of accidents, natural disasters and fluctuating market prices while their incomes fall further behind those of city-dwellers.

China building more power plants

China is now building two new power plants every week, says the UK's top climate change envoy.

Many people arrested over Chinese slavery

Scores of people including a key suspect are arrested in China over slave labour in illegal factories, police say.

China factory output accelerates

Chinese industrial production speeds up in May in spite of government measures to control the fast-growing economy.

China re-think on names shortage

Chinese officials want to expand the number of surnames in China in order to prevent confusion, state media says. At the moment around 85% of China's 1.3bn residents share around 100 surnames.

Rural China's suicide problem

China has one of the highest rates of female suicide in the world, particularly in the rural areas, Dan Griffiths finds.

Intel's \$2.5bn China chip plant

US computer chip manufacturer Intel unveils plans to build a \$2.5 billion chip plant in China.



'Thousands riot' in China protest

As many as 20,000 rural workers in central China reportedly clash with police in a large-scale protest.

China's mixed media messages

China is relaxing its reporting rules for foreign journalists ahead of the Olympics, but the domestic media are not enjoying the same freedoms.

China confirms Moon probe in 2007

China will launch its first unmanned mission to the Moon later this year, a senior space official confirms.

China car firms gear up for booming sales

A decade ago there were hardly any privately owned cars in China, yet the country could soon be the biggest car market in the world.

'Half Chinese' in cities by 2010'

Half China's 1.3 billion people will be living in cities by 2010, according to officials quoted in the state media.

Health plan protects China's poor

A government-backed health insurance scheme in China has been such a success that it is now being extended nationwide, writes the BBC's Michael Bristow.