

► Position paper on conflict offers 5 proposals promoting peace

China calls for comprehensive resolution to Palestinian issue

By Liu Xin

China on Thursday released a position paper on resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, which offered five proposals on promoting peace, and achieving a comprehensive, just, and lasting resolution to the Palestinian issue, including immediately implementing a comprehensive ceasefire, effectively protecting civilians, ensuring humanitarian assistance, intensifying diplomatic mediation, and seeking a political solution.

By releasing the position paper, chairing the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) high-level meeting on the Palestinian-Israeli issue, and being engaged in diplomatic mediation with Arab and Muslim foreign ministers, China has spared no effort to seize every chance to work with the international community to promote a ceasefire, analysts said, noting that any small step toward peace

would be conducive to de-escalation.

The paper, titled "Position Paper of the People's Republic of China on Resolving the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict," was released one day after China, the rotating president of the UNSC for November, led a Security Council high-level meeting on the Palestinian-Israeli issue on Wednesday.

The position paper noted that the current Palestinian-Israeli conflict has led to heavy civilian casualties and a serious humanitarian disaster. There is a high level of concern throughout the international community. Among the five proposals China made in the position paper to solve the conflict, implementing a comprehensive ceasefire and ending the fighting was put as the priority.

China has repeatedly expressed its views on the Palestinian issue on various occasions. This document is the first time that these views have been consoli-

dated and expounded more systematically, which not only focuses on the current situation but also eyes on the future and long-term solutions to the Palestinian-Israeli issue, Liu Zhongmin, a professor at the Middle East Studies Institute of Shanghai International Studies University, told the Global Times.

A comprehensive ceasefire is the most crucial step to de-escalate the current Palestinian-Israeli conflict and this is why China calls on all parties to truly implement the UN resolutions to realize a durable and sustained humanitarian truce and implement the UNSC Resolution 2712 as its basis, Liu said.

The expert noted that currently Israel is under increasing domestic pressure to ensure hostages are freed, and it is also coming under increasing international pressure. More efforts can be made to stop the fighting as calls for a ceasefire continue to increase.

Over 34,000 people prosecuted for telecom, online fraud in 10 months

By GT staff reporters

For the first 10 months this year, China's procuratorial organs prosecuted over 34,000 individuals involved in telecom and online fraud, an increase of nearly 52 percent compared with the same period last year, China's top procuratorate announced on Thursday.

The Chinese government has doubled down on efforts to crack down on telecommunications and online fraud, as the number of prosecutions for telecommunications and online fraud has shown a significant upward trend recently, the Supreme People's Procuratorate said.

It revealed that from January to October 2023, procuratorial organs nationwide have prosecuted over 34,000 individuals involved in telecommunications and online fraud, an increase of nearly 52 percent compared with the previous year.

In addition, prosecutions for crimes against national border [frontier] control have rapidly increased, becoming a common charge related to the telecommunications and online fraud crimes.

Although perpetrators are generally young people with low income and poor education background, proportion of well educated people involved in those offenses are increasing. The top procuratorate said that from January to September, a total of 7,600 people with PhD degree, 5,900 with master degree participated in telecom and online fraud, or assisting and facilitating such crimes.

Recently, China has strengthened its effort to combat telecom and online fraud. In November, Chinese public security authorities strengthened their co-operation with Myanmar to intensify the offensive against telecom and internet fraud in northern Myanmar.

The recent operations demonstrate China's firm determination and capacity in cracking down on individuals involved in telecom fraud, especially criminal syndicates. The efforts will serve as a deterrent to other overseas suspects involved in telecommunications fraud. Zhu Wei, a vice director of the Communication Law Research Center at the China University of Political Science and Law, told the Global Times.

► Start it up



China's first medium-speed, high-power ammonia-fueled engine ignites successfully in Dalian, Northeast China's Liaoning Province, on November 30, 2023. This marks China's breakthrough and mastery of the key technology of ammonia-fueled engines. Photo: VCC

HIV treatment coverage and effective rate now over 90 percent: China CDC

The treatment coverage and effective rate of HIV treatment have reached over 90 percent, and the rapid rise of the infectious disease in key areas has been basically contained. The overall epidemic situation in the country remains at a low prevalence level, the director of Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC) stated on Thursday, a day before the 36th World AIDS Day.

While the transmission of

HIV through blood transfusion and blood products has been effectively blocked, and the transmission through injection drug use and mother-to-child transmission has been effectively controlled, the current situation of HIV prevention and control in China remains severe, Shen Hongbing, director of the China CDC, said at an event for the World AIDS Day on Thursday.

He pointed out that some areas still suffer from a heavy epidemic of infection, and certain

populations continue to have a high infection rate, referring to complex factors that result in sexual transmission.

Since reporting the first HIV-infected patient in China in 1985, the city of Beijing has reported a total of 40,840 cases as of October 31, 2023. Among all the infected individuals, 93.45 percent were transmitted through sexual contact, with 68.41 percent transmitted through male-to-male sexual contact and 25.04 percent

through heterosexual contact. 3.32 percent were transmitted through drug injection, and 3.24 percent were transmitted through other routes, according to Beijing CDC.

Addressing the event, Erasmus Morah, director of UNAIDS China Office, spoke highly of China's efforts and achievement in fighting against HIV/AIDS. The HIV/AIDS prevention and control program in China has a high coverage rate, with over 90 percent of anti-

viral treatment coverage and treatment effective rate. The probability of HIV transmission from mother to child has been reduced to 3.3 percent, with fewer than 200 newborns infected with HIV each year, mainly in remote rural areas, Morah noted.

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