



Overview of PLA Military Diplomacy in June 2025

Introduction

This is Exovera's sixth report that provides an overview of People's Liberation Army (PLA) military diplomacy during June 2025, including the PLA Army (PLAA), Navy (PLAN), and Air Force (PLAAF). Of note, the PLA Rocket Force (PLARF) does not conduct military diplomacy with any countries. Both English and Chinese articles from the following sources will be used as the base.

- English websites:
 - <http://english.chinamil.com.cn>
 - http://eng.mod.gov.cn/xb/News_213114/TopStories/index.html
- Chinese websites:
 - <http://www.mod.gov.cn/gfbw/jswj/lf/index.html> (来访/visitors)
 - <http://www.mod.gov.cn/gfbw/jswj/cf/index.html> (出访/travel abroad)
 - <http://www.mod.gov.cn/gfbw/jswj/jl/index.html> (交流/exchanges)
 - <http://www.81.cn/?big=jian> (key stories on front page)

Based on the format for previous reports about PLA military diplomacy, the data is organized into the following six categories and three subcategories and each entry is in chronological order. Of note, the China Military website (eng.chinamil.com.cn) has a section labeled MOOTW (Military Operations Other Than War), which has four subsections labeled Peacekeeping, Escort Missions, Disaster Relief, and Counterterrorism. The information provided in each entry is a gist summary, not necessarily word-for-word entries:

- Category 1: Senior-Level Meetings and Visits
- Category 2: International Bilateral and Joint Military Exercises and Interaction
- Category 3: Functional Exchanges
- Category 4: Academic Exchanges
- Category 5: Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW) (aka Nontraditional Security Operations)
 - Subcategory 5-1: Escort Missions
 - Subcategory 5-2: United Nations Peacekeeping
 - Subcategory 5-3: Other MOOTW
- Category 6: Miscellaneous

See Appendix A for a list of acronyms.

Overview

During June, the PLA had the following events by category:

- Senior-level meetings with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Brazil, Singapore's Shangri-la Dialogue, the Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN), South Africa, and Switzerland.
- International bilateral and joint military exercises and interaction: PLA Navy port call in Brunei, PLA Army participation in joint (combined) exercise in Mongolia, and participated in military parade in Djibouti.
- Functional exchanges: The 6th International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine in Beijing and visit by Chilean Navy to Shanghai
- No academic exchanges
- Naval escort missions: The 47th Naval Escort Taskforce in the Gulf of Aden visited Tanzania and conducted training in the Gulf of Aden.
- United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: Conducted an exercise and exchanges in Lebanon and conducted engineering activities in South Sudan.
- Other MOOTW: The PLA Navy's hospital ship Silk Road Ark set sail from a naval port in the coastal city of Sanya, Hainan Province, kicking off a medical outreach voyage to the islands and reefs in the South China Sea.

Articles Per Month

For comparison purposes, Table 1 below shows the number of English and Chinese articles that were downloaded during January through June.

Table 1: English and Chinese Articles Downloaded Each Month

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
English	14	16	15	32	40	27
Chinese	8	5	10	5	9	9
TOTAL	23	21	25	37	49	36

Category 1: Senior-Level Meetings and Visits

23rd Expert Working Group Meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organization Defense Ministers' Meeting Held in China: On June 4, the Chinese Ministry of National Defense (MND) hosted the 23rd Expert Working Group (EWG) Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Defense Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao City, Shandong Province. Representatives from the SCO member states and the SCO Secretariat attended the meeting. All parties consulted on the preparations for the 2025 SCO Defense Ministers' Meeting, and agreed to enhance communication and collaboration to contribute to holding a productive defense ministers' meeting. This is the third time that China has hosted such regular meeting since it held the rotating chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Chinese, Brazilian Defense Ministries Reach Consensus on Strengthening Defense Cooperation: On June 4, the seventh meeting of the Joint Committee for Exchange and Cooperation between Chinese and Brazilian Defense Ministries was held in Beijing. Both sides reached a number of consensus on strengthening cooperation in the field of defense.

A PLA NDU Delegation Attended the 22nd Shangri-La Dialogue from May 29 to June 2: The PLA National Defense University (NDU) sent a delegation to attend the 22nd Shangri-La Dialogue (SLD) upon invitation on May 29. The visit is scheduled until June 2, during which the delegation will also have exchanges with military and civilian units in Singapore.

20th Meeting of ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations to Be Held in Nanjing: The 20th meeting of the Experts' Working Group (EWG) on Peacekeeping Operations under the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) will be held in China's Nanjing City from June 11 to 14. The member states and observer states of the ADMM-Plus, as well as the United Nations and the ASEAN Secretariat will send representatives to the event. Themed on "Technology and Innovation: Enhancing Military Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations," the meeting aims to deepen military mutual trust and security cooperation among regional countries and enhance their capacities of peacekeeping operations.

China, South Africa Vow to Strengthen Military Cooperation: Chinese Defense Minister Admiral Dong Jun met with the visiting Chief of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) General Rudzani Maphwanya in Beijing on June 10. Admiral Dong Jun praised that the traditional friendship between China and South Africa has endured over time and forged a special bond of "comrades and brothers" through the tests of the international situation. In recent years, under the strategic guidance of the heads of state of the two countries, cooperation between the two militaries in various fields has flourished. "China is willing to work with South Africa to practice the true multilateralism and jointly oppose the hegemony, bullying, power politics, and division, and confrontation," stressed Admiral Dong, adding that both sides should enhance exchanges, strengthen strategic communication, optimize cooperation mechanisms, expand

pragmatic cooperation, and promote a deeper, wider mil-to-mil relations, to contribute more to building a high-level community with a shared future for China and South Africa. General Maphwanya appreciated the Chinese military's long-standing strong support and assistance to the SANDF. "South Africa highly values its relations with China and firmly adheres to the one-China principle. The militaries of South Africa and China enjoy long-term friendship and are sincere friends and partners," he stated, adding that South Africa is willing to work with China to strengthen practical cooperation in such fields as joint exercises and training, military education, personnel training, and maritime security, and continuously improve the level of military cooperation. In addition to the meeting between the defense ministers, on June 11, the 10th meeting of the China-South Africa (Africa) Defense Committee was held in Beijing. Deputy Chief of Staff Jing Jianfeng of the Central Military Commission (CMC) Joint Staff Department and Commander of the South African Defense Forces co-chaired the meeting. The two sides exchanged in-depth views on issues of common concern such as the international and regional situation and China-South Africa military exchanges and cooperation. They agreed to further tap the potential for cooperation, expand the scope of cooperation, improve the level of cooperation under the strategic guidance of the two heads of state, constantly enrich the connotation of the all-round strategic cooperative partnership between China and South Africa in the new era, and make positive contributions to maintaining international and regional security and stability. [Of note, the English-language article identifies Dong Jun by his rank (Admiral) and billet (Defense Minister), but the Chinese-language article only identifies him by his billet. This is not uncommon for any senior leaders articles, including the CMC Vice Chairmen, who are identified by their rank and billet in English-language article but only by their billet in Chinese-language articles.)

14th China-Switzerland Defense Policy Coordination Dialogue Held in Beijing: The 14th China-Switzerland defense policy coordination dialogue was held in Beijing on June 12. Leader of the Office for International Military Cooperation of China's Ministry of National Defense co-chaired the dialogue with the Deputy State Secretary of the State Secretariat for Security Policy (SEPOS) and head of SEPOS's Strategy and Cooperation Division, the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection, and Sports (DDPS) of Switzerland. The two sides exchanged views on China-Switzerland relations, military-to-military ties, international and regional situations, and other issues of common concern.

3rd China-ASEAN Defense Think Tank Exchange to Be Held: The Third China-ASEAN Defense Think Tank Exchange was held in Guiyang, the capital city of Guizhou Province in southwestern China, from June 18 to 20. Themed on "Jointly Promote Regional Peace and Build a Safe and Secure Home," the Exchange focused on innovation in China-ASEAN defense cooperation, maritime security cooperation, and crisis management, in a bid to provide advice and suggestions for building a closer China-ASEAN community with a shared future. More than 160 people including defense policy officials, experts and scholars in related fields and think tank

representatives from China, the ten ASEAN countries, and Timor-Leste participated in the event. The exchange event was hosted by the PLA's Academy of Military Sciences, aiming to gather the wisdom and strength of the defense field between China and ASEAN countries, deepen strategic communication, enhance mutual trust in security, and provide intellectual support for building a closer China-ASEAN community with a shared future. The three-day event is themed "Promoting Regional Peace and Building a Peaceful Homeland." During the event, the participants conducted in-depth discussions on the core topic "Shared Destiny: The Current Situation and Vision of China-ASEAN Defense Cooperation," reviewed the positive progress made in China-ASEAN defense cooperation, analyzed the new opportunities and challenges facing the current regional security situation, and shared insights on how to deepen mutual trust, expand cooperation areas, innovate cooperation mechanisms, and effectively respond to common security threats. They also focused on "ASEAN's role in the evolution of the international landscape," "Innovation of mechanisms in regional security architecture," "Maritime security cooperation and crisis management," and "Military application and governance of emerging technologies" for in-depth exchanges. The first China-ASEAN Defense Think Tank Exchange was held in October 2019.

Shanghai Cooperation Organization Defense Ministers Meeting from 25 to 26 June: The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Defense Ministers' Meeting will be held from June 25 to 26 in Qingdao City, east China's Shandong Province. Chinese Defense Minister Admiral Dong Jun will host and address the meeting. [Note: The Chinese version of this report does not identify Dong Jun by his rank.] Defense leaders of SCO member countries, as well as senior officials of SCO Secretariat and Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure will participate in the meeting. As one of the important activities hosted by China as the rotating president of SCO, the 2025 Defense Ministers' Meeting will further consolidate and deepen the military mutual trust and pragmatic cooperation among SCO member countries, promote the implementation of co-building the shared home featuring solidarity and mutual trust, peace and tranquility, prosperity and development, good-neighborliness and friendship, as well as fairness and justice, and contribute to safeguarding world and regional peace and stability and promoting prosperity and development.

Dong Jun Meets Guests Attending the SCO Defense Ministers' Meeting: Defense Minister Dong Jun met with the Belarusian Defense Minister, Iranian Defense Minister, Pakistani Defense Minister, Kyrgyz Defense Minister, and Russian Defense Minister in Qingdao on the 25th while attending the SCO member states' defense ministers' meeting. Dong Jun welcomed the defense ministers of various countries who came to China to attend the meeting. He said that the century-old changes have accelerated, unilateralism and protectionism have grown against the tide, and hegemony and bullying have seriously impacted the international order and become the biggest source of chaos. All parties should strengthen cooperation and coordination under multilateral frameworks such as the United Nations and the SCO, unite more like-minded progressive forces, defend international fairness and justice, and maintain global strategic stability. The defense departments of the SCO member states should adhere to the original intention of the SCO, carry

forward the “Shanghai Spirit,” unite the SCO forces, continue to deepen practical cooperation, and jointly safeguard the environment for peaceful development with more powerful actions. This was Belarus’ first time to attend the meeting.

SCO Defense Ministers’ Meeting Kicks Off in China: The SCO Defense Ministers’ Meeting kicked off in Qingdao City on June 26. China’s Defense Minister Admiral Dong Jun hosted and addressed the meeting. Admiral Dong Jun stated that it is necessary for the SCO to serve as an anchor of stability amid the current complex global situation. China is willing to work with all SCO member states to adhere to the original aspiration of the SCO, carry forward the “Shanghai Spirit,” firmly safeguard international fairness and justice, jointly address security challenges, and promote steady and far-reaching defense and security cooperation. All parties participating in the meeting agreed that they should continue to enhance strategic communication, promote practical cooperation, and jointly maintain regional peace and stability. The meeting was a complete success.

Chinese Military Will Work with SCO Member States to Deepen Defense Cooperation: “The SCO Defense Ministers’ Meeting was held in Qingdao from June 25 to 26. China’s Defense Minister Admiral Dong Jun presided over the meeting and delivered a speech. This year, China is the rotating chair of the SCO, and hosting the Defense Ministers’ Meeting is an important activity to perform its duties. When being asked to introduce the Chinese military’s participation in the SCO defense and security cooperation, the spokesperson said that throughout the process of the establishment and development of the SCO, defense and security cooperation has played a role of special significance. The Chinese side has actively promoted strategic communication, deepened substantive cooperation, and initiated many cooperation programs. The spokesperson added that first, China has organized or participated in the Defense Ministers’ Meeting, the Chiefs of General Staff Meeting, and the meeting of International Military Cooperation Organs. Through these events, China has communicated and exchanged views with all member states, reaching consensus and promoting the “SCO voice” on international and regional security issues. Second, China has hosted the “Peace Mission” joint exercise, the “Fanfare for Peace” military tattoo and the Expert Working Group meetings, participated in them for multiple times, and conducted professional exchanges on military medicine, military transportation, military translation, and other areas. Cooperation in various fields has been deepened and solidified. Third, China has initiated and held the SCO Seminar for Senior-Level Officers, the SCO Junior-and-Middle-Level Officers’ Exchange, and the “SCO+” Young Scholars’ Salon, all of which have enriched the channels for exchanges among service members of the SCO member states and strengthened their friendship and mutual trust. The spokesperson stressed that the Chinese military will work with militaries of other SCO member states to carry forward the Shanghai Spirit, further broaden and deepen defense cooperation, and join hands in building a common home featuring solidarity and mutual trust, peace and tranquility, prosperity and development, good-neighborliness and friendship, and fairness and justice, thereby contributing to building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Chinese Defense Minister Meets with Guests Attending SCO Defense Ministers' Meeting: On June 26, Chinese Defense Minister Dong Jun held individual meetings in Qingdao with the secretary-general of the SCO and his counterparts from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and India, all of whom attended the SCO Defense Ministers' Meeting. The SCO is an important force in the practice of true multilateralism and in safeguarding global strategic stability, Dong said. He called for joint efforts to address the serious impacts of unilateralism, protectionism, and hegemonic acts, and to inject more certainty and positive energy into regional prosperity and stability. China stands ready to work closely with the defense departments and militaries of SCO member states to push for continuous new progress in defense and security cooperation, Dong noted. The attendees said they are willing to enhance the level of defense and security cooperation within the SCO framework, and to promote security, stability, development, and prosperity in the region and around the world.

Category 2: International Bilateral and Joint Military Exercises and Interaction

Chinese Naval Landing Ship Changbaishan Makes Technical Stop in Brunei: On June 3, the Chinese PLA Navy's amphibious dock landing ship Changbaishan (Hull 989), which participated in the China-Cambodia "Golden Dragon 2025" joint exercise in May, made a three-day technical stop at the Muara Port terminal in Brunei on its way home. Staff from the Chinese Embassy in Brunei and representatives of Chinese-funded companies came to the dock to welcome the ship.

PLA to Participate in Khaan Quest 2025 Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise: At the invitation of the Ministry of Defense of Mongolia, the PLA Army will send troops to Mongolia in mid-June to participate in the Khaan Quest 2025 multinational peacekeeping exercise.

PLA Troops Stationed at the Djibouti Support Base Will Participate in the Military Parade to Celebrate the 65th Anniversary of Madagascar's Independence and the Founding of the Military: At the invitation of the Ministry of Armed Forces of Madagascar, on June 26, the detachment [fendui] of the Chinese People's Liberation Army stationed at the Djibouti Support Base will participate in the military parade to celebrate the 65th anniversary of Madagascar's independence and the founding of the army.

Category 3: Functional Exchanges

6th ICMM Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine to Be Held in Beijing: The Logistic Support Department of China's CMC will host the 6th International Bilateral and Joint Military Exercises and Interaction (ICMM) Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine in Beijing from June 25 to 28. Heads of military health departments and medical experts from more than 20 countries, as well as representatives from five international organizations including the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the ICMM will participate in the congress. Themed with "Innovation, Cooperation, Development, Together for a Shared Future,"

this congress will hold discussions and exchanges on the innovation of health service and administration, improvement of combat casualty care, and other topics. It will also arrange special exhibitions on health service and cultural visits related to the medical science and technology. The congress aims to enhance regional public health security capabilities, jointly promote pragmatic cooperation and innovative development in military medicine, and promote the building of a global community of health for all.

The 6th Pan-Asia-Pacific Military Medicine Conference Opened in Beijing: The sixth Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine opened on June 25 in Beijing, bringing together the heads of military health departments and medical experts from more than 20 countries, as well as representatives of five international organizations, including the United Nations, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the ICMM. Themed “Innovation, Cooperation, Development, Together for a Shared Future,” the event features discussions and exchanges on innovations in health services and administration, improvements in combat casualty care, and other topics. The congress aims to enhance regional public health security capabilities, collaboratively promote pragmatic cooperation and innovative development in military medicine, and promote the construction of a global community of health for all. It also features exhibitions related to combat casualty care, training injury prevention, traditional medicine, and medical equipment. The medical equipment exhibition zone highlights dual-use technologies and equipment, while other sections make use of interactive demonstrations and immersive experiences to showcase the Chinese military’s medical capabilities and traditional medicine expertise. The medical equipment exhibition area focuses on displaying innovative breakthroughs in new technologies and high-end equipment in the field of dual-use military and civilian use; the war injury treatment, training injury prevention and treatment, and traditional medicine exhibition areas adopt a combination of static display, demonstration, and immersive experience to show the Chinese military’s medical capabilities and traditional medical characteristics in a three-dimensional way. The 6th Pan-Asia-Pacific Military Medicine Conference is hosted by the Logistics Support Department of the Central Military Commission and organized by the Military Medical Research Institute of the Academy of Military Sciences. This is also the first time that the Chinese military has hosted this military medicine conference again after 15 years.

Chinese Military Praised for Contributions to Global Health: China’s military has made significant contributions to global health undertakings, said a senior official of an international organization Thursday at the ongoing sixth Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine in Beijing. China undoubtedly plays a very important role in regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific, said Pierre Neirinckx, secretary-general of the International Committee of Military Medicine. He highlighted the conference’s role as a vital platform for dialogue and experience sharing and emphasized the Chinese military’s sustained influence as a major player advancing global health amid complex security challenges. Chinese armed forces have deployed multiple medical teams for peacekeeping missions in countries such as the Democratic Republic of the

Congo, Lebanon, and South Sudan, and have participated in international disaster relief missions, including earthquake relief missions in Nepal and Myanmar. China's naval hospital ship "Peace Ark" has toured to 49 countries and regions, providing health services to more than 370,000 people. Being a peace-loving and peace-preserving force, the Chinese military is a steadfast supporter of international humanitarianism and military medicine development, according to Chinese delegates to the conference. They pledged to cooperate with global counterparts in sharing medical experiences, technologies, and resources to promote the development of military medicine.

The 6th Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine Held in Beijing: This article has a 42-second video in English showing different events, including meetings, a visit to a museum, and medical treatment demonstrations, which took place during the sixth Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine that kicked off in Beijing on June 25. Experts and scholars from 24 countries and five international organizations held in-depth exchanges on the development trends of military medicine.

The 6th ICMM Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine Concludes in Beijing: The 6th Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine concluded in Beijing on June 27. More than 240 representatives from military health departments of over 20 countries and five international organizations held in-depth exchanges on the development of military medicine. The conference featured four dedicated exhibition zones covering combat casualty care, training injury prevention/treatment, traditional medicine, and medical equipment. Forty-five Chinese and foreign experts delivered specialized presentations covering cutting-edge fields including artificial intelligence, battlefield medical applications of unmanned aerial vehicles, biomedicine, and infectious disease prevention and control. "In the current context of frequent regional conflicts, the development of military medicine is particularly important for international humanitarian operations," said Hussain Al-Dahwi, head of Health Department at the International Committee of the Red Cross Regional Delegation for East Asia. He noted that China's military medical forces have consistently been a steadfast force in practicing international humanitarianism and promoting military medical cooperation. The Chinese military has deployed multiple peacekeeping medical units to conflict zones globally for medical support missions, conducted joint medical exercises and training with foreign counterparts such as the China-Laos "Peace Train," China-Cambodia "Peace Angel," and China-Vietnam "Peace Rescue" operations, dispatched the Peace Ark hospital ship for the "Mission Harmony" series of tasks, and actively participated in international humanitarian rescue work in natural disasters including the Nepal earthquake (2015) and Myanmar earthquake (2023). By hosting this conference, China has established a premier platform for militaries of different countries to share combat medical expertise and strengthened international military medical health cooperation. Foreign attendees experience the traditional Chinese massage therapy during the 6th Pan-Asia Pacific Regional Congress on Military Medicine.

Chilean Navy’s Sail Training Ship Esmeralda Makes 10th Visit to Shanghai:¹ The Chilean Navy’s sail training ship Esmeralda arrived at a military port in Shanghai on June 21 for a five-day goodwill visit. This is the 10th visit the ship has made to Shanghai since it was commissioned. The sail training ship Esmeralda is 113 meters long and 13.1 meters wide, with a standard displacement of 3,420 tons. As a symbol and an important training platform of the Chilean Navy, the ship has made frequent visits to China, and such visits have registered a much-told story of friendly exchanges between the Chinese and Chilean navies. This visit of the ship Esmeralda plays a significant role in further promoting the traditional friendship between the two navies and deepening the friendly relations and pragmatic cooperation between the two sides in the military field. During the visit, sailors of the two navies will have professional exchanges and discussions. They will also conduct friendly interactions, city tours, deck receptions, and other activities. The article has a 31-second video with the above text.

Category 4: Academic Exchanges

No articles.

Category 5: MOOTW

Subcategory 5-1: Escort Missions

Chinese Naval Frigate Honghe Makes Technical Stop in Tanzania:² The Honghe (Hull 523), a guided-missile frigate attached to China’s 47th naval escort taskforce (NETF) in the Gulf of Aden, arrived at Tanzania’s Port of Dar es Salaam on June 8 for a five-day technical stop and replenishment. The Tanzanian Navy honored the arrival of Chinese frigate Honghe with a welcome ceremony, including the water arch salute — their highest naval courtesy. Following the ceremony, representatives of the welcoming crowd boarded the vessel for a tour. The article includes a 35-second video in English.

47th Chinese Naval Escort Taskforce Conducts Multi-Subject Training in Gulf of Aden:³ Recently, the 47th Chinese NETF conducted underway replenishment (UNREP) in the Gulf of Aden. The comprehensive supply ship Gaoyouhu (Hull 904) performed alongside replenishment with the guided-missile destroyer Baotou (Hull 133). The taskforce also conducted training on such subjects as ship-borne helicopter flight and light weapons live-fire shooting to enhance the troops’ quick response and joint combat capabilities. The article has a 29-second video in English.

¹ “Chilean Navy’s Sail Training Ship Esmeralda Makes 10th Visit to Shanghai,” China Military Online, 25 June 2025, <http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/MEDIA/Videos/16393207.html>.

² “Chinese Naval Frigate Honghe Makes Technical Stop in Tanzania,” China Military Online, 10 June 2025, http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/CHINA_209163/TopStories_209189/16390740.html.

³ “47th Chinese Naval Escort Taskforce Conducts Multi-Subject Training in Gulf of Aden,” China Military Online, 10 June 2025, <http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/MEDIA/Videos/16390632.html>.

Subcategory 5-2: United Nations Peacekeeping (UNPKO)

Chinese Peacekeepers to Lebanon Complete Exercise Tiger 2025: On May 28, the Exercise Tiger 2025 [猛虎-2025] was conducted at the camp of the 23rd Chinese Peacekeeping Force to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Organized by the security and training departments of the UNIFIL, the exercise included a tabletop exercise and on-site drill, with the scenario set as a large-scale conflict breaking out in the mission area and the UNIFIL employees and their relatives evacuating to the Chinese peacekeeping force's camp to seek safety. The exercise effectively tested the Chinese Battalion's security defense and comprehensive support capabilities in the event of large-scale armed conflict breaking out in the mission area. The bilingual article includes a 31-second English-language video.

Chinese Peacekeepers to South Sudan (Wau) Deployed to Aweil Base to Carry Out Engineering Support Tasks: On June 3, 25 peacekeepers of the 15th Chinese Peacekeeping Horizontal Engineering Company to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) were deployed to the Aweil base to undertake relevant engineering support tasks including construction of airport runway, shelter and ammunition depot, ground hardening, and drainage system building. Up to now, the peacekeepers of Chinese peacekeeping engineering contingent have been deployed to four locations, namely Wau, Kuajok, Romich, and Aweil. They have repaired 251 kilometers of roads in the states of Western Bahr el Ghazal, Warrap, and Unity, and completed the infrastructure support tasks for the UNMISS.

Chinese Peacekeeping Helicopter Unit to Abyei Passes UN Equipment Inspection:⁴ Recently, the 5th Chinese Peacekeeping Military Utility Helicopter Unit to the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) successfully passed the UNISFA's equipment inspection for the second quarter of 2025. All the 45 inspection items of the Chinese peacekeeping helicopter unit, including barrack facilities, vehicles and equipment, and weapons and ammunition, met the verification standards of the UN. Since its deployment to the mission area, the Chinese peacekeeping helicopter unit has primarily undertaken air patrol, medical evacuation, logistic support, and other tasks. Its mission area mainly covers 23 locations in Abyei, Sudan, and South Sudan. This article has a 37-second English-language video with text above.

Chinese, Cambodian Peacekeepers to Lebanon Conduct Exchanges: Chinese and Cambodian peacekeepers to Lebanon posed for a group photo during a recent friendly exchange activity held at the camp of the 23rd Chinese Peacekeeping Force to the UNIFIL.

Chinese Peacekeepers to South Sudan (Wau) Teach Local People Vegetable Planting Tips: The 15th Chinese Peacekeeping Horizontal Engineering Company to the UNMISS taught local people vegetable planting tips on June 14 to help improve their livelihood and facilitate local

⁴ "Chinese Peacekeeping Helicopter Unit to Abyei Passes UN Equipment Inspection," China Military Online, 6 June 2025, http://eng.chinamil.com.cn/CHINA_209163/MOOTW/Peacekeeping_209177/News_209179/16390069.html.

agricultural development. Despite its vast land, South Sudan has been plagued by a lack of planting techniques and experience, leaving a large area of arable land uncultivated. The critical shortage of vegetables seriously affects the daily lives of local people. To address the matter, the peacekeepers of Chinese peacekeeping engineering contingent taught the local people Chinese planting techniques to help them alleviate the scarcity of vegetables and crops. On June 14, the Chinese peacekeepers invited residents from surrounding villages to the garden of their camp where they demonstrated the entire process of vegetable planting, introduced appropriate vegetables suitable to local climate and soil conditions, and elaborated on the key points of planting.

Subcategory 5-3: Other MOOTW

Silk Road Ark Sets Sail on Medical Outreach Voyage: On June 16, the PLA Navy's hospital ship Silk Road Ark set sail from a naval port in the coastal city of Sanya, Hainan Province, kicking off a medical outreach voyage to the islands and reefs in the South China Sea. This is the second such mission by the Silk Road Ark since it was commissioned in 2024. The mission focuses on meeting the medical needs of service members on islands, such as training injury prevention and treatment and mental health maintenance. The Silk Road Ark is the second 10,000-ton ocean-going hospital ship independently designed and built by China. It has functional divisions covering outpatient clinics, pandemic prevention, surgery, rescue, and wards, as well as 15 types of clinical departments. It also possesses complete supporting medical facilities and equipment. Its major tasks include medical rescue and evacuation of the wounded at sea, international humanitarian medical service, emergency medical rescue in major disasters, and foreign military medical exchanges and cooperation. The article has a 40-second video in English with the text above.

Category 6: Miscellaneous

China to Jointly Build Maritime Community with Shared Future in South China Sea: China is willing to work with regional countries to build a maritime community with a shared future in the South China Sea, according to a think tank report. The report, titled "Making the South China Sea a Sea of Peace, Friendship, and Cooperation: China's Actions," was released by Xinhua Institute, a think tank affiliated with Xinhua News Agency. China and the coastal nations not only share immediate interests in peace and development and common aspirations for a better future, but also draw strength from their shared historical civilization, notes the report. Through dialogue, economic integration, and multilateral engagement, regional countries can transform the South China Sea into a true sea of peace, friendship, and cooperation by recognizing the importance of building a maritime community with a shared future, the report says. It calls for efforts to maintain peace and stability, promote cooperation and development in the South China Sea, and build the South China Sea into a sea of friendship. "Peace, stability, and prosperity in the South China Sea yield tremendous benefits for both the region and its people."

Appendix A: Acronyms

Acronym	Full Term
ADMM	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CMC	Central Military Commission
DDPS	Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection, and Sports
EWG	Expert Working Group
ICMM	International Committee of Military Medicine
MND	Ministry of National Defense
MOD	Ministry of Defense
MOOTW	Military Operations Other Than War
NETF	Naval Escort Taskforce
PLA	People's Liberation Army
PLAA	People's Liberation Army Army
PLAAF	People's Liberation Army Air Force
PLAN	People's Liberation Army Navy
PLARF	People's Liberation Army Rocket Force
SANDF	South African National Defence Force
SCO	Shanghai Cooperation Organization
SEPOS	State Secretariat for Security Policy
SLD	Shangri-la Dialogue
UN	United Nations
UNIFIL	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
UNISFA	United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei
UNMISS	United Nations Mission in South Sudan
UNPKO	United Nations Peacekeeping Operations
UNREP	Underway replenishment
WHO	World Health Organization