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War against aggression commemorated

Xi pays tribute to martyrs of major military campaign

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President Xi Jinping reviewed and paid tribute to the glorious history of the Communist Party of China leading troops and civilians to fight against foreign aggression, as he visited the memorial hall of the Hundred-Regiment Campaign on Monday when making a fact-finding trip to Yangquan, a city in North China's Shanxi province.

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The tour came as Monday marked the 88th anniversary of the start of the entire nation's resistance against Japanese aggression.

At the monument square honoring the martyrs of the Hundred-Regiment Campaign during the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression (1931-45), Xi laid a floral basket to pay tribute to the martyrs.

Xi also learned about local efforts to carry out revolutionary history education and promote the great spirit of resisting aggression.

Joined by about 200,000 troops from 105 regiments, the Hundred-Regiment Campaign was the largest and longest strategic offensive launched by the Eighth Route Army in North China, led by the CPC, since the start of the war of resistance.

From Aug 20, 1940, to Jan 24, 1941, the campaign tied up large numbers of Japanese troops and delayed their southward march and consequently contributed to a turn for the better in the overall war of resistance.

Standing on the top of Shinao Mountain in Yangquan, the memorial hall offers deep insight into the events of the summer of 1940.

Through exhibits such as a cracked and weathered kerosene lamp or a stopped desk calendar, visitors can see how the soldiers, facing hunger and cold, defended every inch of land with their flesh and blood.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and



President Xi Jinping, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, talks to students and staff members at a memorial hall commemorating the Hundred-Regiment Campaign during his inspection of Yangquan in Shanxi province on Monday. XIE HUANCHI / XINHUA

chairman of the Central Military Commission, has stressed on various occasions the importance of promoting patriotism and the great spirit of resisting aggression.

The patriotic spirit that has taken shape through China's resistance against aggression is the driving force for China's rejuvenation, he said.

He also described the heroes in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression as the "backbone" of the Chinese nation, and their deeds and spirit are a great driving force for the country.

As the main theater in the East during the World Anti-Fascist War, China made a national sacrifice of

over 35 million casualties in its fight against the main forces of Japanese militarism.

Also on Monday, an exhibition named *For National Liberation and World Peace* was launched in Beijing at the Museum of the War of Chinese People's Resistance Against Japanese Aggression.

Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, delivered a speech at the opening of the exhibition, saying that "the exhibition provides a significant platform for promoting patriotic education".

Divided into eight sections, the exhibition, which features 1,525

photographs and 3,237 artifacts, traces the 14-year war of resistance, highlighting the Chinese people's fight for survival and national revival, and a broader struggle for human justice.

"This time, not only are there many exhibits, but also about one-third of them are new collections," said Li Zhidong, deputy curator of the museum.

In addition to the existing exhibits of the museum, Li and his colleagues gathered a large number of cultural relics from donations, international exchanges, descendants of revolutionaries, and collectors. They also collected artifacts from over 50 other

museums and memorials nationwide and organized four teams to search for cultural relics across the country.

"We visited villages and mountains in Shanxi and Shandong provinces, some of which are not even accessible by car. We hiked there because these places have cultural relics and the stories behind them have been passed down," Li said.

"Curating the exhibition was not just about reading history books, but also about experiencing and understanding history through artifacts and archives," he added.

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Xi congratulates Solomon Islands on 47th anniversary of its independence

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President Xi Jinping extended congratulations to Governor-General of the Solomon Islands David Tiva Kapu on Monday on the 47th anniversary of the Pacific island nation's independence.

In his congratulatory message, Xi said that China and the Solomon Islands have respected and supported each other since the

establishment of their diplomatic relations in 2019.

Political mutual trust has continued to deepen and practical cooperation has yielded fruitful results, enhancing the well-being of the two peoples, he said.

Emphasizing the great importance he attaches to the development of China-Solomon Islands ties, Xi said he is ready to work with Kapu to continuously elevate the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership

and jointly build a China-Solomon Islands community with a shared future in the new era.

On July 10, 2023, the two countries jointly announced the establishment of a comprehensive strategic partnership featuring mutual respect and common development for a new era.

Cai Weiming, Chinese ambassador to the Solomon Islands, said in an article published by Solomon Islands media in June that in the context of cooperation between China and

Pacific island countries, "the China-Solomon Islands relationship has stood out as a shining example".

Highlighting thriving practical cooperation between the two sides, Cai noted that in the first four months of 2025, bilateral trade exceeded \$200 million, of which the Solomon Islands' exports to China was worth over \$120 million.

"This exciting momentum not only brings tangible economic benefits to Solomon Islanders, but

also highlights the vast potential for further expansion," he said.

The mutual visa exemption agreement between the two countries, which took effect on Dec 28, has facilitated smoother travel and exchanges, Cai said.

"We have witnessed a strong increase of visitors from China to the Solomon Islands", with the first quarter's figures having doubled compared with the same period last year, he added.

Saluting aircraft carrier



Residents aboard a boat wave national flags on Monday to salute and bid farewell to the aircraft carrier CNS *Shandong* in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The SAR government held a farewell ceremony for a fleet of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy led by the *Shandong*, after the fleet concluded its five-day visit. ZHU WEI / XINHUA

TEXAS FLOODS RAISE DOUBTS OVER US WEATHER WARNINGS, RESPONSE LEVELS

Fears voiced that federal budget cuts are having negative impact, as search for survivors continues

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As the desperate search continues for survivors of the flash floods in Central Texas, concerns have already been raised about the shortcomings of the United States' weather warning service and the response of local authorities.

The death toll stood at 82 late on Sunday, with Texas Governor Greg Abbott saying that 41 people



were unaccounted for across the state, adding that more people could be missing, local media reported.

In Kerr County, home to Camp Mystic and other youth camps in the Texas Hill Country, searchers have found the bodies of 68

people, including 28 children, said Sheriff Larry Leitha, who pledged to keep searching until "everybody is found".

The flash floods happened in a region where the natural beauty of rivers, lakes and hills has made it a popular destination for summer vacations. The Guadalupe River bank area had attracted many visitors for the long Fourth of July weekend.

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XI'S VISION | GREEN DEVELOPMENT

Concept of ecological civilization 'inspiring'

By HOU LIQIANG and YANG JUN in Guiyang

China's concept of ecological civilization, while guiding the country to make remarkable environmental improvement, has increasingly garnered global influence, overseas officials and experts said at the Eco Forum Global Guiyang 2025.

The concept has been promoted by President Xi Jinping for balanced and sustainable development featuring harmonious coexistence between humankind and nature.

At the two-day forum, which concluded on Sunday, the officials and experts underscored the potential role of the concept in helping the world make progress toward a more sustainable future, and to help human civilization survive and prosper amid the worsening climate crisis.

The global influence of the concept is also underscored by a project in the pipeline at Oxford University that is dedicated to research on ecological civilization.

Launched in 2009 in Guiyang, the capital of Guizhou province, the forum this year was themed "Harmonious Coexistence Between Humans and Nature — Global Collaborative Development for Green Transformation".

Morris Toiraena, deputy speaker of the National Parliament of Solomon Islands, said at the forum that the theme of the event "could not be more fitting for the times we live in".

"The forum's enduring commitment to ecological civilization — aligned with China's forward-thinking concepts, policies and actions — serves as an inspiring example for all of us," he emphasized.

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BRICS urged to advance reform of governance

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Premier Li Qiang has called on the BRICS countries, which, he said, stand at the forefront of the Global South, to strive to be the pioneering force in advancing global governance reform.

Li made the remarks on Sunday when addressing the plenary session on "Peace and Security and Global Governance Reform" of the 17th BRICS Summit, which was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Sunday and Monday.

He called on the BRICS countries to work together to uphold justice and safeguard world peace and tranquility, focus on development to bolster economic growth, and advocate inclusiveness to promote exchanges and mutual learning among various civilizations.

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