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## PBSC Week in Review

### Xi Jinping

*Party General Secretary; PRC President; Chairman of Central Military Commission*

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| June 13 | <b>Xi met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.</b>   |
|         | <b>Xi sent a message of condolences to United States President Barack Obama after the shooting in Orlando, Florida.</b>   |
| June 12 | <b>Xi sent a written instruction praising the deeds of late forestry professor Li Baoguo to a seminar on Li's work.</b>   |
| June 7  | <b>Xi met with United States Secretary of State John Kerry and United States Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew.</b>  |
|         | <b>Xi sent a written instruction to the 2016 national conference on employment of demobilized officers.</b>   |
|         | <b>Xi appointed and dismissed ambassadors.</b><br><i>Saudi Arabia, Lesotho, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Ukraine, Bulgaria.</i>  |
| June 6  | <b>Xi spoke at the opening ceremony of the annual US-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue.</b><br><i>Full text of his speech (in Chinese).</i><br><i>Despite over 100 "outcomes", did not get the sense that much progress was made at this year's dialogue. Any big breakthroughs more likely to be reserved for Xi-Obama meeting at G-20 in September.</i> |

### Li Keqiang

*Premier*

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| June 13 | <b>Li and German Chancellor Angela Merkel chaired the fourth round of China-Germany intergovernmental consultation.</b><br><i>Did Merkel try to win concessions ahead of EU decision on China's market</i> |
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economy status?

According to Xinhua: "the two countries will work on a political settlement in Syria, strengthen dialogue on Afghanistan issue, work under the G20 framework on sustainable and balanced growth of the world economy, and continue to promote China-EU relations. Cooperation will be expanded in education, tourism and media, with more youth exchanges focused on soccer."

**Li held talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.**

**Li and German Chancellor Angela Merkel held a joint press conference.**

*Notes from the press conference (English, gov.cn).*

**Li expressed condolences after the shooting in Orlando, Florida, USA.**

**June 8 Li chaired an executive meeting of the State Council.**

*The meeting decided to provide basic medical services for all people living under the poverty line in rural China, build a health and medical data platform across the country, and establish new National Innovation Demonstration Zones in two provinces.*

**June 7 Li met with United States Secretary of State John Kerry and United States Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew.**

**Li met with representatives attending the round table summit of the Global CEO Council.**

**Zhang Dejiang**

*Chair of the National People's Congress*

**June 13 Zhang met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.**

**Yu Zhengsheng**

*Chair of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference*

**June 12 Yu attended and spoke at the opening ceremony of the Straits Forum in Xiamen, Fujian Province.**

**June 11 Yu visited the cross-strait innovation and entrepreneurship base for youth in Xiamen, Fujian Province.**

**Liu Yunshan**

*Head of Party Secretariat; Head of Propaganda*

**June 12 Liu chaired a seminar on the poverty alleviation work of Li Baoguo.**

*Li was a professor at Hebei Agricultural University who championed poverty alleviation through afforestation. He successfully afforested more the 93,000 hectares of barren mountains and helped 100,000 farmers out of poverty.*

**Wang Qishan**

*Secretary of the Central Commission for Discipline*

**June 7 Wang's comments on creating rules to penalize cadres who fail to meet standards for political loyalty were published on the CCDI website.**

*The comments were made during meetings in Beijing and Liaoning province to discuss the regulations.*

*Inspection*

<b>Zhang Gaoli</b> <i>Executive Vice Premier</i>	<b>June 12</b>	<b>Zhang met with the International Olympic Committee Chairman Thomas Bach.</b>
	<b>June 6</b>	<b>Zhang held talks with Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan in Yerevan, Armenia.</b>  <b>Zhang held talks with Armenian Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan in Yerevan, Armenia.</b>

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