

Benin is blocking Niger's crude oil exports to China -- while Niger refuses to open its land borders to goods from Benin in a tit-for-tat trade spat.

With China's diplomatic stance and economic leverage over both sides, the Niger-Benin rapprochement was crucial for Beijing to safeguard its economic interests.

Niger has stopped oil exports to China via its pipeline to Benin's coast, Oil Minister Mahamane Moustapha Barke Bako said, intensifying the standoff between the West African neighbours.

China's economic and security considerations mostly drive Beijing's foreign policy vis-à-vis Niger. China has invested massively since the 2000s, giving Beijing high stakes in Niger becoming ...

In many African countries, like Niger, China has become a deeply entrenched player, with citizens to protect, pipelines to secure, and debts to collect.

China's first crude shipment from Niger has been blocked due to an ongoing dispute between the landlocked West African nation and Benin. Benin restricted the export of fuel from its ...

But the security situation in Niger is still dire amid continued attacks by insurgent groups. China's embassy in Niamey early this month warned citizens that the situation "remained tense and ...

Last week's military coup in Niger is adding to the growing pains for China's investments in the Sahel region.

Observers said Niger's dispute with Chinese oil companies underscored the limits of Beijing's non-interference policy - a long-standing Chinese policy which, in practice, meant China...

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