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# The history

- Reference News was first published on 7 November 1931. It is published by Xinhua News Agency (formerly Red China News Agency, 1931–1937). As the Chinese government's official news agency, Xinhua translates and re-publishes articles by foreign news agencies.
- Reference News was at first available only to cadres and their families, but it was made available to the entire Chinese public in the face of increasing competition.

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**日紧盯中国军舰开赴太平洋**  
【共同社东京10月8日电】日本防卫省情报部8日称, 中国海军第31批护航编队正开赴太平洋, 这是自2008年中国海军首次派遣护航编队以来, 中国海军首次在太平洋海域进行大规模军事部署。日本防卫省称, 中国军舰的动向引起了日本的高度关注, 日本将密切监视中国军舰的动向, 并采取必要措施维护国家安全和利益。

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# Why did this newspaper become popular?

1. Before the 1980s, Reference News was the only official channel for the Chinese public to have a glimpse of the outside world.

2. The paper is also published in the Uyghur, Kazakh, Korean, and Mongolian languages for ethnic minority groups in China.





3. This newspaper has become available to the entire Chinese public.

# Interesting to know...

1. Reference News was first published on 7 November 1931



Photo of 1931



2. It is ranked 7th in the world by circulation and 1st in China.



3. Due to competition, its circulation dropped from 11 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1985.



# About other newspapers:

- The first newspapers were published in Ancient Rome. They were hung around the city. They were news stories, but Julius Caesar ordered them to include summaries of the decisions taken by the Senate



The world's first newspaper in the usual sense of the word began to be published in China about 1200 years ago. It was called the Metropolitan Herald. It was made by the method of printing hieroglyphs on the board.



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اور جو میسر ہے اُسے پیروں تلے روندتا جا رہا ہے،

There is still one handwritten newspaper in the world, Musalman. It is published in India, in the city of Chennai, and is created by scribes in the Urdu language. After the sample is created, it is reproduced using a printing press.



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