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### **Newspapers Covered:**

• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

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## **Subjects Covered**

- Pak-China Foreign Relations
- CPEC
- Regional integration under China's Belt & Road (B&R)
- Business, innovation & entrepreneurship
- Trade and Tourism
- Energy and Environment
- Social development
- Capacity building, learning and development
- Economic growth & governance
- Research and development
- History, language and culture
- Open Knowledge repository
- SDPI s events, visits, publications

## China Study Centre

### Economic Growth & Governance

#### Using technology for development: likely inputs from China

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-18

Poor technological development is one reason why Pakistan's economy is performing well below its potential. When technological development as a serious subject is internalised by those responsible for making public policy, it affects all aspects of a government's involvement. Science, technology and innovation (STI) play an important role in economic development and modernising society..... [more >>](#)

#### Pakistan, China join hands for agri-mechanisation

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-30

SUZHOU: Slow adoption of mechanisation technology has been a key reason for low yields and inefficiencies in agriculture in Pakistan, resulting in lower profit for farmers, said Dr Muhammad Waqar Akram, a lecturer in the Department of Farm Machinery and Power, University of Agriculture Faisalabad. He is attending Modern Agriculture Workshop of China-Pakistan Regional Innovation Institute for Mod..... [more >>](#)

### Energy, Environment & Climate Change

#### Karot hydropower connects unit 1 to grid

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-08

KARACHI: Karot hydropower project's unit one has started to run with a capacity of 180 megawatts (MW) on full load and is supplying energy to the national grid, The News learnt on Saturday. The energy produced from unit 1 would support the national grid in alleviating energy crises, CEO of Karot Power Company Limited Wang Minsheng said. He added that timely commissioning of Karot hydropower..... [more >>](#)

### Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

#### Pak-China friendship bond unshakable: CM

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-27

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, after receiving the report of the blast in a van at Karachi University which claimed four lives, including three Chinese faculty members, visited the Chinese Consulate to express condolence with the Chinese Consul General Li Bijian. The chief minister shared the details of the incident with the consul general and said the incident would be inves..... [more >>](#)

#### PM visits China's embassy

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-27

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday visited Chinese Embassy in Islamabad and expressed resolve to investigate the terrorist attack on Chinese nationals expeditiously and take the culprits to the task. During his visit to the embassy, he met Chinese Charge d'Affaires Pang Chunxue. He also wrote a special message of condolence to Chinese President Xi Jinping. The Pri..... [more >>](#)

#### Pakistan seeks Chinese support for developing world-class varsities

Source: [press release](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-27

Dr. Arshad Ahmad, LUMS Vice Chancellor, gave a keynote address on 'Cooperation and Exchange Between Universities in Hubei and South Asia in a Post-Epidemic era', at the recently held 2022 Presidents' Forum of Hubei-

South Asian Universities. Participating at the Forum were 27 universities from many South Asian countries including Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, and Nepal..... [more >>](#)

### **Cauliflower opens up new chapter for China-Pak agri cooperation**

Source: [INP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-27

Cauliflower opens up new chapter for China-Pak agricultural cooperation, says a report published by China Economics Net (CEN) on Tuesday. Since 2016, we have cooperated with Pakistan on cauliflower hybrid planting by carrying out experiments, demonstrations and promotions in multiple growing seasons. So far, our orders have doubled several times,” said Sui Liying, Executive Deputy General M..... [more >>](#)

### **KU attack: 'Attempts to undermine ironclad Sino-Pak ties won't succeed'**

Source: [APP / News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-04-28

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson on Wednesday said that “ironclad friendship” between China and Pakistan was unbreakable and any attempt to undermine the bilateral cooperation, mutual trust and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would not succeed. Wang Wenbin made these remarks during his regular briefing in response to questions about the Karachi University terrorist attack..... [more >>](#)

### **When it rains, it pours**

Source: [Shahab Jafry](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-04-28

'Chinese Citizens Among 4 Dead in Pakistan Terror Attack' had become the second most read story on Bloomberg.com on Tuesday by the time Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was able to rush to the Chinese embassy in Islamabad to assure them that whoever did it would be sorted out very sternly. You can be sure that he threw his hands up in despair when he heard of it because it's very li..... [more >>](#)

### **Senators condole death of teachers during visit to Chinese embassy**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-04-30

ISLAMABAD: Members of the Senate on Friday visited the Chinese embassy to offer condolence over the Karachi blast in which three Chinese teachers and a Pakistani driver lost their lives. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed led the delegation of the Senate Defence Committee. The delegation was received by Acting Ambassador Pang Chunxue and her senior colleagues. Senator Hussain said the delegation wa..... [more >>](#)

### **Karachi University blast; President visits China's embassy, expresses condolence**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-05-01

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Saturday visited the Embassy of China and offered his heartfelt condolences over the loss of precious lives of Chinese nationals in a terrorist attack that took place in Karachi on April 26. Talking to the Charge d' Affaires, Pang Chunxue and officers of the Chinese Embassy, the President said that the entire Pakistani nation was in deep pain and sho..... [more >>](#)

### **Elements behind KU blast can't tolerate Pakistan, China's prosperity: NA speaker**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-05-02

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf has said elements involved in the suicide attack at Karachi University (KU) were threatened by the idea of Pakistan and China achieving economic prosperity. This was pointed out by National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, who visited The Chinese embassy to condole the deaths of Chinese academicians who were killed in the blast. Accor..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese nationals to get security boost**

Source: Kamran Yousaf/Rizwan Shehzad, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-02

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif would review security arrangements for the Chinese nationals working in Pakistan soon after Eidul Fitr in the wake of the suicide attack at the University of Karachi that claimed the lives of three Chinese and a local man. In view of potential threats being faced by China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and other joint ventures between the two countries..... [more >>](#)

### **China annoyed but undeterred**

Source: Imtiaz Gul, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-03

The April 26 suicide bombing on a van near the Confucius Institute at the Karachi University, killing three Chinese academics, came as a yet another shock, though not unsurprising. Understandably, China's Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the attack, "demanded" Pakistan punish the perpetrators, protect Chinese citizens and prevent such incidents from happening again. "The..... [more >>](#)

### **Attempts to undermine Pak-China ties doomed to fail: Beijing**

Source: APP, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-05

BEIJING: Pakistani top leadership's show of solidarity with China over the killing of Chinese citizens in Karachi once again demonstrated that the all-weather strategic cooperative partnership between China and Pakistan is deeply rooted in the hearts of the people and any attempt to undermine mutual trust and cooperation is doomed to fail, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian said..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese confidence in Pakistan's security 'shaken'**

Source: Baqir Sajjad Syed, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-08

ISLAMABAD: There may have been no exodus of Chinese workers from Pakistan after the Karachi University attack, but they look less confident about the country's ability to protect them. "The Chinese confidence in Pakistan's security system's ability to protect their citizens and their projects is seriously shaken," said Senator Mushahid Hussain, chairman of the Se..... [more >>](#)

### **Minister vows to beef up security of Chinese**

Source: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-11

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah has assured Chinese Charge d' Affaires Pang Chunxue of enhanced security measures for protection of the Chinese nationals in Pakistan. The assurance was held out at a meeting during which the two sides agreed to improve Pakistan-China relations and discussed issues of mutual interests. They agreed to improve liaison between the interior ministry ..... [more >>](#)

### **Bilawal vows to add new momentum to ties with China**

Source: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-12

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Wednesday vowed to add new momentum to ties with China and promised better security for Chinese living in Pakistan. In a virtual meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, the Foreign Office said, Mr Bhutto-Zardari "underscored his determination to inject fresh momentum in the bilateral strategic cooperative partnership and add new a..... [more >>](#)

### **Pak-Canada ties to grow further: HC**

Source: App, [Daily Times](#), 2022-05-15

Pakistan's Acting High Commissioner to Canada Shahbaz Malik Saturday said that bilateral relations between Pakistan and Canada would further expand for the mutual benefit of both. Shahbaz Malik was addressing a gathering of members of the Pakistani diaspora, local dignitaries and members of diplomatic corps, including high commissioners and ambassadors, during a Qawwali performance organize..... [more >>](#)

**No one will be allowed to harm Pak-China friendship: Bilawal**

Source: [Ali Hussain, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-15

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Saturday emphatically stated that nobody will be allowed to harm the iron-clad friendship between Pakistan and China and the two will face every challenge together and emerge even stronger. The foreign minister was addressing a solemn memorial service held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to honour the lives and services of the victims o..... [more >>](#)

**Pak-China trade****Sesame seed exports to China surge 190% Beijing-Islamabad trade increases after free trade agreement**

Source: [China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-16

BEIJING: Pakistan's sesame seed export to China surged to \$42.88 million in the first two months of 2022, showing a growth of 190.48% on a year-on-year basis. According to General Administration of Customs of China (GACC), China imported 28,662.66 tons of sesame seeds worth \$42.88 million, marking an increase of 141.37% by volume, while last year in the same period it was 11,874.82 tons wo..... [more >>](#)

**Payment of Rs80bn; PQ coal-fired power project seeks Chinese Embassy's help**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-19

ISLAMABAD: The management of 1,320MW Port Qasim coal-fired power project has sought help from Chinese Embassy for payment of due amount of Rs80 billion. CEO, Port Qasim Electric Power Company (Private) Limited (PQEPC), Guo Guangling, in his letter has explained that under the guidance of the Government of Pakistan, the 1,320MW Port Qasim Coal-fired Power Project, acting as a leading energy pr..... [more >>](#)

**Beijing vows support for SEZs Pakistan keen to enhance bilateral cooperation with China**

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is looking forward to further enhancing bilateral cooperation with China in various fields, said Federal Minister for Finance Miftah Ismail. During a meeting with Chinese embassy Charge d'affaires Pangchunxue at the Finance Division, Ismail highlighted the role of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). "The corridor will play an important role in taking Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

**Karachi in for pleasant surprise as 120 buses set sail from China**

Source: [Imran Ayub, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-21

KARACHI: After more than 14 years of its rule, the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) government in Sindh managed to display some success in its civic administration on Wednesday as a consignment of 120 buses for Karachi and other cities of Sindh left China for the metropolis. In what is being described as a rare achievement of the PPP government attained during its third term of governance, the develo..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan-China data exchange system to help detect trade-based money laundering: UBG**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-21

KARACHI: The data exchange mechanism will help Pakistan and China to detect under- or over-invoicing and also counter trade-based money laundering in bilateral trade, said Patron-in-Chief S.M. Muneer and President Zubair Tufail of the United Business Group (UBG). Lauding the decision taken by the Pakistan Single Window (PSW) and Customs People's Republic Of China to form a Joint Working Grou..... [more >>](#)

**Trade with China to be enhanced thru' viable plans**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-22

LAHORE: The Pakistan Embassy in China and the Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) on Thursday agreed to enhance collaboration for investment and trade with China through a targeted and viable action plan in

consultation with chambers of commerce and industry across Punjab and holding of investment and trade conferences. They also agreed to immediately hold virtual sessions with chambers o..... [more >>](#)

### **Fish meal export to China tops 13,866 tons**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-22

BEIJING: Pakistan's fish meal export to China topped 13,866 tons with a value of over \$15.68 million, showing a year-on-year increase of 250.59% in the January-February period, Chinese customs data showed. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, bilateral trade between Pakistan and China has increased significantly. Pakistan's exports to China stood at \$670.72 million in January-February 2022..... [more >>](#)

### **Local company signs LNG agreement with Chinese firm**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-23

ISLAMABAD: The transition to liquefied natural gas (LNG) from diesel and oil is the correct way forward for Pakistan in terms of making the shift to renewables, remarked Daewoo Gas Chief Executive Officer Shahid Karim. He was speaking during a ceremony held to mark the signing of a Master EPCF (engineering, procurement, construction and finance) contract between Daewoo Gas and China National Che..... [more >>](#)

### **Great scope of Sino-Pak PV cooperation**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-23

PESHAWAR: With the inauguration of the solar grid station, traders in Jandola Bazaar will begin to obtain uninterrupted, cheap and clean energy, said shopkeeper Muhammad Khan Mehsood. Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organisation (PEDO) is constructing solar mini-grid stations (photovoltaic solar system) to provide uninterrupted electricity to business centers in the newly merged districts of Khyb..... [more >>](#)

### **Cauliflower opens up new chapter for China-Pak agri tie up**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-26

TIANJIN: "Pakistan imports more than 90% of the cauliflower seeds. Hybrid varieties are what we are badly in need of. Now, the major market share belongs to China. They can provide comparatively cheaper seeds," noted Muhammad Muzaffar Raza, a science officer of Vegetable Research Institute at Ayub Agriculture Research Institute (AARI). His viewpoint was echoed by a leading grower Far..... [more >>](#)

### **China asked to finance ML-I project Beijing seeks upward revision in cost of railway scheme**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-27

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Tuesday again requested China to consider financing the single largest China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project – the \$6.8 billion Mainline-I (ML-I) project – after the Railways Ministry disclosed that Beijing was not willing to fund the scheme due to objections over the approved cost. The request was made by Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal in a meeting wi..... [more >>](#)

### **Wrist watches from China: FBR fixes import values**

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-29

ISLAMABAD: The Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, for the first time fixed the values of the wrist watches (low-end brands) from China to control evasion of duties and taxes at the import stage. In this connection, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Directorate has issued valuation rulings on Thursday. The import values of wrist watches have been fixed within the range of..... [more >>](#)

### 30 buses for Islamabad's Airport metro service depart from China

Source: [Kashif Abbasi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-02

ISLAMABAD: As many as 30 buses for the Peshawar Mor - Airport Metro Bus Service are expected to reach Islamabad after 20 days. These buses, which were supposed to be sent in February, could not be transported at that time due to the spread of Covid-19 in Shanghai. Due to this, Capital Development Authority (CDA) had been forced to start the service using borrowed buses. The authority, a couple o..... [more >>](#)

### Imported Eid shopping

Source: [Aamir Shafaat Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-02

Traders always remain divided regarding the sale of Eid related items each year. Similarly, they have conflicting views about the market share of imported items consumed, especially from China. Some of them do not hesitate to say that Chinese items still rule the markets but others contest the claim saying that the share of those products is eroding after becoming costlier in view of the high cost..... [more >>](#)

### GB govt beefs up Chinese citizens' security

Source: [Jamil Nagri](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-07

GILGIT: The Gilgit-Baltistan government has beefed up the security of Chinese citizens working on various projects, including Diامر-Basha dam. According to official sources, a foreigners' security cell had been set up in the GB home department on directives of the region's chief secretary for better coordination on the security of Chinese citizens. The cell will ensure the implement..... [more >>](#)

### Resumption of trade and travel through Khunjerab Pass demanded

Source: [Jamil Nagri](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-07

GILGIT: The residents of Gilgit-Baltistan region have complained about the prolonged suspension of trade and travel between Pakistan and China due to the coronavirus pandemic-induced closure of the Khunjerab Pass and demanded its early resumption. They insisted that the situation had caused serious financial problems to many of them. The Khunjerab Pass is the highest paved Sino-Pak border (15,50..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's exports to China up nearly 17% in Q1

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-07

BEIJING: Pakistan's exports to China crossed \$1.039 billion in the first quarter of 2022, recording a nearly 17% increase from January to March this year, as per the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC). According to data from GACC, in the first three months of this year, China's exports to Pakistan also increased 28.69% amounting to \$6.058 billion as compared with the p..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-05-07

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### **Issues of Chinese cos, promotion of RMB; PMO doing spadework ahead of PM's China visit**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-09

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Office (PMO) has sought details of issues being faced by the Chinese companies, and measures meant to facilitate promotion of Chinese currency RMB, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The purpose of this exercise is supposedly to complete homework prior to the visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to China, dates of which are being exchanged between the Fo..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese IPPs warn of closure if not paid Rs300bn**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-10

ISLAMABAD: With more than Rs300 billion in stuck up dues, more than two dozen Chinese firms operating in Pakistan on Monday said that they would be forced to shut down their power plants this month unless payments were made upfront. This was the overwhelming theme of a meeting presided over by Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal with more than 30 Chinese companies operating under th..... [more >>](#)

### **Rising exports to China termed 'a good sign'**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-10

LAHORE: Welcoming surge in Pak exports to China, analysts believe that provision of cheap electricity to the industry will encourage exports. Minister of State for Finance and Revenue, Aisha Ghaus Pasha said, "It is a positive development that Pakistan's exports to China have crossed 1.039 billion dollars mark in the first quarter. The country at this point of time needs foreig..... [more >>](#)

### **Issues facing Chinese investors in power sector: minister seeks suggestions**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-10

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Prof Ahsan Iqbal has directed the Power Division, the NEPRA, and the NTDC to submit their recommendations in order to resolve the issues of Chinese investors operating in the power sector. The minister held a meeting with the heads of Chinese companies working on the CPEC projects in order to resolve their issues an..... [more >>](#)

### **Lowest bids for LNG received from PetroChina**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-12

ISLAMABAD: Amid growing electricity shortage, Pakistan on Wednesday received lowest bids from PetroChina International Singapore for spot Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) cargoes for deliveries in the first and last week of June. Against its spot tender issued on April 30 for two cargoes in June, the state-run Pakistan LNG Ltd (PLL) received a total of five bids from three qualified bidders – Pe..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

### **Rs50bn SG against CPEC IPPs' dues; Power Division asked to submit fresh summary**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-16

ISLAMABAD: Cabinet Division has reportedly asked Power Division to submit the summary afresh for grant of Rs 50 billion supplementary grant for payment to CPEC projects after seeking approval from the new Minister- in-Charge, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Sharing the details, sources said, former Prime Minister held two meetings – on January 14 and January, 26 2022, p..... [more >>](#)

### **Sorghum cooperation: a new milestone in CPEC**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-18

As agricultural countries China and Pakistan are currently facing the same challenges – growing food demand and tight agricultural land jointly threaten food security. In addition to the three major staple foods in the world, a crop has

gradually attracted attention – sorghum. As an indispensable dry food crop, sorghum is second only to wheat, corn, rice and barley in China in terms ..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC IPPs: MoF refuses to support Rs50bn supplementary grant**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-18

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Finance (MoF) has refused to support supplementary grant of another Rs50 billion for the power projects established under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), well informed sources told Business Recorder. Power Division had sent a summary to the Finance Ministry in this regard for comments. The summary is yet to be considered by the new ECC, to be constituted after ..... [more >>](#)

### **Shehbaz to take CPEC forward with new vigour: Mushahid**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-18

BEIJING: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will take the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) forward with new vigour and vitality, ensuring multifaceted development of the flagship project of Belt and Road Initiative, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed said on Sunday. “On the first day in office as prime minister, Shehbaz Sharif met the Chinese acting ambassador and told her that Pakistan c..... [more >>](#)

### **PM urges China to include KCR in CPEC schemes**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-19

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday appreciated China’s role in improving communication in Pakistan and urged Beijing to reconsider the proposal for including the Karachi Circular Railway (CKR) project in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Shehbaz inaugurating the Orange Line Metro Bus Service, which runs from Peshawar Morr to New Islamabad International Airport. O..... [more >>](#)

### **M-6 to be completed under CPEC, says CS**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-20

KARACHI: The Sindh Chief Secretary, Dr Muhammad Sohail Rajput held an important meeting at the Sindh Secretariat and discussed Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway. The meeting was attended by Secretary General Administration, Muhammad Hanif Channa and Secretary Implementation and Coordination, Riaz Hussain Soomro. Deputy commissioners including commissioners of Hyderabad, Shaheed Benazirabad and Sukkur a..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt to actively engage China to speed up CPEC projects: Ahsan**

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-20

ISLAMABAD: Federal Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Minister Ahsan Iqbal said the new coalition government would actively engage China to speed up various projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The government’s top priority was to strengthen the country’s economy as it was the only pre-requisite for its sovereignty, he said while talking to media Tues..... [more >>](#)

### **Beijing praises PM’s remarks on Pak-China relations, CPEC**

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-20

China on Tuesday highly appreciated Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif’s positive remarks on Sino-Pakistan relations and China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), saying they fully reflected the Pakistani side’s emphasis on China-Pakistan all-weather friendship and all-round cooperation. “China has noticed that for sometimes, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has made positive remarks on ..... [more >>](#)

### **New government to actively engage China in CPEC: Ahsan Iqbal**

Source: App, [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-20

Federal minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday said the new government would actively engage China to speed up various projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the country. He said the top priority of the new coalition government was to strengthen the country's economy as it was the only pre-requisite for any country's sovereignity..... [more >>](#)

### **Ahsan laments slow progress on CPEC projects**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-21

ISLAMABAD: Terming the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a top priority, Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday expressed serious concern over the sluggish progress on CPEC-related projects. The minister showed displeasure over the waste of time and resources over the last four years at a meeting he presided over to review the progress on CPEC..... [more >>](#)

### **11 enterprises setting up industrial units in Rashakai SEZ**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-21

Eleven enterprises are setting up industrial units in Rashakai Special Economic Zone (SEZ), Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. The development of Rashakai SEZ, commercially launched on 28th May 2021, is in progress steadily. Construction of industrial units is on the way including Century Steel, which is a Chinese-owned conglomerate and will be a state-of-the-art steel manufacturing facility. Bes..... [more >>](#)

### **Govt to wind up CPEC authority**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-21

ISLAMABAD: The new government has decided to abolish the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority amid disclosure that Chinese power producers have shut down 1,980 megawatts of production capacity due to non-clearance of their Rs300 billion dues. Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal has passed instructions to the concerned officials to begin the process for abolishing the authority. We will m..... [more >>](#)

### **PTI's Shahzad Waseem notified Senate opposition leader**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-21

ISLAMABAD: PTI Senator Dr Shahzad Waseem was notified leader of the opposition in the Senate Wednesday. He was nominated for the slot by PTI Chairman Imran Khan and afterwards, Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani issued a notification of making him the leader of the opposition. Previously, he was the leader of the house before the inception of a new coalition government, following the ouster of PTI-I..... [more >>](#)

### **Former govt draws fire for dragging down CPEC**

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-21

ISLAMABAD: Voicing utter dissatisfaction over the progress made on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project in the last four years, Federal Minister for Planning Dr Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday comfortably hanged the failure on the previous government's incompetence and mismanagement. "No Special Economic Zone, initially envisaged to become operational by 2018, could be made operational..... [more >>](#)

### **Ahsan directs winding up of CPEC Authority**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-23

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal on Friday called for immediate removal of problems faced by the Chinese investors and contractors working on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) including swift processing of their visa cases. During a visit to CPEC Authority offices, the minister also directed the authorities concerned to prepare a structure so that the CPECA could..... [more >>](#)

**Shujaat's son Salik made CPEC Authority chief**

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-04-23

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday appointed PML-Q MNA Chaudhry Salik Hussain as China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority chairman. Chaudhry Salik Hussain has replaced Khalid Mansoor as CPEC authority chief. The appointment comes after PML-Q parliamentarian on Friday morning took as federal cabinet minister. Former president Asif Ali Zardari, a day earlier, met C..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC authority: less authoritative**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-04-23

How typical that the same officials that defended the progress of CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) till the last days of the previous government are now telling the new one just how bad things have actually become on the ground. It turns out that Chinese power plants have shut down approximately 2,000 megawatts of production capacity due to non-clearance of dues to their investors; and tota..... [more >>](#)

**Innovation in China's Agriculture**

Source: [Muhammad Asif Noor](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2022-04-26

As the spring is about to meet in summer in China, the farming activities across the country are in full swing. In different regions of the country, farmers are preparing for cultivation using the latest technological and advanced methods resulting in value addition to the national economy. Based on these steps, China is offering tremendous support to countries on BRI and CPEC, especially Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC DG yet to start working Previous govt failed to create 404 HR positions due to internal rifts**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-04-26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, which was eyeing \$10 billion Chinese investment and 420,000 new jobs in just four Special Economic Zones (SEZs), could not make the Directorate General of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) operational for swift handling of cargoes as 400 positions could not be filled in the body. Despite creating a legal provision to set up the directorate four years ago, the last gove..... [more >>](#)

**Effective role of science ministry in facilitating people stressed**

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-04-26

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Agha Hassan Baloch Monday gave directives to enhance the effective role of the ministry in facilitating people particularly in underprivileged areas. He was chairing a briefing on the progress of Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) projects under the ministry and gave directions. Federal Secretary for Ministry of Science and Technology, ..... [more >>](#)

**Imran threatening ECP instead of giving account of corruption: Marriyum**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-04-27

ISLAMABAD: Federal Information and Broadcasting Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb on Tuesday said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan is threatening the Election Commission of Pakistan instead of giving the account of his corruption in the foreign funding case. "Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is visiting Saudi Arabia at his own expense while all other people accompanying him are also ..... [more >>](#)

**Ahsan tells China; Progress in CPEC expedited by new govt**

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-04-27

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal told China that progress in China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has been expedited since the new government came into power and regular meetings are being held for the implementation of the development projects. The minister expressed these views in a meeting with Chinese Charge d' Affairs to P..... [more >>](#)

### **'Pakistan needs to revamp seed sector' Expert laments agri sector was ignored under initial CPEC agreement**

Source: [Usman Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-28

KARACHI: Businessmen have stressed that Pakistan needed to revamp the seed sector and redefine the role of Federal Seed Certification and Registration Department (FSC&RD). In a statement on Wednesday, Pakistan Businesses Forum (PBF) Vice President Ahmad Jawad said that seed cooperation with China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would help improve agricultural productivity. .... [more >>](#)

### **PTI govt failed to timely complete CPEC projects**

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-23

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal Friday said that the previous government of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) failed to complete the projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) by the dates agreed between the Chinese side and PML-N government. Addressing media persons here, he said that the PML-N government had set the target for completion of all t..... [more >>](#)

### **Attempts to undermine Sino-Pak relations won't succeed: China**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-28

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson on Wednesday said that "ironclad friendship" between China and Pakistan was unbreakable and any attempt to undermine the bilateral cooperation, mutual trust and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would not succeed. Wang Wenbin made these remarks during his regular briefing in response to questions about the Karachi University terrorist atta..... [more >>](#)

### **Securing CPEC & Balochistan**

Source: [Muhammad Amir Rana](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-01

THE suicide blast targeting a van with Chinese faculty near Karachi University's Confucius Institute was an attack on China's soft power. The terrorists seemed aware that the institute symbolised China's cultural and civilisational expression, and that China, more than others, was keen to project a soft image. Secondly, the terrorists used a woman suicide bomber to draw greater in..... [more >>](#)

### **Progress reviewed on \$3.5bn coastal development zone plan**

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-03

ISLAMABAD: Top officials of the Board of Investment (BOI) and Karachi Port Trust (KPT) have reviewed progress on the Karachi Comprehensive Coastal Development Zone programme, which has been included under the umbrella of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Calling it a "game-changer", the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf-led federal government in September 2021 had unveiled the ambit..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC administrative restructuring in full swing**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-05-01

The administrative restructuring of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has kicked off in full swing, Gwadar Pro reported on Saturday. In an expeditious step, CPEC Authority is being merged into CPEC Secretariat. With an incorporation process going in full swing, CPEC Secretariat that stayed inactive has been restored to function properly. Its two wings – CPEC Support Project and CPEC ..... [more >>](#)

### **Minister directs CPEC security review every month**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-07

ISLAMABAD: Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Friday directed the officials to ensure that security review of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was held every month and that all line ministries must follow the laid-down security protocols for the Chinese working on the projects. Chairing a meeting to review security of the CPEC projects, Iqbal stated that the National Counter Terrorism A..... [more >>](#)

### Foreign conspiracy probe: PPP questions PTI's rejection of govt's inquiry commission

Source: [Asim Yasin, The News, International](#), 2022-05-07

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan People's Party (PPP) on Friday questioned the PTI's rejection of the government's decision to form the inquiry commission to probe the charges of foreign conspiracy, leveled by former prime minister Imran Khan against the ouster of his government, saying the purpose of running away from the commission and investigation is to continue to politicise the issue..... [more >>](#)

### Ahsan wants monthly review of security for Chinese nationals

Source: [Mehtab Haider, The News, International](#), 2022-05-07

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Friday directed the departments concerned to ensure a security review meeting on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) every month, besides asking them to resolve outstanding difficulties in visas issuance to them. Official sources told The News Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah could not attend the ..... [more >>](#)

### Security review meeting on CPEC to be held every month

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2022-05-07

Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said that a security review meeting will be held every month on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Planning Ministry said in a statement that the directives were issued by the minister while chairing a meeting to review the security progress on CPEC projects. The meeting was attended by the secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs..... [more >>](#)

### Security for CPEC; MoI asked to hold monthly review meetings

Source: [Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-07

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal directed the Ministry of Interior to regularly convene its meetings on a monthly basis to review and ensure security on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The minister emphasized the need for building a safe and secure environment for the CPEC and to effectively tackle kinetic/ non-kinetic cha..... [more >>](#)

### The Risks And Rewards Of SEZs

Source: [Ahsan Munir, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-07

Since the signing of the CPEC agreement—a project worth more than 60 billion USD between Pakistan and China—it has been heralded as a game-changer for Pakistan's economy. Tomes after tomes have been written about the supposed benefits of CPEC to Pakistan, and all subsequent governments have claimed that CPEC will industrialise the country and create hundreds of thousands of jobs ..... [more >>](#)

### Only 3 CPEC projects in Gwadar completed

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan could complete only three China-Pakistan Economic Corridor projects in Gwadar having value of over \$300 million, as one-dozen schemes costing nearly \$2 billion remain unfinished including water supply and electricity provision, according to the CPEC Authority. According to the CPEC Authority, the progress review of the projects revealed that all the schemes having socio-econo..... [more >>](#)

### Karot hydropower connects unit 1 to grid

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2022-05-08

KARACHI: Karot hydropower project's unit one has started to run with a capacity of 180 megawatts (MW) on full load and is supplying energy to the national grid, The News learnt on Saturday. The energy produced from unit 1 would

support the national grid in alleviating energy crises, CEO of Karot Power Company Limited Wang Minsheng said. He added that timely commissioning of Karot hydropower..... [more >>](#)

### **PM accuses PTI govt of annoying China, stalling CPEC**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-09

LAHORE: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Sunday that Imran-led government had angered China, which is the closest friend of Pakistan and has always helped in difficult times. "The CPEC was put into cold storage but we are making efforts to restart the CPEC projects," he said while talking to media here at the PML-N Secretariat Sunday. Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah Kha..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC Authority to be abolished, Senate panel told**

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-14

ISLAMABAD: The government is to abolish the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority and will replace it and all matters relating to various CPEC projects will be handed over to the Planning Commission with designating a special secretary to deal with the matters. This was stated by the senior officials of the Ministry of Planning and Development while briefing the Senate Standing Co..... [more >>](#)

### **Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway project to get priority**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-15

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Asad Mahmood said on Friday afternoon that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)'s Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway (M-6) will be completed on a priority basis. The minister stated this in a meeting with Federal Minister for Water Resources Syed Khursheed Shah during his visit to the National Highway Authority (NHA) headquarters..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development & Capacity Building

### **UoE, Chinese varsity sign MoU for academic excellence**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-23

LAHORE: The University of Education and Hebei Academy of Fine Arts, China, on Friday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for exchange purposes and academic cooperation in the field of history, arts and cultural heritage. Both the institutions would also conduct joint doctoral and master's training programmes to strengthen ties. The agreement was signed by UE Vice Chancellor Prof Dr ..... [more >>](#)

### **'Chinese teachers were here to educate us about language, culture'**

Source: [Shazia Hasan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-27

KARACHI: The charred Toyota Hiace van stood where it was halted in its tracks at the entrance of the Confucius Institute at Karachi University, just a little distance from IBA campus, due to the blast. Its front grille mostly disintegrated with a portion of it lying behind the vehicle. The driver's door was ajar and broken. Only the metal frames of the seats were left, the foam, the covers a..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese firm extending cooperation on cauliflower 'hybrid planting': Sui**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-27

BEIJING: A Chinese company has cooperated with Pakistan on cauliflower hybrid planting by carrying out experiments, demonstrations and promotions in multiple growing seasons since 2016. "So far, our orders have doubled several times," said Sui Liying, Executive Deputy General Manager of Tianjin Tianlong Zaitian Agricultural Science and Technology Co., Ltd., in an interview with Ch..... [more >>](#)

### China-Pakistan Trade, Energy, Investment Center to be set up in Shenzhen

Source: [Our Correspondent, Daily Times](#), 2022-04-24

The Global Innovation Centre (GIC) is planning to set up an office in Pakistan, as well as establish a China-Pakistan Trade, Energy, and Investment Centre in the organization's Shenzhen office. Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque was briefed by Director General, GIC, Zhao Gang during a meeting held at the embassy of Pakistan, Beijing. GIC is focused on five core businesses: interna..... [more >>](#)

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### Pakistani olive oil farmers eyeing Chinese cooperation

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-03

BEIJING: China's demand for Pakistani olive oil is high and as long as Pakistan has market demand or export demand, cooperation with China is absolutely imperative, said Zhou Ning, Marketing Director at Green Organic Food. In addition to market, Pakistani farmers need Chinese agricultural technology and investment. Syed Yousaf Ali, a farmer with a 100-acre estate said that he is now usi..... [more >>](#)

### Grain-forage rice to improve land utilisation

Source: [China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-05-13

BEIJING: Since Pakistan started importing Chinese high-yield rice seeds, the growers that used to produce 40 to 50 mounds now produce 100 mounds, said Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Vice President Shamsul Islam Khan. "Rice production in Pakistan has improved a lot, and we are exporting it," he said. In the first quarter of this fiscal year, Pakistan's export o..... [more >>](#)

## Technology & Innovation

### Pakistan, China to cooperate in agriculture sector

Source: [Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-04-17

Islamabad: The cooperation between China and Pakistan in the agricultural sector can greatly help Pakistan modernise and boom in this sector, Pakistani Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque said. He held a virtual meeting with Professor Deng Xiuxin, vice president of the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE), and their counterpart from Pakistan, Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, vice-chancellor of the University..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI s Events

### Dialogue News

#### Experts Term Better Coordination, Policy Consistency Imperative To Trigger Economic Growth

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2022-04-21

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 20th Apr, 2022 ): The experts and entrepreneurs on Wednesday termed better coordination, policy consistency and awareness in the private sector is imperative to trigger economic growth. Inclusive policy making, better coordination between relevant government departments, policy consistency, and better awareness of the private sector regardingg..... [more >>](#)

#### Coordination and Policy Consistency Crucial for Economic Growth in KP

Source: [Ahsan Gardezi](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2022-04-21

Inclusive policymaking, better coordination between relevant government departments, policy consistency, and better awareness of the private sector regarding government initiatives could play a crucial role to trigger economic growth and development of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Hazara Division in particular. Experts said this while sharing their views during the Public-Private Dialogue on the &lsquo..... [more >>](#)

#### Lessons from Lanka

Source: [Aqdas Afzal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-21

SRI Lanka figures very largely in the imagination of the people of South Asia. Not only is 'Ceylon tea' considered the best tea money can buy, a long line of illustrious cricketers from the island nation have also been admired for their prowess. Sri Lanka also holds the distinction of having the highest literacy rate in the South Asian region at 92.3 per cent. Unfortunately, Sri Lanka..... [more >>](#)

#### Policy consistency stressed for KP economic growth

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Source: [Monitoring Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-26

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## **SDPI Articles**

### **What is to be Done?**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [BOL News](#), 2022-04-17

Partly due to the recent political impasse, Pakistan faces a balance of payments crisis on a short-term basis. A pause in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) negotiations, the reluctance of friendly countries to oblige an outgoing government through rolling over their deposits in the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and the panic buying of dollars during the political uncertainty led to a situati..... [more >>](#)

### **A consensus on the economy**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-19

Endorsing the previous government's relief package by turning down the summary of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) for an increase in prices, Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has decided to keep oil prices unchanged till May 1. It was an easy decision for him, as the formal engagement between his government and the IMF for the resumption of the ongoing programme is yet to start. Pol..... [more >>](#)

### **A roadmap for political reform"**

Source: [Ahad Nazir](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-24

The word 'politics' has a Greek origin. It means decision making in groups. The most important aspect of practical politics is the need to build consensus on important decisions affecting the group of people involved. Political systems in Pakistan have seen many changes but the importance of consensus building remains paramount. Major political parties in Pakistan range from centre-ri..... [more >>](#)

### **A clear economic agenda, immediate action needed**

Source: [Sajid Amin Javed](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-24

The new coalition government, which has inherited an unprecedented macroeconomic crisis, needs to stabilise economic indicators and protect the poor and vulnerable groups by striking a balance between its domestic and international economic priorities. It has to walk a virtual tightrope. The government seems stuck in the twin challenges — a dilemma — of correcting economic imbalances ..... [more >>](#)

### **HIJAB: A choice, universal right or empowerment**

Source: [Zahra Khalid Haq](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2022-04-25

MODESTY and privacy in Hijab, besides being an Islamic concept, is notably expressed in multi-ethnic and multi-religious countries; such as, in eastern Orthodox or Catholicism women wear mitres a distinctive headdress of

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### **How to manage fuel subsidies**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-07

The years 2020 and 2021 will be remembered both due to the deadly pandemic and the vast fluctuations in global energy demand and its prices. In 2020, global demand for crude oil dropped the most since the Second World War. On April 20, 2020 the future oil contracts for May 2020 dropped 306 percent to settle at a negative \$37.63 a barrel. However, the price of a basket of oil, coal, and gas had do..... [more >>](#)

### **Resisting temptation for popular relief**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-08

In 2020, along with Covid-19, the world was warned about two other crises that could hit it hard: a global recession and a food crisis. Fortunately, Pakistan fared better than its neighbours in terms of Covid-19 impact. The smart, rather than total, lockdowns helped save livelihoods and by the end of 2020, it seemed that we had survived the triple crisis..... [more >>](#)

### **Climate induced migration**

Source: [Maryam Shabbir Abbasi](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-08

"I was seven months pregnant when we had to migrate due to drought in our village (Sanghar, Sindh). I travelled on camel back and we worked as labourers. As a result, I lost my unborn baby. My family took a Rs 10,000 loan from a landowner for my medical check-up and treatment. I went into depression after losing my baby." Rajju, who belongs..... [more >>](#)

### **The mercury is rising**

Source: [Maryam Shabbir Abbasi](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-05-15

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has issued a heatwave warning which will start from May 10 and will last till May 17 in different areas of the Sindh province. It is expected that the maximum temperature will cross 45 degrees Celsius (113 Fahrenheit). Daytime maximum temperatures will also rise to 46-48 degrees Celsius in Dadu, Sukkur..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI News

### **'Pakistan must raise \$12bn to dodge balance of payment crisis'**

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