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To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

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To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for

“China Study Centre - SDPI”

It carries reference information's to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

Launched in August 2018, China Study Centre is a broader initiative of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) to bridge the research-policy gap on the issues of global relevance such as trade, technologies, climate change, tourism, business, finance and Pakistan-China relations. The Centre strives to foster research, knowledge and expertise on China, profoundly relevant to our engagement with China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

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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

China & America trade conflict

The US-China rivalry and its fallout

Source: [Talat Masood](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-25

For the past two decades, the United States has been the global leading country with no challenger in sight. It was the leading light and the champion of the free world, forming policies independently and acting as a mediator among nations when the situation so arose. Its economic, political, military and cultural influence spans across the world. In the past Pakistan has been a major beneficiary [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

New year, new policy and opportunities

Source: [Nong Rong](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-03

Ushering in the new year of 2023, a retrospect of the previous year is precious. For both the world and China, the outgoing 2022 is critical in bridging the past and the future. Successfully convening the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), China embarked on a Chinese path to modernisation. China has made coordinated progress in COVID-19 response and economic and social d..... [more >>](#)

More foreign businesses invest in China after COVID-19 response measures optimization: Pakistani economist

Source: [Xinhua](#), [HELLENIC SHIPPING NEWS](#), 2023-01-03

As China has optimized its COVID-19 response measures, a lot of foreign businesses and investors start to invest in the country, a Pakistani economist told Xinhua in a recent interview. "I see a lot of foreign investment coming into China to play their role to enhance their trade and of course they will be having relatively much lower operating cost in China," said Badiea Shaukat, an e..... [more >>](#)

Is China a new De Medici?

Source: [Shazia Anwer Cheema](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-04

Although the Chinese New Year will start on 22 January 2023 according to the Chinese calendar, President Xi Jinping delivered his New Year address to his nation on December 31, 2022, when the rest of the world was celebrating New Year's Night. In his address, President Xi said since China believes in peace and development, it always stands on the right side of history and on the side of hum..... [more >>](#)

China to make monetary policy more effective

Source: [xinhua/Jiang Chao](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-09

China will make its prudent monetary policy more targeted and effective in order to facilitate the overall recovery and improvement of its economy, a senior official said. In an interview with Xinhua, Guo Shuqing, chairman of the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission, highlighted expanding effective demand and deepening supply-side reform as focuses of the country's monetary poli..... [more >>](#)

China's Hunan reports over 20 pct growth in foreign trade in 2022

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-17

Central China's Hunan Province registered robust foreign trade growth in 2022, with an annual increase of 20.2 percent, local customs authorities said. The province's import and export value surpassed 705.8 billion yuan (about 105 billion U.S. dollars) last year, Changsha Customs revealed at a media briefing on Monday. Of the total, Hunan's exports reached nearly 515.5 billion yu..... [more >>](#)

World stocks mostly rise on optimism over China, ratesSource: App, [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-17

World equities mainly rose Monday on growing global optimism as inflation slows and China reopens, while gas prices hit an 18-month low on receding supply fears. Frankfurt, London and Paris stocks climbed after broadly positive Asian trade, while the dollar rose against its main rivals. Bitcoin shot above \$20,000 as investors became more willing to take riskier bets. New York markets were shu..... [more >>](#)

China still important engine for world economic growth: officialSource: App, [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-19

China's economy has taken the lead among major economies over recent years, remaining a significant engine fueling global economic growth, an official with the country's top economic planner said Wednesday. From 2020 to 2022, China's economy posted an annual average growth of 4.5 percent, higher than the world level of around 2 percent, Yuan Da, director of the Department of Natio..... [more >>](#)

China's development path inspiration for Africa: expertSource: xinhua/Jiang Chao, [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-21

China's development achieved through meticulous planning, the right mindset, and good leadership policies is an inspiration to Africa as the continent gears toward economic development and improved living standards of the population, an expert on China-Africa relations has said. Gerald Mbanda, researcher and publisher on China and Africa made the remarks earlier this week while speaking at [more >>](#)

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How China can help lift economySource: Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is at a crossroads. It is encountering numerous challenges. Terrorism has started to resurface and the country's enemies are trying to fan trouble. At the same time, the global landscape is going through rapid changes, which has posed new challenges. Political parties are fighting among themselves senselessly, complicating the situation in the country. They are hell ben..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan as a solution to the Chinese demographic problemSource: Shahid Javed Burki, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-30

Pakistan borders two of the world's most populous countries – India and China. Until a few weeks ago, China had more people than India but then the latter, with a higher rate of population growth, went past China and became the world's largest country. Does it matter that Pakistan borders these two mega-population countries? I will argue in this article that the demographic chang..... [more >>](#)

Energy, Environment & Climate Change**Oil nudges higher after China opens borders, lifts fuel demand outlook**Source: Reuters, [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-10

Oil prices edged up on Monday, a day after travellers streamed into China following a reopening of borders that lifted the fuel demand outlook and partly offset concerns of global recession. Brent crude futures had risen 53 cents, or

0.7 per cent, to \$79.10 a barrel by 0114 GMT while US West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$74.23 a barrel, up 46 cents, or 0.6pc. Hopes for less-aggressive US inte..... [more >>](#)

PCJCCI urges govt to start low cost energy projects

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-17

Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PCJCCI) on Monday urged the federal government to initiate low-cost energy generation projects in collaboration with China to reduce cost of doing business in the country. PCJCCI President Moazzam Ghurki stated this in a think-thank session here at PCJCCI Secretariat. The joint chamber's Senior Vice President Fang Yulong, Vice Preside..... [more >>](#)

China pledges carbon neutrality by 2060

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-20

China on Thursday pledged to reach carbon neutrality by 2060 while the nation expects a carbon emissions peak by the end of the current decade. "Protecting the environment and countering climate change are the common responsibilities of all countries. Only when all countries unite and work together to promote green and sustainable development can we maintain the overall balance in the earth&..... [more >>](#)

China's support helps Pakistan to cut oil seed imports: experts

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-21

China continues to help Pakistan to cut its oilseed imports amid economic challenges., China Economic Net (CEN) reported. As Pakistan has been confronted with severe economic challenges especially after massive countryside floods, with the shrinking foreign exchange reserves, the country's various imports are putting additional financial strain. Statistics from the State Bank of Pakistan (..... [more >>](#)

History, Language & Culture

New Chinese Year

Source: [Muhammad Asif Noor](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-31

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year, is a significant cultural event celebrated by Chinese communities worldwide. This 15-day celebration begins with the new moon and is characterized by fireworks; traditional cuisine; the wearing of red clothing; the giving of gifts to children, and the decorating of homes and streets with festive decorations. The New Year is an opportunity for..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Soft power

Source: [Beelam Ramzan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-01-02

Power in international terms has traditionally been defined in 'hard' terms in the context of military and economic strength. In the post-cold war era, the concept of 'soft power' gained much prominence among foreign policy discussions, and the US was considered the bastion of soft power. China joined much later and enthusiastically promoted its soft power image in world p..... [more >>](#)

New Year, New Policy, New Opportunities

Source: [Nong Rong](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-03

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GB apex body decides to beef up Chinese citizens' security

Source: [Jamil Nagri](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-06

GILGIT: A security committee, comprising high-ranking civil and military officials, on Thursday decided to enhance the security of Chinese citizens working in Gilgit-Baltistan. The Gilgit-Baltistan Apex Committee also agreed to develop a comprehensive communication strategy to counter misinformation and disinformation in the media that might create a law and order situation. According to a press..... [more >>](#)

'Year of Tourism' to help boost Pak-China cooperation

Source: [xinhua/Jiang Chao](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-05

The decision to hold the Pakistan-China Year of Tourism Exchanges in 2023 will greatly help improving people-to-people contacts and especially promoting tourism cooperation, a Pakistani official said. "China obviously is the country that produced the largest number of tourists for the rest of the world before the COVID-19 pandemic ... The recent policy of resuming outbound tourism for [more >>](#)

Chinese support to Pak economy will continue: Nong Rong

Source: [Mian Saifur Rehman & Asif Mehmood Butt](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-01-09

ISLAMABAD: Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif have agreed on health, industrial, digital and green corridors, ML-1 and Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) besides signing 21 documents of cooperation. Pakistan, China military-to-military ties are mainstay of neighbouring countries friendship. China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has enhanced Pakistan's exports and de..... [more >>](#)

Friends in need...

Source: [Editorial](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-08

Pakistan and China have agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation for the public's benefit. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has reaffirmed his steadfast support for China's vital interests and his commitment to fostering close ties with China. His Chinese counterpart, Li Keqiang, has also retreated from China's commitment to supporting Pakistan. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif..... [more >>](#)

Ambassador Nong Rong promoted Pak-China relationship

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-01-16

China has been sending excellent minds to Pakistan to promote and strengthen bilateral relationship. It started with the appointment of Han Nianlong, first ambassador to Pakistan. Han Nianlong was an accomplished politician and army officer. General Geng Biao replaced him. He was instrumental in laying down the strong foundation of bilateral relations. He was also an accomplished military officer..... [more >>](#)

Unswerving contribution to China-Pakistan friendship for a shared future

Source: [Nong Rong, Chinese Ambassador To Pakistan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-01-18

In October 2020, I flew over the towering Karakorum Mountains and arrived in the beautiful city of Islamabad with joy and expectation. Now I feel so reluctant to leave this beloved country to end my tenure as the Chinese ambassador. Over the past two years, I have been making friends sincerely, promoting cooperation devotedly, seeking development whole-heartedly. I truly felt the iron-clad friend..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's trade with China to reach new heights: Bilawal

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-22

BEIJING: Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that the bilateral trade relationship with China is expected to flourish further, thanks to the win-win cooperation between both countries in the fight against climate

change and investments in renewable energy. Over the last 71 years, successive generations of leaders have nurtured bilateral ties between Pakistan and China, h..... [more >>](#)

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Performances, exhibitions planned for Chinese New Year celebrations

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-23

ISLAMABAD: The China Cultural Centre has organised a series of online activities to celebrate the Chinese New Year. According to a statement issued by the centre, the Chinese New Year fell on Sunday (Jan 22) and celebrations would continue till Feb 5 when the Lantern Festival would be held. The Chinese New Year is also known as the 'Spring Festival' and is the most important festival..... [more >>](#)

China Festival 2023 held; 'Culture to further strengthen Pak-China friendship'

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-26

KARACHI: President of All Pakistan Chinese Overseas Youth Federation Aasma Ismail Butt said that culture is the identity of any state. Therefore, through culture, Pak-China friendship will further strengthen. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the President of China, Xi Jinping, and all the staff members of the Chinese Embassy for the successful organizing of China Festival 2023. She [more >>](#)

Revival of tourism in China a positive signal for Pakistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-31

"The opening of China's tourism is a very positive sign for Pakistan. Pakistan has made extensive preparations to welcome Chinese visitors," said Aftab ur Rehman Rana, Managing Director of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation, Gwadar Pro reported it on Monday. From January 8, 2023, China resumed outbound tourism after downgrading COVID-19 management measures from Class A to B..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Looking towards China

Source: [Salim Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-02

Geo-political and international financial developments, and our own credit downgrading, will limit access to new foreign debt and prevent the resumption of our crippling import-dependent economic growth. The recovery we can now sustain will rely on mobilising our own long-neglected resources. Agriculture, labour skills, SMEs as the core of domestic supply chains, and technical education — [more >>](#)

Punjab govt to install Chinese air purification towers in LahoreSource: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-03

ISLAMABAD - In order to combat hazardous smog and air pollution across Punjab, home of more than 100 million people, Punjab government springs into action to use Chinese anti-smog technology by installing smog towers in Lahore and other parts of the province in 2023. Development made headway in the backdrop of successful meeting between Punjab CM Ch Pervaiz Elahi and Chinese Consul General [more >>](#)

CPEC: PM speaks to Li, iterates PDM govt's commitmentSource: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-06

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday held a telephonic conversation with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang wherein he emphasised Pakistan's unswerving focus on timely progress of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. During the "comprehensive telephone conversation," the PM assured the Chinese premier that Pakistan would provide a completely secure a..... [more >>](#)

Capitalise on China's footwear market: PFMASource: [Shahram Haq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-10

LAHORE: Speaking to The Express Tribune in an exclusive interview, the Pakistan Footwear Manufacturer Association (PFMA) Chairman, Mansoor Ehsan, expressed fear over losing the Chinese footwear export market to the ongoing economic crisis in Pakistan. "As a footwear industry, we depend a lot on China in terms of raw material and expertise. The ongoing economic crisis, however, is forcing the..... [more >>](#)

Joint operation agreement of Pak-China Technical Institute signedSource: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-10

ISLAMABAD - In a major development at Gwadar, the signing ceremony for the joint operation agreement of Pak-China Technical and Vocational Institute (PCT & VI), built with a Chinese grant under CPEC was held at Gwadar Business Centre on Monday. The joint operation agreement was signed among Shandong Institute of Commerce and Technology (SICT), Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), the University..... [more >>](#)

Chinese projects; Bilawal talks to Qin, iterates govt's security resolveSource: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-11

BEIJING: Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang held phone conversations with Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Chinese foreign ministry said in a statement. He said that China and Pakistan enjoy a special friendship and high-level mutual trust, and the close high-level interactions between the two countries have injected strong impetus into the development of bilateral relations. Chin..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan eyes higher exports to China in 2023Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-17

BEIJING: "As China relaxes its Covid-19-related restrictions, I think a major turnaround will happen for Pakistani producers. I hope that Pakistani producers, exporters, and manufacturers will come here and explore this wonderful market," said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of Pakistan in China. Looking back on the past year, Qadir acknowledged that it has been a [more >>](#)

'Gwadar plants on Thar coal'.; Two Chinese loans to be confirmed soonSource: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-19

ISLAMABAD: China has reaffirmed strong resolve to extend financial support to Pakistan including early confirmation of two loans, i.e., from ICBC and CBC, as Pakistan has reverted its decision regarding shifting of Gwadar coal power projects from imported to local coal, well informed sources told Business Recorder. This information was shared by Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Coordina..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan looks to enhance cooperation with China on high-yield, cotton varieties

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-18

Pakistan is facing an alarming decline in cotton production, it looks to enhancing cooperation with China on high-yield, climate-resilient cotton varieties, Javed Hassan, Cotton Advisor of the All-Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) told China Economic Net (CEN). "In the past ten years, we have lost half of the yield and production of cotton. This year, we are going to produce 5.5 mi..... [more >>](#)

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President for realizing full potential of Pak-China bilateral trade

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-18

President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday stressed enhancing bilateral trade with China, which currently stood at \$27.8 billion, and said the strengthening of businesses could prove mutual reward. Talking to the outgoing Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, the president said under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), 19 projects were completed, 28 were under construction, and 4..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China crossing at Khunjrab Pass to open from Jan 30 to Feb 10

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-21

The Pak-China border crossing at Khunjrab Pass will be temporarily open for trade from January 30 to February 10 to facilitate crossing of important Pakistani supplies stuck on the Chinese side. In the first phase, the Khunjrab Pass was temporarily opened on Tuesday and Wednesday to facilitate local trade and key hydropower projects. During the said two days, heavy machinery required for develop..... [more >>](#)

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Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

'Pakistan needs to revisit geopolitical strategic and economic framework'

Source: [Afshan S. Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-01-01

Islamabad: The speakers at a webinar opined that Pakistan needs to revisit its geopolitical strategic and economic framework in the context of the changing landscape of the world, especially of the Asia-Pacific region. The country

is being surrounded by many severe security and economic challenges, and remains indecisive to which side it shall be. Meanwhile, political instability is playing an en..... [more >>](#)

CPEC creates 192,000 jobs for Pakistanis: Envoy

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-02

ISLAMABAD-China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has created 192,000 jobs, 6,000MW of power supply, 510km of highway, and 886km of transmission line, which laid a solid foundation for Pakistan's socio-economic development, according to Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong. According to Gwadar Pro, he was speaking at the Awarding Ceremony for Outstanding Pakistani Staff of the CPEC Projects 2022, h..... [more >>](#)

CPEC 2023: Hopes & Challenges

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-03

The sun of 2023 has emerged with new hops and challenges for China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the backdrop of uncapping China's zero covid policy, fresh commitments to pump up more Chinese investment, rollout of new three CPEC corridors, resumption of cultural exchange programs, galvanization of China Pakistan free trade agreement (phase I and phase II), catalyzing Gwadar as logist..... [more >>](#)

PM assures Chinese counterpart of secure environment for investors

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-05

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PM Shehbaz, Li discuss CPEC, investor safety

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-06

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday assured his Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang of timely completion of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project and safe environment for investors. "Pakistan would provide a completely secure and conducive business environment for Chinese investors," Mr Shehbaz said during a long telephonic conversation with Mr Li. Separately, P..... [more >>](#)

PM emphasises for CPEC projects' timely progress

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-06

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, held a comprehensive telephone conversation on Thursday "The two leaders' discussion was characterized by warmth and cordiality, in keeping with the best traditions of the Pakistan-China all-weather strategic cooperative partnership," an official communiqué iss..... [more >>](#)

CPEC presenting new hopes for Pakistan's rapid economic growth

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-06

ISLAMABAD - The sun of 2023 has emerged with new hopes for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) against the backdrop of fresh commitments to pump up more Chinese investments, rollout of three new CPEC corridors, resumption of cultural exchange programmes, and activation of Special Economic Zones. According to a report published by Gwadar Pro on Thursday, in 2023, CPEC is all set to take a c..... [more >>](#)

CPEC 2023: Hopes and challenges

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-07

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Investment under CPEC to reach \$62bn by 2030: report

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-05

The total planned investment under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is \$62 billion between FY2015 and FY2030, out of which \$27.4 billion projects have been realized, with energy sector (power generation, coal mining and transmission lines) representing 76 percent. It covers power generation projects, both fossil fuel and renewable, of about 11 GW. To date, about 5,520 MW energy projects hav..... [more >>](#)

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Gwadar port starts receiving govt imports of bulk cargos

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-13

The Gwadar port has started receiving government imports of bulk cargos as three consecutive vessels carrying 90,000 MT urea have already arrived at the port and clocked the fastest discharge rate. This represents the efforts of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority, Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) and Pakistan Custom..... [more >>](#)

Water resource management to get special focus under CPEC

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-15

Pakistan has suggested water resource management and climate change as potential areas of collaboration within the scope of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) long-term strategy, reports WealthPK. Most of fresh water used in CPEC is consumed for agricultural irrigation, which has an immediate impact on the management and allocation of water resources. Demand for irrigation water is a cru..... [more >>](#)

CPEC second phase instrumental in achieving SDGs: govt

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-18

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Finance Dr Aisha Ghaus Pasha has stated that the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would be instrumental in achieving the SDGs. Speaking at the launch of a report titled, "All Pakistan Chinese Enterprise Association (APCEA) Sustainable Development Report 2022", she said that it would also supplement Pakistan's socioe..... [more >>](#)

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Concert of powers against China

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-01-23

World has entered 2023 with Cold War 2.0. China is the prime target of hegemonic powers. Hence, it is anticipated that Cold War 2.0 will be intensified in 2023. Hegemonic powers have deigned multiple traditional and non-traditional tools like technological sanctions, cultural invasion, ideological wars, and malicious propaganda campaigns. Though, these all tools are already in practices, but in 2..... [more >>](#)

Interest in cultivating Chinese chilli growing

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-27

BEIJING: A red chilli farming project launched under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework will help Pakistan's agriculture sector, experts said. Launched in 2013, CPEC is a corridor linking Pakistan's Gwadar Port with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, which highlights energy, transport and industrial cooperation in the first phase, [more >>](#)

CPEC to help improve livestock sector in Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-28

ISLAMABAD - Various projects initiated under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will prove beneficial in promoting trade between the two neighbouring countries in the livestock and agriculture sectors, WealthPK reported. China will help Pakistan to establish farms for the cultivation of high-yield chillies. China will also help Pakistani farmers to produce embryos of cows with a larger q..... [more >>](#)

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Xi to inaugurate Gwadar airport

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ISLAMABAD: Chinese President Xi Jinping will inaugurate Gwadar's strategic airport during his upcoming visit to Pakistan as the port city is the future business hub, announced Balochistan's former caretaker chief minister and prominent businessman Alauddin Marri. During a visit to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Marri said that the coastal areas of Balochistan incl..... [more >>](#)

Revival of China's tourism sends positive signal to Pakistan: PTDC

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ISLAMABAD - "The opening of China's tourism is a very positive sign for Pakistan. Pakistan has made extensive preparations to welcome Chinese visitors," said Aftab-ur-Rehman Rana, Managing Director of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday. From January 8, 2023, China resumed outbound tourism after downgrading COVID-19 management measures from..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration Under China's B & R

The road to competition

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With nearly two years in power, the Biden Administration shows no sign of changing America's confrontational posture towards China. Even though all eyes were set on a policy of engagement, intense competition between the two arch rivals has ended up increasing points of friction. Trade sanctions, technology war, export control, decoupling, and rupturing supply chains underscore the tense Ch..... [more >>](#)

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Chinese envoy assures support for promoting education in Pakistan

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DRAP approves Chinese diabetes medicine

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The insulin glargine injecta BASAGINE developed by a Chinese pharmaceutical company has received approval for registration by the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP), China Economic Net (CEN) reported. According to the company, it is the first insulin glargine injection (prefilled injection pen) biosimilar drug in Pakistan, Insulin glargine injection is an essential long-acting insulin an..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan to develop chip manufacturing sector with help of China

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ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China have joined hands to build a semiconductor zone in the country to promote the chip manufacturing sector, WealthPK reported. The semiconductor industry is considered to be at a nascent stage in Pakistan. However, according to a report of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MOITT), a semiconductor zone will be set up in Pakistan with t..... [more >>](#)

'China's 2022 trade with Russia hit record \$190bn'

Source: [Reuters](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-14

China's trade with Russia hit a record 1.28 trillion yuan (\$190 billion) last year, the government said on Friday, even as Russia's imports from the European Union fell on sanctions related to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. China's 2022 exports to and imports from Russia accounted for 3% of China's total trade, Lyu Daliang, spokesperson of the General Administration of Customs, told a news briefing..... [more >>](#)

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Call for increasing energy efficiency, renewables' share

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Islamabad: Experts at the launch of the Sustainable Development Goal-7 (SDG-7) Roadmap for Pakistan stressed the need for decarbonising the energy sector by reducing emissions, increasing energy efficiency, and also the share of renewable energy possible through vigorous advocacy and awareness campaigns across the country. The launch was jointly organised here by the UN Economic and Social Commi..... [more >>](#)

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Experts Stress Need For Decarbonizing Energy Sector In Pakistan

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The experts emphasised the need for decarbonizing the energy sector in Pakistan on Sunday by lowering emissions, increasing energy efficiency, and increasing the proportion of renewable energy. According to the experts, this can be done through active national advocacy and awareness campaigns. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute, the Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB), and the [more >>](#)

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Experts call for urgent attention to reform, modernize agriculture, control population growth

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ISLAMABAD, Jan 19 (APP): The experts have demanded urgent attention of the government and key stakeholders to reform and modernize agriculture and control population growth to ensure food security for the country's national security. This was the key message of the eminent speakers at the seminar on 'Food Security for Pakistan' organized by the Centre for Aerospace & Security..... [more >>](#)

Experts For Awareness Drive To Bust Myths Against Female Cancer

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ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 19th Jan 2023): Experts on Thursday at panel discussion underscored the need for launching country-wide awareness drive to kill myths and incorrect stories regarding female cancer and its treatment. The experts made the remarks while speaking at the panel discussion on "Screening and Prevention of Female Cancer" organized by the Sus..... [more >>](#)

Call for launching awareness drive against cervical cancer

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-01-21

Islamabad: Dr Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination, has stressed the need for launching country-wide awareness campaigns to bust the myths regarding female cancer and how to prevent it. Dr Soomro was speaking at a panel discussion on "Screening and prevention of female cancer" organised here by th..... [more >>](#)

Multiple crises have aggravated inflation worldwide: speakers

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ISLAMABAD: Speakers on Saturday remarked that the perma-crisis, which was a series of crisis occurring globally one after the other, had exacerbated the global inflation crisis, with inflation in Pakistan rising to 24.5pc. The observation came at a seminar on 'Pakistan's Economy and Debt Challenges' organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Saturday. S..... [more >>](#)

Abiding by IMF conditions vital for cash flow in current economic crisis: Dr Abid Suleri

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ISLAMABAD, Jan 21 (APP): Executive Director Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri said that the economic crisis had global crisis of exacerbated inflation that had also affected Pakistan, as inflation in the country had currently spiked up to 24.5 percent, where accepting the IMF conditions was vital for cash flow in current economic crisis. Speaking at a seminar o..... [more >>](#)

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Agreeing to IMF is vital for Pakistan: Suleri

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ISLAMABAD: Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, while speaking at a seminar on Saturday, said that the economic crisis in Pakistan has been exacerbated due to the global crisis of inflation and that accepting the International Monetary Fund (IMF), despite its strict conditions, is vital. “Currently, inflation in Pakistan stands at..... [more >>](#)

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Businessmen urge govt to address structural issues identified by IMF

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The year 2022 has come to an end with the start of a global economic recession. The economic cycle is brutal. It is catalysed by and through the global political climate, through recent conflicts, barriers to recovery in a post-Covid world and disruptions in the global supply chains. Pakistan is one of the worst affected by the global economic crisis..... [more >>](#)

Curbing air pollution

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The average air quality index in the year 2021 of Pakistan remained at 156, with an average PM 2.5 concentration of 67.5 µg/m³, which is 13 times more than permissible according to the World Health Organisation. This makes Pakistan the third most polluted country in the world and second most polluted country in Central and South Asia to live in..... [more >>](#)

Building back

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A new year often starts on a festive note. People celebrate to mark a new beginning. These celebrations have an inherent hope that the coming year will be better than the outgoing one. However, amidst these festivities, there are those for whom the dawn of a new year is just another ordinary, painful day. Zoom in, and you will find millions of people i..... [more >>](#)

Fuels for Residential Consumers: Future and Alternatives

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-05

Pakistan's residential sector is the country's major energy consumer. According to the International Energy Agency, the sector consumes approximately 52 per cent of Pakistan's overall energy sources. This tendency runs counter to worldwide spending patterns; for example, in India, this proportion is 27 per cent, in China, it is 16 per cent, and in the United States of America, it..... [more >>](#)

A world in recession

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The year 2022 was a tough year for the global economy, including Pakistan. The Ukraine war and the resultant decade-high food and energy inflation, extreme weather events, and worsening relations between the US and China kept adding to the world's economic woes. Higher interest rates in the US and the EU, which were imposed to control inflation, are slowing economic growth. Germany, the UK,..... [more >>](#)

Charter of Climate Resilience

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The concept of resilience is a fundamental feature of mankind. The Cambridge English Dictionary defines resilience as "the ability to be happy, successful, again after something difficult or bad has happened." Likewise, the Oxford dictionary describes it as the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. This term is in the spotlight due to climate change. Consequentiality, adaptati..... [more >>](#)

Food security in danger

Source: Shafqat Kakakhel, [The News, International](#), 2023-01-18

As defined by the World Food Summit (1996), "food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life." The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has further elaborated the four key dimensions of food security. Availability of foo..... [more >>](#)

A Glance at National Crises

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The unbearable debt burden, prolonged political crises, uncertain breathable security environment, looming threats of bankruptcy, skyrocketing inflation, energy shortfall, lack of basic infrastructure, population explosion, the common practice of undemocratic values, the slow and influenced justice system, the unprecedented deluge due to climate change, growing water and food insecurity, and wides..... [more >>](#)

Great expectations

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Great Expectations, the famous work by Charles Dickens, is about the dangers of misplaced ambition and the illusion of social class. The novel highlights the main character, Pip's misguided ideas about wealth and social status and concludes that true worth comes from inner qualities. One can argue whether Pakistan has misplaced ambition or not, [more >>](#)

Opportunities and challenges of regional trade

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Pakistan needs an inclusive strategy to tap into the regional trade potential This article looks at the potential for trade with regional countries – China, Afghanistan, India, Iran, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Pakistan enjoys an advantageous location for transit trade and connectivity with the countries in South Asia and Central Asia. However, regional conflicts and security perceptions h..... [more >>](#)

Jaywalking on Roads of Changing Climate

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From kindergarten on, children are taught the importance of zebra crossing. Contrary to the zebra crossing, jaywalking is referred to as walking on or crossing a road with traffic other than the zebra crossing. It is a punishable offense in many countries. In the case of jaywalking, the responsibility for harmful accidents lies on the pedestrian who is not using the designated road crossing point..... [more >>](#)

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Simmering hostility underneath

Source: [Afshan Subohi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-16

It is sad to watch politicians indulge in power games while the majority struggle for just survival. Pakistan has dodged sovereign default thus far, but the worsening economic crisis is already plunging the vulnerable population into a whirlpool of misery. The evolving situation matches the textbook definition of a humanitarian crisis: “a series of events that are threatening in terms of he..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan foreign exchange reserves drop to lowest since 2014

Source: [Abid Hussain](#), [AlJazeera](#), 2023-01-13

Islamabad, Pakistan – Pakistan’s foreign exchange reserves have fallen to \$4.3bn, its lowest levels since February 2014, the country’s central bank announced after paying off some of Pakistan’s external debt payments. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) released on Thursday revealed the figure, adding that commercial banks have \$5.8bn, totalling nearly \$10.1bn. Pakistan [more >>](#)

Women-only transport to tackle harassment

Source: [Syed Zahoor Raza](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-19

In a country like Pakistan, public transport is a crucial part of daily life for a majority. However, the escalating scourge of verbal and physical harassment on public trains and buses – ranging from lecherous leers to lewd comments to

unwanted physical contact – has left female commuters feeling vulnerable and unsafe in commuting via public transport. To address public transport hara..... [more >>](#)

Fixing the Energy Mix

Source: Sabina Babar, [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-27

The recent global energy supply and demand issue caused by the Russia-Ukraine situation has led to an abrupt shift toward balancing the use of available energy resources. The West has accelerated its shift to renewable energy along with non-renewable sources by focusing on diversifying its energy mix. According to an International Energy Agency (IEA) report, the total amount of renewable energy ad..... [more >>](#)

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Interview: More foreign businesses invest in China after COVID-19 response measures optimization: Pakistani economist

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ISLAMABAD, Jan. 1 (Xinhua) -- As China has optimized its COVID-19 response measures, a lot of foreign businesses and investors start to invest in the country, a Pakistani economist told Xinhua in a recent interview. "I see a lot of foreign investment coming into China to play their role to enhance their trade and of course they will be having relatively much lower operating cost in China,&qu..... [more >>](#)

2023: Year of Road to Prosperity

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Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) Chairman Zainul Abedin Saki has ruled out the possibility of creating one organisation—Pakistan Revenue Authority—in the name of the harmonisation of taxes. "If the federation and the provinces have the same tax laws and rules then that is not harmonisation," he argued while addressing a conference on "Ease of doing business in Pakistan:..... [more >>](#)

2022: Pak's worst year in economy and business

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The year 2022 has been by far the worst for Pakistan's economy and business as major driving sectors have been forced into an indefinite recession and crisis, plunging the country into an economic and financial crash. The sectors that have faced the wrath of the economic recession during the year 2022 include textile industry and its allied sectors, agriculture, import material-based indus..... [more >>](#)

More foreign investment after Covid response measures optimisation: economist

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Investment under CPEC to reach \$62bn by 2030: report

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2023-01-06

The total planned investment under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is \$62 billion between FY2015 and FY2030, out of which \$27.4 billion projects have been realized, with energy sector (power generation, coal mining and transmission lines) representing 76 percent. It covers power generation projects, both fossil fuel and renewable, of about 11 GW. To date, about 5,520 MW energy projects hav..... [more >>](#)

SDG 7 Roadmap for Pakistan launched

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'Governance reforms a must for climate resilient Pakistan'

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Islamabad: Speakers at 'the Geneva roadmap for a climate resilient Pakistan' said that it is unlikely to mature all the \$10 billion commitments for Pakistan's post-flood recovery and rehabilitation. So, Pakistan needs to go for institutional and governance reforms to combat the challenges of climate change in the long-run. A countrywide efficient adaptation plan shall be worked out..... [more >>](#)

Governance reforms must for combating climate challenges

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2023-01-16

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Reforms urged for climate resilience

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-01-15

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Need Of Governance Reforms To Combat Climate Change Challenges

Source: [Rosheen Javed](#), [Technology Times](#), 2023-01-15

In order to combat the long-term challenges of climate change, Pakistan must embark on institutional and governance reforms. Along with the religious implementation of conservation strategies, a bottom-up approach will be used to develop a country-wide efficient adaptation plan. Speakers at a Development Communications Network webinar on "the Geneva Roadmap for a Climate-Resilient Pakistan"..... [more >>](#)

Experts call for modernizing agriculture, population control

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Govt is ready to fulfill IMF's tough conditions thru mini-budget

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The draft and preparations of the expected mini-budget have entered in the final stage as the imported government has agreed to fulfill the tough conditions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) before its review mission's arrival in Pakistan. According to the reports, additional duty tax is being proposed, about Rs70 billion tax exemption is being withdrawn, imposition of withholding [more >>](#)

Time to Get Serious

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's economy has been confronted with the balance of payments crisis since long due to the trade imbalance and unsustainable increase in the import bill, said Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, executive director of Sustainable Development Policy Institute. Similarly, owing to the huge current account deficit, we approach the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to bail us out from the fin..... [more >>](#)

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Abiding by IMF conditions vital for cash flow: Suleri

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Director Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri said that the economic crisis had global crisis of exacerbated inflation that had also affected Pakistan, as inflation in the country had currently spiked up to 24.5 percent, where accepting the IMF conditions was vital for cash flow in current economic crisis. Speaking at a seminar on "Pakistan's economy a..... [more >>](#)

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