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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

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

10 years of BRI: lawmakers visit Port Qasim Power Project

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-06

The Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) hosted a two-day delegation visit to CPEC projects such as the Port Qasim Power Project and the Thar Coal Mines at Sindh Electric Coal Mining Company, according to Gwadar Pro. The delegation, led by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, included renowned parliamentarians from various political parties. Guo Guangling, CEO of Port Qasim Electric Power Company, hosted and..... [more >>](#)

China & America trade conflict

China says never violated territory, airspace of any sovereign country

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America's China question

Source: [Dr Imran Khalid](#), [The News](#), 2023-02-07

The last two months have witnessed three important events that may directly and indirectly influence the tone of China-US relations in 2023. One, the mid-term polls in November produced a 'hung Congress' – the Democrats captured the control of the Senate with only a one-vote lead, while the Republicans were barely able to win a razor-thin majority in the House of Representatives..... [more >>](#)

US to defend its interests against China, warns Biden

Source: [AFP](#), [The News](#), 2023-02-09

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden vowed late on Tuesday he would not hesitate to defend US interests against China after he ordered the downing of a suspected surveillance balloon but, delivering his State of the Union address, kept the door open to cooperation. In the annual speech to assembled lawmakers, many of whom have pressed for a hard line on China, Biden called for US investment in the mil..... [more >>](#)

Chinese balloon's equipment 'clearly' for spying: US official

Source: [AFP](#), [The News](#), 2023-02-10

WASHINGTON: Images from U2 spy planes showed that the Chinese balloon that flew over the United States last week was unmistakably equipped for collecting intelligence and not weather data, a US official said on Thursday. Detailed images taken by high-altitude U2s showed the balloon's payload equipment "was clearly for intelligence surveillance and inconsistent with the equipment onboa..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

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China-Pak block chain co-op high on agenda: PBI founder

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-04

"China is far more advanced than other countries [in the blockchain industry], and Pakistan has a high level of passion to move forward, so we are collaborating on these bases to share knowledge and human resources to develop our own products." This was stated by Ahmad Manzoor, founder & CEO of Pakistan Blockchain Institute (PBI) in an interview to China Economic Net (CEN). To bo..... [more >>](#)

China's insurance asset management association registers product scale of over one trillion yuan

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-13

The value of products registered by the Insurance Asset Management Association of China, an organization for the country's insurance asset management industry, exceeded 1 trillion yuan (about 147.3 billion U.S. dollars) in 2022. Of the 529 projects registered during the period, 485 were registered for debt investment plans and 23 for equity investment plans, with the fund size reaching 871.1..... [more >>](#)

Xi stresses actions to speed up modern pattern of development

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Energy, Environment & Climate Change

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China renews blue alert for snowstorms

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-09

China's national observatory renewed a blue alert on Wednesday morning, forecasting snowstorms in parts of the northwestern and central regions of the country. From 2 p.m. Wednesday to 2 p.m. Thursday, heavy snow is expected in parts of several provincial-level regions, including Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Gansu, Shaanxi, Shanxi and Henan, according to the National Meteorological Cent..... [more >>](#)

Punjab CM seeks Chinese technology to overcome smog across Punjab

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-09

Consul General of China Mr. Zhao Shiren met with Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi at CM Office today in which matters pertaining to mutual interest, enhancing cooperation in various sectors especially overcoming smog were discussed along with CPEC projects also came under discussion. Caretaker CM while talking with the Chinese Consul General stated that Pakistan-China friendship has al..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Pak-China ties in various sectors highlighted

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News](#), 2023-02-10

LAHORE: Chinese Consul General Zhao Shirin Thursday visited the office of Punjab Board of Investment & Trade. Caretaker Minister for Industry, Commerce and Energy SM Tanveer welcomed the Chinese Consul General. During the meeting between the minister and the Chinese Consul General, bilateral economic cooperation, investment of Chinese companies in Punjab and matters of mutual interest were di..... [more >>](#)

China Study Centre holds art exhibition on Pak, China friendship

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-14

China Study Centre, University of Peshawar, is organizing three days Art Exhibition on the theme "Pakistan-China All Weather Friendship" which focuses on China, Pakistan-China friendship, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Chinese art and cultural heritage (buildings, monuments, landscapes, books, works of art, artifacts, traditions, language, call..... [more >>](#)

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Students urged to promote Pak-Chinese ties

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), 2023-02-03

LAHORE: Participants in a workshop said that the students should play an active role in the promotion of relations between Pakistan and China. The Punjab University's (PU's) Regional Integration Centre (RIC) in collaboration with the Chinese embassy in Pakistan and the Pakistan Research Center organized the workshop on 'Governance System and Development Model of China' on [more >>](#)

Chinese embassy condemns Peshawar blastSource: [Agencies](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-01

ISLAMABAD - The Embassy of China in Pakistan has strongly condemned the terrorist attack that took place in a mosque at Peshawar Police Lines and extended condolences to the Pakistani people. "We feel deeply grieved and pay our deepest condolences to the families of victims and injured of the tragedy," the Chinese embassy said in a statement issued here on Tuesday. [more >>](#)

Xi condemns mosque blast in call to AlviSource: [AFP](#), [The Express Tribune](#), 2023-02-02

BEIJING, China's President Xi Jinping strongly condemned an attack at a mosque in neighbouring Pakistan, state media reported on Wednesday. In a call with Pakistan's President Arif Alvi on Wednesday, Xi said China "opposes all forms of terrorism and strongly condemns the incident", according to state broadcaster CCTV. Beijing "will continue to firmly support Pakistan in [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

China potentially big market for Pakistani potatoes: ExpertsSource: [APP](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-05

BEIJING - Pakistan is not only self-sufficient for domestic use of potato and seed development, but also an exporter of this vegetable. China is potentially a big market for Pakistani potatoes, because the price of potatoes in China is higher, especially from January to April every year. During the first four months of the current fiscal year, overall vegetable exports of Pakistan swelled by 90 p..... [more >>](#)

China-Pakistan trade centre unveiled in ShenzhenSource: [INP](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-08

ISLAMABAD - A centre dedicated to China-Pakistan trade and investment cooperation was unveiled by the Pakistani Ambassador in China Moin-ul-Haque at an unveiling ceremony in Shenzhen, according to China Economic Net (CEN). Located at the Shenzhen Hi-tech Park, the centre "covers an area of 4000m2 with an investment of RMB 30 million and is estimated to start operation in May," Jian..... [more >>](#)

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Khunjerab Pass opened for emergency supplies to PakistanSource: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-05

The Pak-China border crossing at Khunjerab Pass in Northwest China's Xinjiang region temporarily opened from January 30 to February 10 to facilitate the crossing of important Pakistani supplies from the Chinese side. At the request of Pakistan and with permission from China's border management authorities, the Khunjerab Pass temporarily opened for the second time this year from Januar..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade, Investment Centre to enhance access of Pak products to Chinese marketsSource: [APP](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-09

BEIJING-Pakistan's Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque participated in the groundbreaking of a dedicated Pakistan-China Trade, Investment and Technology Cooperation Centre in Shenzhen, China. The centre is another addition to the

ongoing efforts by the embassy to establish both online and offline national pavilions in China to enhance the access of Pakistani products to the Chinese markets..... [more >>](#)

China encourages Pakistani new energy companies for collaboration

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Chinese companies help reduce Pakistan's mobile device imports

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-05

Chinese companies occupied the top four spots in the list of top ten phone manufacturers in Pakistan in 2022, as per the latest statistics from the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), according to a report published by Gwadar Pro. Chinese companies have assembled/manufactured a major portion of 21.94 million phones locally produced in Pakistan in 2022. Itel Mobile Pakistan remained the co..... [more >>](#)

173 Gandhara art pieces from museums in Pakistan loaned to China

Source: [Jamal Shahid](#), [Dawn](#), 2023-02-13

ISLAMABAD: The Department of Archaeology and Museums has loaned one of the largest consignments of masterpieces of Gandhara art to China for an exhibition in Beijing. Comprising 173 masterpieces of Gandhara art from

the Peshawar, Swat, Dir, Hund, Taxila, Karachi and Islamabad museums, these artifacts will go on display on Feb 15 at the Palace Museum Forbidden City. The exhibition will run fo..... [more >>](#)

Kiwifruit can help more Pak farmers throw off poverty

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-12

BEIJING -Experts believe that Kiwifruit, a high-value crop, which was introduced in Pakistan during the last decade, has great potential and can help more Pakistani farmers throw off poverty. We imported kiwi plants and did various locational trials in KP, Islamabad as well as on the Punjab side. The result from the Mansehra area of KP was outstanding,” said Naveed Ahmed, Scientific Officer [more >>](#)

Railways set to launch RABTA app with Chinese help

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), 2023-02-07

LAHORE: The Pakistan Railways on Monday signed an agreement with two Chinese companies – M/s Easyway and M/s Norinco International Cooperation – for the launch of Railway Automated Booking and Travel Assistance (RABTA). Talking to the media at Railways Headquarters, Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique termed the initiative a win-win situation for the department. He said that..... [more >>](#)

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China to invest in nuclear energy

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), 2023-02-04

ISLAMABAD: China has expressed its willingness to boost investments in Pakistan's nuclear energy sector and the two countries are set to hold talks in the near future. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday met with a delegation of China National Nuclear Corporation, led by Chinese charge d'affaires in Pakistan, Pang Chunxue. China has shown its willingness to boost Pakistan&rs..... [more >>](#)

KE, Chinese giant sign MoU for clean energy

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#), 2023-02-07

ISLAMABAD: Three Gorges Group of China and K-Electric on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the development of about 1,000MW of renewable energy and hydropower projects across the country including Azad Jammu & Kashmir. The MOU was signed by KE's CEO Syed Moonis Abdullah Alvi and Wang Minsheng, CEO of China Three Gorges South Asia Investment Ltd (CT..... [more >>](#)

Haining extends energy partnerships

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune](#), 2023-02-12

BEIJING: The Deputy Director of Economic Development Office of Zhouwangmiao, Haining City of China, Jin Hongxian, on Saturday, proposed collaboration and technical exchange with Pakistan in the energy sector. Addressing a business matchmaking meeting between Haining and Pakistani technology companies, Hongxian said, “Haining city has a number of advanced photovoltaic energy storages and ot..... [more >>](#)

China delivers two Hualong-1 nuclear power units

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder](#), 2023-02-06

BEIJING: China has officially delivered two Hualong-1 nuclear power units, which were developed with China's

homegrown third-generation nuclear power technology, to Pakistan, according to the China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC). With the inauguration of Unit 3 of the Karachi Nuclear Power Plant (K-3) on Thursday, the two million-kilowatt Hualong-1 units K-2 and K-3 have now both o..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

KCR, other CPEC projects come under govt focus

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder](#), 2023-02-10

ISLAMABAD: Federal government reviewed China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects including ML-1 Railways and Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) projects. Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiates Ahsan Iqbal chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress of the ongoing CPEC projects here in Islamabad on Thursday. Project Director CPEC Dr Nadeem Javed, representa..... [more >>](#)

Rashakai Special Economic Zone to become operational next month

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-13

PESHAWAR - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Economic Zones Development and Management Company (KP-EZDMC) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Javed Iqbal Khattak has said that 98 percent of work on infrastructure development in Rashakai prioritised Special Economic Zone (pSEZ) has been completed and will become operational in March 2023. Talking to media here on Sunday, he said that spread over an area of 1,000 acres,..... [more >>](#)

Gwadar: the Nucleus of CPEC

Source: [Raheel Baloch](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-01

The largest development project spearheaded by China in Pakistan ever since 2015 is known as the game changer, China Pakistan Economic Corridor. Quite fortunately, it started from Gwadar Seaport, the deepest sea area in the world located on the Arabian Sea in the South of Gwadar District of Baluchistan. People of Pakistan, especially from the undeveloped province of Baluchistan, had attached a lot..... [more >>](#)

PM regrets 'self-created' hurdles to CPEC

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn](#), 2023-02-03

KARACHI: Pakistan's "self-created hurdles" stalled work on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif agreed on Thursday, as he inaugurated the country's seventh nuclear power plant and stressed the need for more cheap energy sources in the face of a costly fuel import bill. However, speaking at the launching ceremony, attended by Chinese au..... [more >>](#)

Mushahid calls Cpec panacea for economic woes

Source: [Dawn Report](#), [Dawn](#), 2023-02-06

KARACHI: Senator Mushahid Hussain has said if the true potential of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (Cpec) is exploited, Pakistan will not need bailouts from the International Monetary Fund to sustain its economy. He made these remarks during a visit to various energy projects in Sindh being built as part of the Cpec. According to a press release, Mr Hussain called Cpec the "single mo..... [more >>](#)

MPs characterise CPEC as 'guarantor of Pakistan's better tomorrow'

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder](#), 2023-02-06

ISLAMABAD: Parlia-mentarians visiting CPEC projects in Sindh termed Thar as 'bulwark of Pakistan's future energy security'. The delegation was organized by Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), in cooperation with Power China in Port Qasim and Shanghai Electric and Sind Electric Coal Mining Company (SECMC) in Thar. The delegation was led by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Chai..... [more >>](#)

China to be asked to reduce cost of ML 1 railway project: RafiqueSource: [News Desk](#), [The News](#), 2023-02-07

LAHORE: Pakistan planned to speak with China to reduce the cost of its mega railways project (ML 1) by 40pc since it couldn't afford such a huge loan, said Railways Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique here on Monday. The two nations had agreed to upgrade the 1,163-mile track from Karachi to Peshawar in November. "How will we repay such a big loan," Saad said while talking to media af..... [more >>](#)

Miftah for boosting exports through CPEC to ease fiscal pressureSource: [INP](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-08

ISLAMABAD - As Pakistan's external debt is piling up and foreign exchange reserve is hitting a ten-year low, Miftah Ismail, former finance minister, stressed the importance of boosting exports through CPEC in easing Pakistan's fiscal pressure. "Under the CPEC framework, we have got power plants and roads that are very much needed in Pakistan. The only problem is that when we [more >>](#)

Bulgarian investors urged to take benefit of CPEC projectSource: [APP](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-12

ISLAMABAD - Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) President Irfan Iqbal Shaikh on Saturday stressed the need for enhancing bilateral trade and investment relations between Pakistan and Bulgaria. In a meeting with Bulgarian Ambassador Irena Gancheva at FPCCI, he said the multi-billion dollars China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project was also offering investment op..... [more >>](#)

CPEC wind power projects transform Pakistan's energy landscapeSource: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-09

CPEC wind power projects are going to transform Pakistan's energy landscape, according to a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Wednesday. On the vast desert of Jhimpir, Sindh, hundreds of wind turbines are running day and night, providing stable and green power to the national grid. Peerzada Zain ul Abideen, O&M manager of PowerChina HDEC Engineering Company Limited Pakista..... [more >>](#)

CPEC's 10 years: Gwadar TransformingSource: [Yaseer Khan](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-10

Over the last 10 years since the CPEC set foot in 2013, Gwadar's outlook is changing gradually and constructively gotten over daunting challenges especially poverty, civic issues, water, electricity, employability, market-based skills, trade, infrastructure, greenery, agriculture and top of them, blue economy. In the near past, Gwadar was in shamble and disarray. Later, Gwadar started making..... [more >>](#)

Bulgarian investors keen to take benefit of CPEC projectSource: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-12

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'CPEC provides power, connectivity needed for industrialisation'Source: [INP](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-11

ISLAMABAD - As a megaproject with a cumulative investment of \$ 65 billion in 2022, the CPEC has created 192,000 jobs, 6,000MW of power supply, 809km of highway, and 886km of transmission line, which laid a solid foundation for Pakistan's socio-economic development. This was stated by Rana Ihsan Afzal khan, Coordinator to Prime Minister of Pakistan on Commerce and Industry, in an interview [more >>](#)

Research, Development & Capacity Building

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Ceremony celebrates Pakistani seeds from Chinese space stationSource: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune](#), 2023-02-09

A celebration ceremony marking the return of Pakistani seeds from a Chinese space station was held at COMSTECH in Islamabad on Wednesday. Minister of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Dr Ahsan Iqbal was joined by the Chinese Charge d'Affaires Pang Chunxue alongside other representatives of the Ministry of Science and Technology, COMSTECH and Pakistan Science Foundation, OIC Ambass..... [more >>](#)

Delegation from China's Ningbo University visits IIUISource: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-10

A delegation from Ningbo University, China visited International Islamic University, Islamabad on Thursday where it called on the university President Dr. Hathal Homoud Alotaibi and also held meeting with the dean and scientists of the Faculty of Sciences. Both sides agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of natural Sciences and vowed to work together on the joint projects. It wa..... [more >>](#)

Technology & Innovation

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Pakistan must collaborate with China on AI, quantum computingSource: [Agencies](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-03

ISLAMABAD-Pakistani tech experts believe that the country's future information technology (IT) development is aligned with that of China, which is doing wonders in Artificial Intelligence (AI), nanotechnology, quantum computing and other high-end industries. Talking to WealthPK, co-founder of Automcamp Naveed Iftikhar said that China had achieved remarkable progress in research and developm..... [more >>](#)

Chinese Charge d' Affaires praises Pakistani, Chinese scientistsSource: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-09

ISLAMABAD - Charge d' Affairs of the Chinese Embassy to Pakistan, Pang Chunxue yesterday praised the Pakistani and Chinese scientists for their services and cooperation. She said the cooperation in Science and Technology (S&T) was an important part of the China-Pakistan bilateral relations and both countries had jointly funded more than 475 re-search projects covering agr..... [more >>](#)

Two-thirds of global BEV sales in 2022 registered in China

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-09

Two-thirds of global sales of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) in 2022 were in China, according to a study published by auditing and consulting company PwC Strategy& (Germany) on Tuesday. As global BEV sales in 2022 grew by 70 percent year-on-year, China as the world's largest BEV market sustained its "dramatic expansion of recent years," PwC's study said. BEV sales in..... [more >>](#)

'Seeds in Space' project a milestone for Pak-China sci-tech cooperation

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-12

After six months in China's spacecraft under the first-ever Sino-Pak 'Seeds in Space' project, seven kinds of Pakistani medicinal seeds returned to the earth and their motherland. According to China Economic (CEN), the seeds, three kinds provided by the International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), University of Karachi and four by Hamdard University, have [more >>](#)

BeiDou technology accelerates integration into diverse fields

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-14

Zhao Long, who works at a railroad signal workshop, used to worry a great deal about the safety of maintenance personnel during the annual Spring Festival holiday, as increased passenger and train traffic due to travel rush leave less time for maintenance. Thanks to the introduction of a personnel protection system supported by the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) ahead of the Spring Fest..... [more >>](#)

Technology, Trade & Innovation

Chinese companies help reduce Pakistan's mobile device imports

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-05

Chinese companies occupied the top four spots in the list of top ten phone manufacturers in Pakistan in 2022, as per the latest statistics from the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), according to a report published by Gwadar Pro. Chinese companies have assembled/manufactured a major portion of 21.94 million phones locally produced in Pakistan in 2022. Itel Mobile Pakistan remained the co..... [more >>](#)

China to provide technology to control smog in Punjab

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-09

LAHORE - Consul General of China Mr. Zhao Shiren met with Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi at CM Office on Wednesday. Matters pertaining to mutual interest, enhancing cooperation in various sectors especially overcoming smog came under discussion along with CPEC projects. While talking with the Chinese Consul General, the chief minister said that Pakistan-China friendship had a..... [more >>](#)

Agricultural Bank of China ups support for spring farming

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-14

The Agricultural Bank of China, one of the country's largest commercial lenders, has pledged stronger financial support for spring farming. The bank said it will strive to issue more than 160 billion yuan (23.48 billion U.S. dollars) in loans for spring farming preparations this year, and will improve the efficiency of financial services. The financial support will focus on large-scale grai..... [more >>](#)

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NAB, SDPI sign MoU to expand cooperation

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

ISLAMABAD - The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) have signed an important Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at enhancing cooperation between the two organizations. The MoU was signed by Deputy Chairman NAB, Mr. Zahir Shah and Executive Director, SDPI, Dr. Abdul Qaiyum Sulehri at NAB headquarters in Islamabad. The MoU aims to "es..... [more >>](#)

Businessmen for direct trade with India

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News](#), 2023-02-01

Islamabad: Kashif Anwar, President of Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry, has said that at a time when the national market lacks alternative raw materials for industries, it is very important to re-initiate direct trade with India to reduce cost of imports from India arriving via Dubai. Mr Anwar was speaking at a webinar on "Challenges facing Pakistan's economy - private sector&..... [more >>](#)

'Pakistan second largest domestic market for plastics'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News](#), 2023-02-02

Islamabad: Inger Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has said that Pakistan is the second largest domestic market for plastic with very limited recycling potential of 18% and only 3% plastic is recycled in Pakistan. Ms Andersen was delivering a distinguished guest lecture on "Environmental governance in addressing plastic pollution and the role of CSOs..... [more >>](#)

Only 3pc of plastic is recycled in Pakistan: UNEP head

Source: [Jamal Shahid](#), [Dawn](#), 2023-02-02

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300 mln tonnes plastic ends up in global waste basket every year: UNEP Official

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2023-02-01

ISLAMABAD, Feb 1 (APP): Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Inger Andersen on Wednesday said each year 400 million tonnes of plastic products were generated out of which 300 million tonnes ended up in the global wastebasket recklessly, creating a big hazard for the environment. She was delivering a lecture on 'Environmental governance in addressing plastic..... [more >>](#)

UNEP official calls upon civil society to play role in reducing plastic wast

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-02

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Strict legislative measures crucial to reduce the plastic waste in the environment, say experts

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-02-01

ISLAMABAD, Feb 01 (SABAH): The 7 billion tons of plastic from the aggregate 9 billion tons produced since 1950's is still circulating in the environment in various forms, in landfills, dumps and aquatic bodies making it one of the most pertinent cotemporary challenges, said Ambassador (Retd) Dr. Shafqat Kakakhel, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute. He [more >>](#)

300m tons of plastic ends up in global waste basket every year

Source: [Zubair Qureshi](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2023-02-02

Each year, around 400 million tons of plastic products are generated in Pakistan and out of that 300 million tons end up in global waste basket recklessly, creating a big hazard for the environment. Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Inger Andersen said this while delivering a 'distinguished guest lecture' on 'Environmental governance in addressin..... [more >>](#)

300 Mln Tonnes Plastic Ends Up In Global Waste Basket Every Year: UNEP Official

Source: [Faizan Hashmi](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2023-02-01

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Govt Working To Issue Energy Bonds For Tech Upgradation In Industry: NEECA Chief

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2023-02-03

ISLAMABAD, Feb 3 (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 3rd Feb, 2023): Managing Director of National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA), Dr Sardar Mohazzam on Friday said the government was contemplating releasing energy-saving certificates and energy conservation bonds for the technological upgradation in the industries. He was addressing a public-private dialogue on 'D..... [more >>](#)

Govt May Issue Energy Conservation Bonds to Encourage Upgradation in Industries

Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani](#), 2023-02-03

The government is contemplating releasing energy-saving certificates and energy conservation bonds to encourage technological upgradation in the industries, Dr. Sardar Mohazzam, the Managing Director of the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA) said Friday while speaking at a public-private dialogue. The dialogue on “Decarbonizing Pakistan Cement Sector: Pathways to L..... [more >>](#)

Govt working to issue energy bonds for tech upgradation

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‘Energy consumed by cement sector generates 45pc emissions’

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News](#), 2023-02-05

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Pakistan considers issuing energy bonds for tech up-gradation in industry: official

Source: [Xinhua](#), [Xinhuanet](#), 2023-02-04

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 4 (Xinhua) -- The Pakistani government is contemplating releasing energy-saving certificates and energy conservation bonds to encourage technological up-gradation in industry, a Pakistani official said. Sardar Mohazzam, managing director of the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority of Pakistan, made the remarks during a seminar on decarbonizing the cement sector or..... [more >>](#)

For Tech Advancement, Govt Working To Issue Energy Bonds

Source: [Abdul Ahad](#), [Technology Times](#), 2023-02-04

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Experts For 70% Tax Increase On TobaccoSource: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2023-02-06

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 6th Feb, 2023) :Experts at webinar titled "Tobacco Taxation: Nostrum to the Ailing Economy" on Monday called upon the government to increase tax on tobacco products by 70 percent of their retail price which was crucial to increase revenues in the face of an ailing economy. The webinar was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Instit..... [more >>](#)

Experts for 70% increase in tax on tobacco productsSource: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2023-02-06

ISLAMABAD, Feb 06 (APP): The experts at a webinar called upon the government to increase tax on tobacco products by 70% of their retail price, which is what they say are crucial to increase revenues in the face of the ailing economy. The webinar on "Tobacco Taxation: Nostrum to the Ailing Economy" was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here on Monday, a news [more >>](#)

Experts for 70% tax increasedSource: [F.P. Report](#), [The Frontier Post](#), 2023-02-07

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Experts at a webinar organized by SDPI for 70% increase in tax on tobacco productsSource: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-02-06

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Official: Pakistan considering issuing energy bonds for tech up-gradationSource: [Monitoring Report](#), [Pakistan Today](#), 2023-02-06

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Experts say power wheeling to ensure clean and affordable energySource: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-02-08

ISLAMABAD, Feb 8 (SABAH): Experts at a public-private dialogue were of the view that powerwheeling will ensure access to clean and affordable energy and will play an instrumental role in enhancing productivity by reducing production cost for the industrial sector. The public-private dialogue on "Power Wheeling Reforms for

Offtake of Renewable Energy: Options and Challenges for Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

Power wheeling crucial to ensure clean, affordable energy: experts

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-09

The energy experts on Wednesday were of the view that power-wheeling was crucial to producing clean and affordable energy in order to enhance power productivity by reducing production cost for the industrial sector. The experts made the remarks at a public-private dialogue titled with "Power Wheeling Reforms for Offtake of Renewable Energy: Options and Challenges for Pakistan's Corpor..... [more >>](#)

Public-private partnership in healthcare a must to improve indicators, say experts

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-10

ISLAMABAD - Experts at a seminar on Thursday stressed the need for strengthening public-private partnership in healthcare to improve health indicators in the country as they called for creating awareness about the health facilities available in the form of universal health coverage so that a maximum number of people can benefit out of it. The seminar titled: 'Role of Public-Private Part..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, Feb 09 (SABAH): Experts at a seminar stressed the need for strengthening Public-Private Partnership in healthcare to improve health indicators in the country, and called for creating awareness about the health facilities available in the form of universal health coverage so that a maximum number of people can benefit out of it. The seminar titled: 'Role of Public-Private Partnershi..... [more >>](#)

Call for public-private partnership to improve health facilities

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), 2023-02-10

ISLAMABAD: Health experts on Thursday stressed the need for strengthening public-private partnership to improve health facilities in the country. The experts made the remarks at a seminar titled: 'Role of Public-Private Partnership in Healthcare in Pakistan', organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of National Health..... [more >>](#)

'Public-private partnership vital in healthcare'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News](#), 2023-02-11

Islamabad : Dr Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination, has said that various public sector hospitals are running successfully and providing high-quality services to people and private sector healthcare should not be allowed to grow at the expense of the public system. Dr Soomro was addressing a seminar on the &l..... [more >>](#)

Experts For Public-Private Partnership To Improve Health Facilities

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2023-02-09

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 9th Feb, 2023): The health experts on Thursday stressed the need for strengthening Public-Private Partnerships to improve health facilities in the country. The experts made the remarks at a seminar, here, titled: 'Role of Public-Private Partnership in Healthcare in Pakistan' organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SD..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan needs clear tobacco taxation policy to boost economy

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation](#), 2023-02-11

ISLAMABAD-Tobacco taxation has received little recognition, despite numerous benefits it could bring to revive the ailing economy of Pakistan. Bringing the entire tobacco industry under a proper tax net can invigorate the

nation's financial stability and curb the use of harmful tobacco products. Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi, Senior Research Associate at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDP)..... [more >>](#)

Renewable energy empowers industrial production: Pakistani experts

Source: [Mariam Raheem](#) , [China Economic Net](#) , 2023-02-15

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 14 (Gwadar Pro) - As a country in transition, Pakistan faces various challenges and needs to quickly find solutions to energy supply and cost issues in order to achieve stable development. China-Pakistan cooperation on power grid upgrading and renewable energy technology is offering green solutions for sustainable development in Pakistan. The above views were expressed by Dr. Ha..... [more >>](#)

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Lender of everyone's resort

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [Dawn](#) , 2023-02-04

Sri Lanka defaulted on its sovereign debts in April 2022. In July 2022, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned that 53 more low-and-middle-income countries, including Pakistan, were either experiencing debt trouble or were at high risk of doing so with few options to ward off crises. What are those options? Before answering that, we need to understand why these countries are in debt crises. [more >>](#)

The anatomy of a bailout

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News](#) , 2023-02-12

Like Sri Lanka, Zambia, Ghana, Egypt and many other low- and low-middle-income countries, Pakistan is once again resorting to its last economic lifeline: the International Monetary Fund. The prime minister publicly complained recently about the tough conditions and resolved to protect the interests of the "common man" while implementing th..... [more >>](#)

Jaywalking on the road to climate change

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News](#) , 2023-02-12

Most children are taught the importance of zebra-crossing in kindergarten. Jaywalking is walking on or crossing a road with traffic in places other than the zebra-crossing. In many countries, it is a penal offence. In case of jaywalking, the responsibility for any accidents lies with the pedestrian not using the designated road crossing point. Climat..... [more >>](#)

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