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SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

## Mission

To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

## Vision

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

## About Newsletter

*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).*

*With a large network of universities, government bodies, business and civil society organizations, the Centre aims to promote collaborations, capacity building and technology transfer based on lessons learnt and experiences of China, attributed to their scientific knowledge and policy instruments. This requires a deep insight into Chinese history, culture, and socio-economic contexts. Such an approach is essential to catalyze the active engagement with China to address the economic and development challenges towards achieving sustainable development.*

## **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

#### **US, Europe need countries like India to outcompete China: US senator**

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-19

ISLAMABAD: American Senate's majority leader Senator Chuck Schumer on Friday said that the US and Europe need countries like India on board to outcompete China, adding that they all need to work together to ensure the democratic international order does not disintegrate in the face of an increasingly aggressive Chinese Communist Party. Senator Schumer is leading a powerful bipartisan group ..... [more >>](#)

#### **Mystery in the sky**

Source: [Beelam Ramzan](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-27

There is something comic, something mysterious about the Chinese balloon that crossed the US territory. American citizens might have been amused at the news, but American officials were shocked when a white balloon was spotted, overhead, visibly flying over secret weapons sites, before being shot down on February 4 over the coast of South Carolina. American officials say that the balloon was progr..... [more >>](#)

### Economic Growth & Governance

#### **China's luxury market poised for swift rebound in 2023**

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-19

Recent reports suggest that China's luxury market is expected to usher in a rapid recovery in 2023, fueled by factors including a surge in offshore duty-free shopping. According to the global management consulting firm Bain & Company, personal luxury sales in China shrank 10 percent year on year in 2022, ending its five-year streak of exponential growth, but positive conditions are expe..... [more >>](#)

#### **Chinese bank approves \$700m for Pakistan**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-23

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar said here on Wednesday that the Board of China Development Bank (CDB) has approved a US \$700 million facility for Pakistan. In a tweet, he said that the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) was expected to receive this amount in the ongoing week which shore up the country's forex reserve. "Formalities completed and the Boar..... [more >>](#)

#### **Cash-strapped Pakistan receives \$700 million from Chinese bank**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-25

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday said that the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has received \$700 million from the China Development Bank (CDB) in a much-needed boost to forex reserves as the country grapples with a worsening economic crisis. The finance minister took to Twitter to make the announcement. "AlhamdoLilah! Funds \$700 million received today by State Bank of Pakistan from China D..... [more >>](#)

#### **The Sino-Japan paradox**

Source: [Imtiaz Rafi Butt](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-25

Since ancient times, the people of China and Japan have influenced each other. Separated by a narrow stretch of waters in the East China Sea, both nations have relied on each other and made up an important bilateral relationship in the region. Historians believe that people of both these nations share a common ancestry. Although, Chinese region near the Yangtse river is believed to be the oldest c..... [more >>](#)

#### **A Safer World**

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-24

China has redefined its vision for a safer world that is free from all hegemony, prejudices, inequity, disharmony and disrespect; urging the world powers to unite for the future of global peace and progress. Shedding light on the vision of how the entire world should behave given the daunting challenges, the speech of a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Director of t..... [more >>](#)

**Central Economic Work Conference and growth**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-27

Central Economic Work Conference (CEWC) was organised from Dec 15 to 16, 2022. It is a routine meeting where top leadership of Communist Party of China and government meets to deliberate on future economic policy. The CEWC 2022, however, got special attention due to four specific reasons. First, it is the first meeting after the historic 20th National People's Congress. Second, China is ado..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan's rice exports to China increase by 53% in 2022**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-18

Pakistan's rice export to China in 2022 surpassed USD 455 million with a volume of more than one million tonnes, for the first time between China-Pakistan rice trade, said Ghulam Qadir Commercial Counsellor at Pakistan's Embassy Beijing, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday. Ghulam Qadir indicated that according to the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China..... [more >>](#)

## Energy, Environment &amp; Climate Change

**Pak-China high-level hybrid wheat collaboration to ensure grain safety**

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**Chinese canola flowers in full bloom in Pakistan**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-19

Canola variety HC-021C of a Chinese seed company is blooming in Pakistan. This agriculture cooperation under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will increase Pakistan's edible oil production and save foreign exchange reserves. In an interview with Gwadar Pro, Zhou Xusheng, Director of International Department, Wuhan Qingfa Hesheng Seed Company said that the project will increase the co..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

**Chinese embassy closes consular service hall**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-16

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese Embassy on Wednesday clarified that its consular service hall had been closed due to technical reasons. The clarification came amidst speculations about the reasons behind the closure with some claiming that it was forced by a security breach. The consular service hall was closed on Monday (Feb 13). The Embassy emphasised that the Consular Section, however, continues to ope..... [more >>](#)

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**Renewed Iran-China Ties**

Source: [Muhammad Asif Noor](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-18

President of Iran Ibrahim Raisi made a three-day historic visit to China and met President Xi Jinping to deepen the bilateral cooperation and review the implementation of the 25-year Strategic Cooperation alliance between the two nations. President Raisi is the first Iranian president to visit China in over two decades. President Raisi was accompanied by a large delegation, including the chief of ..... [more >>](#)

### **Propaganda against China, Pakistan a never-ending story**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-02-20

China-Pakistan relationship has always been under scrutiny by Western powers and their allies in the region. They oppose closeness and brotherhood between the two countries. They want to undermine this relationship and create bad blood between the brotherly nations. It fits to their objectives to contain China and create chaos in the region. In pursuance of these objectives, they have unleashed a..... [more >>](#)

### **Air chief awards HI(M) to DG BOMETEC China**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-17

On behalf of Government of Pakistan, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force conferred Hilal-i-Imtiaz (Military) upon General Fan Jianjun, Director General Bureau of Military Equipment Technical Cooperation (BOMETEC), People's Republic of China, during his visit to Air Headquarters, Islamabad on Thursday. The award was conferred in recognition ..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese CG Lahore awarded gold medal for efforts to promote Sino-Pak friendship**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-24

LAHORE - Chinese Consul General Lahore Zhao Shiren, was awarded a gold medal by the Pakistan China Foundation in recognition of his efforts to promote Pakistan-China friendship and people-to-people relations in a short period of time. The Foundation's delegation met the Chinese Consul General under the leadership of Founder Chairman Nadeem A Sheikh. Among the participants were Vice Chair..... [more >>](#)

### **President Arif Alvi met with OPay CEO Zhou Yahui in Islamabad**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-22

On the afternoon of February 14 local time, Pakistani President Arif Alvi met with OPay CEO (Mr. Zhou Yahui) at the Presidential Residence in Islamabad. The two sides conducted in-depth exchanges on topics such as the development prospects of the digital economy in Pakistan, how OPay's Fintech technology can help Pakistan realize "de-cashization", and how to use AI to embrace the..... [more >>](#)

### **China firmly supports Pakistan in maintaining security: Wang Yi**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-19

China firmly supports Pakistan in maintaining security and stability, as well as achieving development and revitalization, and stands ready to provide assistance to the best of its ability to help Pakistan overcome temporary difficulties. Wang Yi, Director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made these remarks during a meeting w..... [more >>](#)

### **Societal Outlook**

Source: [Amna Ejaz Rafi](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-18

Pakistani society is reflective of diversity as well as economic disparity. The social status of people owing to their varied sources of income divides the populace into strata. People from the middle class have a different lifestyle than an enriched or elite. The different living conditions lead to sentiments, ranging from real optimism to despair. Every segment of society is living out its narra..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Farooq Awan](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-24

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### Chinese company fined for missing deadline

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-20

SAHIWAL: A Chinese company, the China Gansu International Corporation, was fined Rs1 million for delaying work on sewerage lines at Kacha Paka Noor Shah, part of the Asian Development Bank-funded Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement and Investment Project. Project manager Muhammad Asjid Khan said the company was fined for "delayed damages." The Asian Development Bank is executing R..... [more >>](#)

### Pak-China desert locust control cooperation help protect crops in Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-22

Thanks to the joint efforts of both Pakistan and China, the desert locusts plague has finally been brought under control in Pakistan, which helped protect food security, experts said on Tuesday. They were sharing their experiences in an interview published on China Economic Net (CEN). In 2020-21 Pakistan experienced its worst locust outbreak in nearly three decades, causing severe crop yield red..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan's seafood exports to China register 42% increase in 2022

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-22

Pakistan's seafood exports to China have increased by 42% in 2022 as compared to the previous year. This is due to the rising demand for seafood products in China, Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor of Pakistan's Embassy in Beijing, told China Economic Net (CEN). He said that Pakistan's seafood exports to China topped US\$ 198.36 million in 2022, while in 2021 it was US\$ 139.29 ..... [more >>](#)

### Webinar held to promote Pakistani mangoes in China

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-23

Exports of food products from Pakistan to China were close to \$1 billion in 2022, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. "In recent years, China has become the largest market for export of food products from Pakistan. We look forward to the increased presence of Pakistani mangoes in China," said Hussain Haider, Consul General of Pakistan in Shanghai at a webinar on the promotion of Pakista..... [more >>](#)

### Chinese sports shoes company extends help for flood-affectedees

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-26

To help Pakistan recover from the devastating floods, sports shoes worth RMB 1 million (PKR 38 million) were gifted by a Chinese company, said China Leather Industry Association (CLIA). Pakistan's 2022 monsoon season

brought heavy rainfall, devastating floods and landslides that affected millions of people, accounting for about 15% of its population. By mid-January 2023, months after the w..... [more >>](#)

### **China invests nearly \$28bn in basic research in 2022**

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-25

China invested about 195.1 billion yuan (about 28.3 billion U.S. dollars) in basic research in 2022, accounting for 6.3 per cent of the total R&D spending, the Chinese Minister of Science and Technology said on Friday. China's total expenditure on R&D amounted to 3.09 trillion yuan (about 448.2 billion U.S. dollars) in 2022, accounting for 2.55 per cent of the country's GDP th..... [more >>](#)

### **China, Pakistan sigs agreement to promote modern agri technology**

Source: Agencies, [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-25

In a move to promote China-Pakistan modern agricultural cooperation, a framework agreement on Belt and Road agricultural cooperation was signed at the China-Pakistan Symposium on Modern Agriculture Cooperation at Northwest A&F University, China. According to China Economic Net (CEN), the agreement was signed by the Northwest A&F University, China National Machinery Industry Corporation (S..... [more >>](#)

### **US, China, UK remain top three destinations of Pakistani exports in seven months**

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-24

The United States (US) remained the top export destination of Pakistani products during the seven months of the current fiscal year (2022-23), followed by China and the United Kingdom (UK). Total exports to the US during July-January (2022-23) were recorded at US\$ 3567.699 million against the exports of US\$ 3862.370 million during July- January (2021-22), showing a decline of 7.62 percent, accord..... [more >>](#)

### **China's Hainan promotes free trade port in Cambodia**

Source: xinhua, [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-24

South China's Hainan Province on Wednesday held a forum here to promote the Hainan Free Trade Port to Cambodian officials, entrepreneurs and exporters. The event was attended by some 170 Cambodian and Chinese officials and business people. Speaking at the event, Hainan's Vice Governor Shen Danyang said Hainan and Cambodia enjoy geographical proximity, which is very convenient for econo..... [more >>](#)

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### **China,Pakistan launch international industry-education alliance**

Source: APP, [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-19

China, Pakistan International Industry-Education Cooperation Alliance Initiative was launched at the China, Pakistan Seminar on "Internet" International Education and Industry-Education Integration held in Beijing. Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque addressed the seminar, which was hosted by the China Education Association for International Exchange and Organized by T..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan, China team up to fight locusts**

Source: China Economic Net, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

BEIJING: "The worst that we have ever seen-ever. I cultivated around 20 hectares of cotton crops and almost all of them have been eaten. It is a loss of around Rs10 million. It will take years to recover from this loss," said Mir Gul Muhammad, a farmer in Balochistan, adding that, "These nasty insects appeared like a dark cloud out of nowhere and ate 80% of my crop in a few days..... [more >>](#)

**China's support to help promote green energy in Pakistan**

Source: [Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-22

ISLAMABAD-China's cooperation and support will help Pakistan promote green energy, WealthPK reported. The Chinese government is fully supporting Pakistan's initiatives to shift to clean and green energy sources. China has invested remarkably in Pakistan's renewable energy sector during the past few years. Several green energy schemes have been initiated in Pakistan under the C..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese group keen on setting up plant in Punjab**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-19

LAHORE: A delegation of Chinese investors has expressed keen interest to explore opportunities in the fields of energy, health and technical training. During a meeting with Punjab Caretaker Commerce Minister S.M. Tanveer, the Chinese businessmen led by TIAN'S Group President Zhang Zhang desired to set up a manufacturing plant in Pakistan. Mr Tanveer said the government would cooperate in every po..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

**Don't blame the Chinese**

Source: [Pervez Hoodbhoy, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-18

AN exam question for CSS aspirants: what's higher than the Himalayas, deeper than the seas, stronger than steel, and sweeter than honey? Well, dear candidate, any hesitation suggests your patriotism level needs checking in Rawalpindi or Aabpara. Every flag-waving Pakistani knows Pak-China friendship is the only answer. Next, what makes CPEC a game changer? Obvious! New industries will spr..... [more >>](#)

**B2B cooperation under CPEC critical for sustained economic growth**

Source: [Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-25

ISLAMABAD-The second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) focuses on development of business-to-business (B2B) links as they are crucial for sustainable economic growth. Talking to WealthPK, Syed Zafar Ali Shah, Secretary of Planning Commission, said, "Promoting B2B cooperation is now a priority of the government of Pakistan." He said that the Board of Investment (BoI)..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC, non-CPEC projects; Punjab govt claims '365 Chinese are working on expired visas'**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-21

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Punjab reportedly stunned high level officials by claiming that 365 Chinese Nationals are working on CPEC and non-CEPC projects on expired visas in Punjab; however, Interior Ministry is not ready to accept it, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. This claim came from the Government of Punjab at a meeting held on February 9, 2023 to review progress on CPEC..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC's ThalNova to begin operations**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-18

KARACHI: China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)'s 330MW lignite fired power plant at Thar Coal Block II in Sindh successfully achieved its commercial operations date on February 17, 2023. ThalNova is a joint venture among Hub Power Company Limited (HUBCO), Thal Limited, Novatex Limited, China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC), and Descon Engineering Limited. Foreign financing for ..... [more >>](#)

**Contribution of CPEC, PowerChina, and Port Qasim Power Projects to youth empowerment**

Source: [Engr. Qaiser Nawab, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-24

Several studies have shown that employment is critical to the health of the economy. The term "emergency" refers to a situation in which a person's life is put in jeopardy due to an unforeseen event. It allows workers to increase their capacity for information as well as their expertise, which has a "snowball effect" on future recruitment opportunities by fostering th..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC IPPs; Govt willing to amend PERA to satisfy Chinese lenders**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-27

ISLAMABAD: The government has reportedly shown willingness to amend/ modify Pakistan Energy Revolving Account (PERA) to sort out concerns of Chinese lenders of CPEC IPPs with respect to payment in future, sources

close to Managing Director PPIB told Business Recorder. MD PPIB, sources said, has shared a report of meeting on PERA with Suo Yun Peng Director Asia and Africa Division, Department ..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development & Capacity Building

### **Pakistan, China launch industry-education initiative**

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### **First CPEC AI Lab in China is of great value: Envoy**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan’s Ambassador to China, Moin-ul-Haque, has said that the upgraded Guangzhou Institute of Software Application Technology (GZIS) would certainly become the starting point for Pakistan’s digital blueprint. GZIS is the builder of the first China- Pakistan Intelligent Systems (CPIInS) Lab, Gwadar Pro reported here on Thursday. The ambassador expressed these views..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese researchers to reach Gwadar for green initiative**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-28

ISLAMABAD - A group of seven Chinese researchers and botanists led by Prof Wang Sen will arrive at Gwadar Port in March for Green Gwadar Initiative. According to Gwadar Pro, their visit aims to make further progress on plant growth and sustainability by ensuring plants’ resilience against unsuitable and harsh climates through the modern technology of tissue culture and genetic engineerin..... [more >>](#)

## Technology, Trade & Innovation

### **Chinese tourists fill up hotels in northern Laos’ Luang Prabang**

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-24

The number of Chinese visitors has surged in northern Laos’ Luang Prabang province, with room reservations expected to rise throughout 2023, said Lao officials. Local daily Vientiane Times on Wednesday quoted Vice President of the Hotel and Guesthouse Association in Luang Prabang province Daophet Boupaphanh as saying that groups of Chinese tourists are entering Laos overland, traveling in ..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Engagement

### Event News

#### **Decarbonisation the way forward for Pakistan's cement industry**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-17

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's cement industry, despite being a significant contributor to the carbon footprint, has the potential to spearhead the effort to curb emissions and transition towards a low-carbon economy if it gets ample support and incentives from the government, experts said. Ubaid ur Rehman Zia, Senior Research Economist at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), said whil..... [more >>](#)

#### **Marri calls for steps to ensure transgenders' inclusion in mainstream**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-02-21

Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme, Shazia Marri Monday called for taking steps to ensure transgenders' inclusion in the mainstream. She was addressing a conference arranged by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), via Zoom-link in Islamabad today. The conference was arranged under the title "Financia..... [more >>](#)

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#### **BISP starts financial assistance to Transgender community through cash disbursement: Shazia**

Source: [Radio Pakistan](#), [Radio Pakistan](#), 2023-02-21

Minister for Poverty Alleviation Shazia Marri has said that Benazir Income Support Programme has started the financial assistance of Transgender community through cash disbursement. The minister expressed these views while addressing via zoom-link, a conference in Islamabad on Monday. The conference was titled "Financial Inclusion among Transgender Community in Pakistan. She urged the comm..... [more >>](#)

#### **Society needs to be sensitised about transgender persons' hardships: Marri**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-02-21

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Shazia Marri on Monday said it was our duty to sensitise people about the hardships being faced by transgender community in Pakistan. She was speaking through video link at a conference on 'financial inclusion among transgender community in Pakistan' arranged by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SPDI). She said..... [more >>](#)

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**It is our duty to sensitize people about the hardships being faced by transgender community in Pakistan: Shazia Atta Marri**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2023-02-20

ISLAMABAD, Feb 20 (SABAH): Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme Shazia Atta Marri has said that the financial issues, awareness among masses, and acceptance in society top the list of issues being faced by the vulnerable and marginalized segment, particularly the transgender community of Pakistan. She said this on Monday, wh..... [more >>](#)

**Call for taking steps for wellbeing of transpersons**

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**A lot needs to be done for transgenders' social acceptance: Shazia Marri**

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K-Electric has submitted an investment plan of about 484 Billion for the next 07 years for its Transmission and Distribution Segments in NEPRA, which is more than the investment KE has made in last 17 years, said Sadia Dada – Chief Marketing & Communications Officer at K-Electric while addressing at a seminar "Addressing the Economic, Energy, and Environment (3-Es) Crises: Innovati..... [more >>](#)

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