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“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
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- History, language and culture
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China Study Centre

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

BRI bears fruit as women start getting jobs in Gwadar

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-21

As an important development in social sector, women in Gwadar get jobs in local Garment Factory for having a respectable life in the society. Gwadar Women Factory also known as Gwadar Women's Development Employment Center is in operation since 2020 in collaboration with Chinese Consulate Karachi and managed by of Gwadar Women Development Organization of China Overseas Port Holding Company. [more >>](#)

Gwadar Port's 'King Grass' works as booster for livestock, poverty eradication

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-22

Among 10 years' success stories of BRI that relates to poverty alleviation, de-desertification and livestock economy, "King Grass" pioneered by Chinese Technology is emerging as super food for animals with impactful features of cash crop and land fertility in Gwadar as well as Pakistan. According to a report published by Gwadar Pro, after successful growth of King Grass in the l..... [more >>](#)

China spent \$240bn bailing out 'Belt & Road' countries: study

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-28

China spent \$240 billion bailing out 22 developing countries between 2008 and 2021, with the amount soaring in recent years as more have struggled to repay loans spent building "Belt & Road" infrastructure, according to a study published Tuesday. Almost 80 per cent of the rescue lending was made between 2016 and 2021, mainly to middle-income countries including Argentina, Mongolia..... [more >>](#)

China ramping up bailout loans to 'Belt and Road' countries

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-29

Beijing: China has handed out \$240 billion worth of bailout loans to 22 developing countries at risk of default over the past two decades, with the trend accelerating in recent years, a report said Tuesday. Almost all the funds went to Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) countries such as Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Turkey -- mostly low- and middle-income nations that have received Chinese loans [more >>](#)

China & America trade conflict

What is the Real Chinese Threat?

Source: [Harlan Ullman](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-22

As The (House) Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party begins its work, the threat posed by China has garnered strong bipartisan support in Congress. Many members of both Houses are already critical of the President's forthcoming FY '24 defence budget for not spending enough money to counter what is seen as Beijing's..... [more >>](#)

'US weaponising human rights against China'

Source: [Hamza Rao](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-23

BEIJING: Seasoned politician Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed on Wednesday said China has become the centre of the world as the economic and political balance shifts from the West to the East while noting that Beijing's vision of harmony and win-win cooperation was winning the day against the narrative that sought to sow seeds of conflict. Quoting from Chinese President Xi Jinping's rec..... [more >>](#)

Jordan acted in collusion with US to kick out Chinese enterprises from 5G deployment

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-29

Jordan seems to have made a silent decision in the 5G war between the U.S. and China. According to officials familiar with the 5G launch project in Jordan, Ministry of Digital Economy & Entrepreneurship (MoDEE-Jordan), Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC-Jordan) lead by General Intelligence Department (GID-Jordan) have privately colluded with local operators to exclude Chinese hi..... [more >>](#)

China's Global Security Initiative

Source: [Minghao Yang and Jiao](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-23

Security remains a paramount challenge to the growth and evolution of human society. Nations worldwide grapple with security issues, making it crucial to acknowledge and respect the concerns of all countries. The United Nations' 2022 review of the global security situation reveals that most conflicts occur in developing regions like Asia, Africa, and Latin America, with the Russian-Ukrainian..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

Each has a price

Source: [F.S. Aijazuddin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-16

EVERY journey begins with a single step. The first that Mao Zedong took in his famous Long March began on Oct 16, 1934. It has not yet reached its destination. China's progress towards its destiny is still ongoing. In 1934, Mao and his companions in the Red Army were in retreat, pursued by the Nationalist Army under Chiang Kai-shek. A hundred years later, the Red Army has morphed into the..... [more >>](#)

Chinese yuan strengthens to 6.9052 against USD Friday

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-18

The central parity rate of the Chinese currency renminbi, or the yuan, strengthened 97 pips to 6.9052 against the U.S. dollar Friday, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trade System. In China's spot foreign exchange market, the yuan is allowed to rise or fall by 2 percent from the central parity rate each trading day. The central parity rate of the yuan against the U.S. dollar is based..... [more >>](#)

China's FDI inflow up 6.1% in first two months

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-18

Foreign direct investment (FDI) into the Chinese mainland, in actual use, expanded 6.1 percent year on year to 268.44 billion yuan in the first two months of 2023, the Ministry of Commerce said Friday. In U.S. dollar terms, the FDI inflow went up 1 percent year on year to 39.71 billion U.S. dollars. The service industry saw FDI inflow increase by 10.1 percent year on year during the first two mont..... [more >>](#)

Stock markets recover further on easing bank fears

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-18

Asian and European stock markets mostly rose Friday, extending a global rally, as traders welcomed a multi-billion-dollar show of support for troubled banks aimed at soothing concerns about contagion in the sector. A rollercoaster week was on course to end on a positive note after several Wall Street titans including JP Morgan, Bank of America and Citigroup on Thursday stumped up \$30 billion to d..... [more >>](#)

China in new era: new responsibilities and challenges

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-20

China is transforming from a fringe country to a major power. It has covered a long distance from poverty-ridden nation to poverty-free country. It has become second largest economy, centre of global trade, and is turning into new

centre of innovation and technology. China is consolidating its status of major power by launching numerous initiatives of global relevance. First it came up with Belt [more >>](#)

China's surging soft power

Source: [Dr Moonis Ahmar](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-21

Diplomacy, culture, aid, trade, technology and investments are major forms of soft power. A Harvard University Professor Joseph Nye, who is the architect of soft power, in his article entitled 'Soft Power' published in the autumn 1990 issue of Foreign Policy and his book, Bound to Lead: The Changing Nature of American Power, examined in detail the changing dynamics of American power in th..... [more >>](#)

China, Russia comprehensive strategic partners: Xi

Source: [ABC](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-22

President Xi Jinping met with Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin at the Russian Federation Government House. President Xi Jinping noted that China and Russia are each other's biggest neighbor and comprehensive strategic partner of coordination. The sustained sound and steady growth of bilateral ties is consistent with the historical logic for our relationship and the fundamental intere..... [more >>](#)

Tianjin Port becomes model for future port solutions in China, worldwide

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-22

Tianjin Port, a world-leading smart port powered by Huawei's technology, has become a model for future port solutions in China and around the world. With introduction of technologies like 5G and AI at Section C smart container terminal at Tianjin Port's Beijiang Port Area in October 2021, the port has realized more efficient, intelligent, and safer operation and helped increase stabili..... [more >>](#)

President Xi in Moscow: View from Pakistan

Source: [Muhammad Asif Noor](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-30

The recent visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Moscow, marking the first high-level engagement after the COVID-19 pandemic and one year of conflict in Ukraine, has attracted significant attention from across the globe, including Pakistan. President Xi presented a proposal to act as a mediator in the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, which received a positive response from his Russi..... [more >>](#)

Over half of China's home appliances sold via online channels: report

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-31

China's online retail sales of home appliances accounted for 58.2 percent of the total last year amid the country's e-commerce boom, a report showed. Total online sales stood at 486.1 billion yuan (about 70.6 billion U.S. dollars) in 2022, up 4.24 percent from a year ago, according to a report by the China Center for Information Industry Development under the Ministry of Industry and I..... [more >>](#)

Energy, Environment & Climate Change

Chinese firm looks to establish industrial park in Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-19

Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar assured all-out support to a Chinese company looking to invest in Pakistan. According to the Ministry of Commerce, a Chinese business delegation led by Mr. Hou Jianxin, Chairman Shandong Xinxu Group Corp., China, met the Minister at his office, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro. Mr. Hou Jianxin told the Minister that in line with the deci..... [more >>](#)

CBOT agricultural futures close mixed

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-20

Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) agricultural futures closed mixed in the past week as risk off is the theme of the markets until there is clarity and confidence in the U.S. and EU banking systems, Chicago-based research company AgResource noted in a weekly roundup on Saturday. The U.S. central bank is likely to hit the pause button and see if anything else breaks following Wednesday's rate dec..... [more >>](#)

Coal-rich Chinese province extracts 1.7bn cubic meters of coalbed methane

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-21

China's coal-rich province of Shanxi extracted 1.71 billion cubic meters of coalbed methane in the first two months of this year, accounting for approximately 82.6 percent of the country's total, according to the provincial statistics bureau. "Last year, the company put more than 350 coalbed methane wells into operation. The annual production capacity of the company's coal..... [more >>](#)

Building a better future for Pakistan

Source: [Engr Qaiser Nawab](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-23

China's soft power and diplomatic success is attributed to the visionary leadership of the Chinese Communist Party. China realized the secret to emerge as a global power, as early as late 1970s, when it decided to follow the policy of 'soft power' by focusing on development and economic connectivity rather than meddling in and policing other State's internal affairs. Consis..... [more >>](#)

PM inaugurates 1,650 MW coal-fired plants in Thar

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-23

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday inaugurated two coal-fired power plants in Tharparker with a capacity of 1,650 megawatt of electricity generation, saying the projects would eventually transform the desert into an economic hub. The projects including the 1,320 megawatt Shanghai Electric power plant and 330 MW Thal Nova power plant will annually generate 11.24 billion units of low-cost e..... [more >>](#)

China, N. Ireland to boost cooperation on new energy

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-30

Officials and experts from China and Northern Ireland on Tuesday expressed their desire to boost cooperation on new energy innovation, amid such challenges as climate change and biodiversity loss. Green and low-carbon transformation is guiding countries as they upgrade their economic structures, Chinese Ambassador to the United Kingdom (UK) Zheng Zeguang said at the China-UK/Northern Ireland Foru..... [more >>](#)

China to support strengthening cloud-based early warning system in Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-31

"We look forward to promoting the construction of cloud-based early warning supporting system with Pakistan," said Zhang Zuqiang, Deputy Administrator of China Meteorological Administration (CMA), while talking to China Economic Net (CEN). Meteorological officers and experts from China and Pakistan held talks on deepening cooperation in meteorological science and technology in Beijing [more >>](#)

Premier Li says China to inject new impetus into global economic development

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-31

Pushing back "trade protectionism," China's Premier Li Qiang on Thursday said the world's second-largest economy will "inject new impetus and vitality into global economic development." "We oppose trade protectionism and supply chain decoupling, and want to ensure smooth global industrial and supply chains," Li told Boao Forum for Asia in the island [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Nadeem Qadri hails Chinese role in establishment of peace and stability in region

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-18

Lahore - Director General Operations Nawa-i-Waqt Group Lt Col (Retd) Sayed Ahmad Nadeem Qadri met Acting Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Ms Pang Chunxui at the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad yesterday which lasted for an hour. The meeting took place in a very pleasant and friendly atmosphere, in which the topics of Pakistan- China friendship and its historical background, geo..... [more >>](#)

China vows continued support to Pakistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-18

Foreign Secretary Dr Asad Majeed Khan called on China's State Councillor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang in Beijing on Friday for strengthening the bilateral strategic partnership between the two countries. The foreign secretary reached China Thursday amidst Pakistan's deepening economic woes which have created an urgent need for economic assistance to avert the financial collapse. Accor..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China agree to expand political, security, economic ties

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and agreed to expand and reinforce political and security cooperation, bilateral trade, economic and financial cooperation, cultural exchanges, tourism, and people-to-people ties. The third round of Pakistan-China bilateral political consultations (BPC) was held in Beijing. Foreign Secretary Dr Asad Majeed Khan..... [more >>](#)

'China a trustworthy friend of Pakistan'

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-21

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Baligh ur Rehman said that China was a trustworthy friend of Pakistan who had supported Pakistan in every difficulty. He said this while presiding over the first convocation of Punjab Tianjin University of Technology (PTUT) Lahore and awarded degrees to the graduates on Monday. Chinese Consul General Cao Ke, PTUT Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Sattar Shakir, Secretary Indus..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Day celebrated with national spirit, fervor in China

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-24

Pakistan Day was celebrated with national spirit and great fervor at the Embassy of Pakistan, Beijing here on Thursday. Pakistan Day commemorates the passing of the Lahore Resolution on March 23, 1940, when the All-India Muslim League demanded a separate homeland for the Muslims of the British Indian Empire. The ceremony commenced with the recitation of verses from Holy Quran. Pakistan Ambassador..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

China likely to help set up seismic centre in Quetta

Source: [Hamid Waleed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-16

LAHORE: China is likely to provide financial assistance in setting up a seismic centre in Quetta, said reliable sources. The centre would calculate underground energy, earthquake waves arising out of it and tsunami monitoring, they added. According to the sources, the centre would monitor underground activities in the Arabian Sea and the monitoring stations would also be installed within and [more >>](#)

NTDC issues default notice to Chinese firm

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-18

ISLAMABAD: The national grid operator — National Transmission & Despatch Company (NTDC) — issued notice of default to a Chinese firm for inordinate delays in the completion of a 45-km transmission line near Lahore. In a notice of default, the NTDC has conveyed to Sinohydro Corp Ltd that the scheduled completion for the 220kV transmission line was April 24, 2021 (ie 540 d..... [more >>](#)

B2B bartering with China to boost exports: minister

Source: [Muhammad Shafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-18

KARACHI: The dollar-strapped Pakistan is now expecting a Business-to-Business (B2B) bartering with the neighbouring China to give a boost to its dwindling exports, Federal Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar said on Friday. Also, he said Pakistan will continue to enjoy the EU-granted GSP Plus lucrative facility for the next couple of years. The ongoing program, which allows Pakistan to export..... [more >>](#)

Zhejiang becomes top destination of Pakistan's exports to China

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-19

BEIJING-Zhejiang Province has become the top destination of Pakistani exports to China in the past three years, said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor at the Pakistani Embassy in China. In 2022, Zhejiang Province imported \$954.59 million Pakistani products and exported \$5.80 billion to Pakistan, adding that in 2021, Zhejiang Province imported \$968.77 million Pakistani products, up from \$436.47 m..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China vow to advance bilateral cooperation

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-19

China is ready to work with Pakistan to advance friendly cooperation and promote the construction of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and all-round cooperation between the two countries for greater progress, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang said during his meeting with Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Asad Majeed Khan in Beijing. Noting that the iron-clad friendship [more >>](#)

Experts urge transfer of China's renewable energy expertise to Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-20

“Cooperation between China and Pakistan can help Pakistan benefit from China's expertise in renewable energy, including solar and wind energy. Sino-Pak cooperation opportunities lie in renewable energy assessment, project investment and development, technology training, etc,” said Qin Haiyan, secretary-general of the China Wind Energy Association. In a webinar titled “Paki..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China discuss bilateral cooperation during third BPC talks

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-20

Pakistan and China discussed bilateral relations, agreeing to expand and reinforce political and security cooperation, bilateral trade, economic and financial cooperation, cultural exchanges, tourism, and people-to-people ties, Foreign Office said Sunday. The two sides shared their views during the third round of Pakistan-China Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC) – which is a regular in..... [more >>](#)

China-Pakistan border to reopen on April 1

Source: [INP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-30

The Khunjerab Pass, a key border crossing between Pakistan and China, is to reopen for trade activities on April 1, Gawadar Pro reported on Thursday quoting an official notification. The pass was closed in an attempt to contain the spread of coronavirus transmission between the two countries. Authorities in Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B) had stopped two shipping containers carrying goods from enteri..... [more >>](#)

'NTDC be stopped from scrapping tender'; Chinese firm seeks support of ADB and minister

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-31

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese firm has sought support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan to bar NTDC from scrapping a tender of 220kV double circuit transmission line for looping in/out in Sindh being funded by the ADB. According to M/s China Energy Engineering Group Hunan Electric Power Design Institute Co, Ltd (CEEC HEPDI, as per information in the busin..... [more >>](#)

China hails PM's remarks on Thar coal power project

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-29

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Tuesday appreciated Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's remarks on the Thar Coal Block-I Coal Electricity Integration project and said, "Just as the prime minister has stated, the project will turn the region of sand dunes into a source of power." "China appreciates Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's statement. Just as the prime minis..... [more >>](#)

China-led AIIB to support Pakistan and other most vulnerable countries

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-29

"While liquidity continues to tighten, we need to help those countries that are insolvent. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) stands ready to support the world's most vulnerable countries, and we have increased our multilateral assistance to countries including Pakistan. In addition, we are considering post-earthquake support for Turkey," said AIIB President Jin Liq..... [more >>](#)

China provides first-class platform for Pakistani furniture enterprises

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-30

China will keep providing first-class platform for Pakistani furniture enterprises, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. China's furniture industry integrates R & D, design, manufacturing, marketing and service, with modernization and scale. Large-scale industry exhibitions in China provide an advanced learning platform for Pakistani enterprises, said Ali Ansar Ghumman, ex-chairman of All [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China to focus on construction of agricultural industry chain

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-16

Pakistan, China will focus on construction of the entire agricultural industry chain system, deep processing of agricultural products and related industrialization development. This was stated by Chen Wei, Vice Mayor of Qingzhou City, in an interview with China Economic Net (CEN). "Through bilateral cooperation projects, the two sides can increase the added value and utilization rate of Pa..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China scientists to combat citrus diseases

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-25

BEIJING: Chinese and Pakistani scientists are collaborating to develop biological control measures to enhance the quality and quantity of citrus fruit in Pakistan. A research centre was launched by the two countries in 2018 to jointly explore green and sustainable solutions to the growing prevalence of citrus diseases across the South Asian nation. Speaking to the China Economic Net, Professor [more >>](#)

Chinese loan rollover of \$2bn in process: govt source

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-30

KARACHI: The rollover of a \$2 billion Chinese loan to Pakistan that matured on March 23 is in process, a top government source told Reuters. With the country locked in unsuccessful talks to secure bailout funding from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the rollover is critical for foreign exchange reserves that have dipped to just four weeks of import cover. Earlier, ChinagrantedPakistan a [more >>](#)

Financial obligations; Chinese firm urges CPPA-G to allocate maximum funds

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-17

ISLAMABAD: China Power Hub Generation Company (Private) Limited (CPGCL) has urged CPPA-G to allocate maximum funds to ensure that the company can fulfil its financial obligations. China Power Hub Generation Company (Private) Limited (CPHGC) is a 2x660 MW coal-fired power plant with a dedicated coal jetty located in Hub, Balochistan. CPHGC has always supported the vision of government of Pakis..... [more >>](#)

'Shady' contract to Chinese firm Senate panel accuses WB office of 'conniving' with NTDC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Raising serious questions over the award of contract of 765kV Dasu–Mansehra–Islamabad transmission line contract to a Chinese company, Senate Standing Committee Wednesday accused local office of the World Bank of conniving with the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) in this 'scam'. Presided over by Senator Saifullah Abro, the Committee expressed..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

'China ready to accelerate work on CPEC'

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-19

ISLAMABAD: China has shown its willingness to work with Pakistan to accelerate the construction of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and deepen cooperation in various fields. This was conveyed by Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang in a meeting with visiting Pakistan Foreign Secretary Dr Asad Majeed Khan in Beijing. The meeting has significance in the backdrop of recent Chinese fiscal assist..... [more >>](#)

CPEC: entry of 3rd parties now looks imminent

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have agreed to remain engaged for the inclusion of third parties to the \$60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to further enhance regional connectivity. A statement issued here by Foreign Office on Sunday following talks between the two sides in Beijing, said that the two sides agreed on this at the third round of Pakistan-China Bilateral Political Consul..... [more >>](#)

Expanding CPEC

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-21

The third round of the Pakistan-China Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC) in Beijing concluded positively, with both sides committing to broadening their partnership, particularly in extending the scope of CPEC. Ever since 2013 when the project was first announced, the bilateral partnership between Pakistan and China has only increased in strength as a result of the cooperation..... [more >>](#)

Ahsan to visit China next week to discuss stalled CPEC projects

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-24

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal will visit China next week to jump start the stalled China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects including Azad Pattan and Kohala hydropower projects. We have started work on the stalled project, and I am visiting China next week to discuss two or three stalled projects, the minister said while talking to The Nation/Nawa-e- Waqt here..... [more >>](#)

Govt committed to CPEC's development: minister

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-25

ISLAMABAD: Minister of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Friday reaffirmed commitment to the development of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and its successful implementation.

“We are taking all necessary steps to address pressing issues and enhance the country’s exports, and we are grateful to China for its continued support in this regard,” th..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China renew pledge for CPEC, its expansion

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-25

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan yesterday said that Islamabad and Beijing were committed to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and its expansion. Speaking at a weekly news briefing here, Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said that CPEC was a sterling symbol of Pakistan-China strategic partnership. “CPEC is a bilateral project between our two countries, b..... [more >>](#)

Ahsan Iqbal reiterates commitment to CPEC’s development, successful implementation

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-25

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday reiterated a firm commitment of the incumbent government to the development of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and ensuring its successful implementation. “We are taking all necessary steps to address pressing issues and enhance the country’s exports, and we are grateful to China for its [more >>](#)

“CPEC Goat” turned into a symbol of goat farming in Gwadar

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-24

A newly-born baby goat named “CPEC Goat” is now walking, running and playing in one and only “Goat Farm” developed and run by China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHC) in Gwadar Free Zone at Gwadar Port. According to a Gwadar Pro’s report on Thursday, her birth and life is a symbol of the new beginning of systemized livestock farming in Gwadar. Previously, it was..... [more >>](#)

MoU signed to protect environment in CPEC projects

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-27

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF)-Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to protect environment in CPEC-related projects, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday. It will help strengthening research, technical support and policy influencing to take into consideration the ecological, biodiversity protection and environmental concerns in developmen..... [more >>](#)

Int’l Conference on CPEC Held at NUML

Source: [PR](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-23

ISLAMABAD, March 22: One Day International Conference on “CPEC and People-to-People Links between Pakistan & China: Exploring the civilizational Engagements,” organized by the International Relations Department of the National University of Modern Languages (NUML) here on Wednesday. Director General CPEC Cell, Higher Education Commission (HEC) Dr. Safdar Ali Shah was the chief gues..... [more >>](#)

CPEC IPPs; EPTL threatens to shut down plant

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-27

ISLAMABAD: M/s Engro Powergen Thar Private Limited (EPTL) has cautioned the federal government that it would shut down the plant if its financial issues remain unaddressed. The company has written several letters to Central Power Purchasing Agency -Guaranteed (CPPA-G), specifically the letter of February 22, 2023, wherein it requested for payment of its outstanding liabilities and informed CP..... [more >>](#)

CPEC IPPs; CPPA-G asked to stop capacity payment cuts

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-27

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal has barred Central Power Purchasing Agency -Guaranteed (CPPA-G) from capacity payment deductions of CPEC IPPs as plants are unable to import coal due to forex scarcity, well informed sources told Business Recorder. He issued these directions at virtual meeting held on March 25, 2023 attended by Chief Economist/..... [more >>](#)

Research, Development & Capacity Building

Pak-China MoU inked to empower flax seed research

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Tianjin Port becomes model for future port solutions in China, worldwide

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-23

Tianjin Port, a world-leading smart port powered by Huawei's technology, has become a model for future port solutions in China and around the world. With introduction of technologies like 5G and AI at Section C smart container terminal at Tianjin Port's Beijiang Port Area in October 2021, the port has realized more efficient, intelligent, and safer operation and helped increase stabil..... [more >>](#)

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Cooperation in learning helps to strengthen Sino-Pakistani ties

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-26

The cooperation between China and Pakistan in the field of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) has helped strengthen bilateral relations in recent years. At the beginning of 2023, health authorities of Sindh Province in Pakistan initiated a program, which proposed that China assist the country in training doctors proficient in the field of TCM. According to the project organizer, the Sino-Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

Chinese scientists help enhance quality, quantity of citrus fruits in Pakistan

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-27

Chinese scientists help to enhance quality and quantity of citrus fruits in Pakistan, China Economic Net (CEN) reported. In this connection, they are collaborating with Pakistani scientists to develop biological control measures to achieve the purpose. To this end, a research centre was launched in the two countries to jointly explore green and sustainable solutions to the growing prevalence of [more >>](#)

Saudi Arabia joins SCO as ties with China grow

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-30

Saudi Arabia's cabinet approved on Wednesday a decision to join the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), as Riyadh builds a long-term partnership with China despite US security concerns. Saudi Arabia has approved a

memorandum on granting the kingdom the status of a dialogue partner in the SCO, said Saudi Press Agency (SPA). The SCO is a political and security union of countries spannin..... [more >>](#)

Gwadar fisherman lauds China donated Solar Systems amid power failures

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Gwadar Fisherman have lauded China donated Solar Systems amid power failures, according to Gwadar Pro. “We no longer have a problem with power breakdowns as China’s solar systems continue to provide service to the people of Gwadar,” said Abdul Rashid, a fisherman and resident of the Gazarwaan area near Masjid-e-Aqsa in Gwadar’s old city. Abdul Rashid is among the benefici..... [more >>](#)

Technology & Innovation

Chinese grass emerging as ‘super food’ for animals in Gwadar

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2023-03-27

BEIJING: “King Grass” pioneered by Chinese Technology is emerging as super food for animals with impactful features of cash crop and land fertility in Gwadar as well as Pakistan. After its successful growth in the length and breadth of the free zone area of Gwadar Port, local enterprises are motivated to seek the assistance of Chinese JUNCAO technology to grow King Grass to boost [more >>](#)

Technology, Trade & Innovation

China’s cotton industry to advance high-quality development

Source: [xinhua](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-25

China’s cotton industry will continue to improve supply quality to stimulate market demand and promote high-quality development, said the All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives on Thursday. China is the world’s largest producer, importer, and consumer of cotton, as well as the largest exporter of textile and garment products, said Hou Shunli, deputy director of the f..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Event News

Plastic waste generated in Pakistan equal to two K-2 mountains: Sherry

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SDPI, PCP sign MoU to strengthen social delivery service in Pakistan

Source: [APP](#), [AlJazeera](#), 2023-03-16

ISLAMABAD, Mar 16 (APP): Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Pakistan Center for Philanthropy (PCP) on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct research and evidence-based interventions for strengthening of social protection services, particularly in testing times. The Executive Director of SDPI, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri said that the informal charity and philan..... [more >>](#)

SDPI, PCP Sign MoU To Strengthen Social Delivery Service In Pakistan

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Experts call for Pak-China joint working group for agricultural development

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2023-03-21

ISLAMABAD, Mar 21 (APP):The experts on Tuesday called for a joint Pak-China socio-economic working group under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for promoting agricultural development and uplift to improve crop productivity, farmland health, and prosperity of farmers through climate-smart agriculture. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized a capacity-building work..... [more >>](#)

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Experts stress on climate smart agriculture under CPEC for food security

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2023-03-22

ISLAMABAD - Experts stressed on climate smart agriculture under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for food security and economic growth. Climate change is exacerbating the food security crisis in Pakistan and expediting climate smart and precision agriculture is key to combat these challenges of declining agriculture production, water stress, degrading soil health and worsening food sec..... [more >>](#)

SDPI and WWF-Pakistan sign MoU

Source: [Arslan M, The Pakistan Times](#) , 2023-03-25

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MoU signed to protect environment in CPEC projects

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-27

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF)-Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to protect environment in CPEC-related projects, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday. It will help strengthening research, technical support and policy influencing to take into consideration the ecological, biodiversity protection and environmental concerns in developmen..... [more >>](#)

Experts stress access to clean energy for gender equality, sustainable development

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Dunya News](#), 2023-03-28

ISLAMABAD (Web Desk) – Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri on Monday said women in rural areas were not only burdened with the collection of bio-mass for energy but also suffered the health burden of respiratory diseases from the exposure to hazardous smoke. He was speaking at SDPI's seminar on "Women in Energy: Perspective o..... [more >>](#)

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PepsiCo Pakistan to Establish Water Stewardship Model Community With WWF-Pakistan, SDPI & LUMS

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-22

PepsiCo Pakistan organized an event today to celebrate World Water Day 2023 by sharing that the company is replenishing 100% of the water they use at their Snacks manufacturing facilities in Sundar and Multan watersheds, in line with its global vision to become Net Water Positive by 2030. The company also showcased a unique Water Stewardship Model Community that is being set up in partnership with..... [more >>](#)

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Plastic waste generated in Pakistan so far equals two K2 mountains: Climate Change minister

Source: [Zubair Qureshi](#), [Gulf News](#), 2023-03-30

ISLAMABAD: The total mass of plastic waste generated so far in Pakistan is equal to the size of two K-2 mountains. This startling revelation was made by Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman while addressing a policy dialogue titled "Exploring the Potential of Circular Economy in Pakistan." Senator Rehman said Pakistan was among the top 10 countries affected by e..... [more >>](#)

Plastic Waste Generated In Pakistan Equals Two K2 Mountains: Minister

Source: [Abdul Ahad](#), [Technology Times](#), 2023-03-30

Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator stated that unmanaged waste was a significant issue in Pakistan despite the ministry's efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions. The Living Indus Initiative had been started, she said, by the Ministry of Climate Change. Two K-2 mountains' worth of plastic waste have been produced in Pakistan as a whole thus far. Senator Federal Minister f..... [more >>](#)

'40pc Pakistanis have access to clean cooking energy'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-31

ISLAMABAD: Research shows that women in rural areas are not only burdened with the collection of bio-mass for energy but also suffer the health burden of respiratory diseases from exposure to hazardous smoke. This was stated by Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) while speaking at a seminar on 'Women in energy: a perspective on clean e..... [more >>](#)

Only 40pc Pakistanis have access to clean cooking energy

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-28

ISLAMABAD - The World Bank Energy Specialist Sadia Qayyum has said that only 40% Pakistanis have access to clean cooking energy and the disparity worsens based on income levels and rural to urban divide. The energy policies in Pakistan have been traditionally blind to the differences in gender- wise energy consumption and the different impacts they have on genders, she said while speaking at [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

Food insecurity in Pakistan

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2023-03-18

The World Food Programme (WFP), run under the auspices of the United Nations, has recently designated hunger as the new normal. Its recently published Global Operational Response Plan 2022 warns that the world is confronting the most significant food crisis in modern history, which might make a staggering 345.2 million people food insecure in 2023. This number will be more than double the number o..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Debt Crisis and its Sustainable Management

Source: Aqsa Naveed, [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-18

Pakistan has been facing a debt crisis for several years and now the odds of falling back on its debt are intensifying with each passing day. It has been heavily dependent on borrowing for a long time to fulfil its financial responsibilities instead of generating enough income or reducing expenditures to pay its existing debts. As a result, this has caused a pattern of borrowing and amassing debt,..... [more >>](#)

How to solve the 3Es problem

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [The News, International](#), 2023-03-19

The global anthropogenic climate crisis has become one of the most pressing issues of our time. Its impact is already being felt in many parts of the world and includes an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, rising sea levels and the loss of biodiversity. At the same time, the issue of energy security is critical, partic..... [more >>](#)

Sehat Sahulat Program (Part I)

Source: Dr Razia Safdar, [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-24

Pakistan's public sector health infrastructure has not expanded much over the years, as compared to private sector infrastructure. Strengthening public sector health facilities and human resources would have improved the utilization of public health facilities as a cost-effective solution to provide quality health products to the population of Pakistan. Higher use of private health facilitie..... [more >>](#)

Sehat Sahulat Program (Part II)

Source: Dr Razia Safdar, [Daily Times](#), 2023-03-25

As SSP is in line with SDG 3.8b (financial risk protection), major threats to its sustainability merit serious consideration. At present, the whole of the premium is paid by the government. This amount would balloon with time, as with the increasing population and increased utilization of services, the gap between available resources and demand would grow. Also, the State Life Insurance Corporatio..... [more >>](#)

How a bank was born

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2023-03-26

Pakistan has been passing through difficult times in its recent history. The polycrisis originating from political and economic uncertainties has engulfed the country and its people. To counter the commentators painting a doom and gloom scenario, this is an apposite time for someone to explain through real-life experience why we should have faith in Pakistan and how to find opportunities for socie..... [more >>](#)

Trade policy and tax reform policy

Source: Rana Irfan Rafi, [China Observer](#), 2023-03-29

By Rana Irfan Rafi — Taxation is the backbone of any country's development and im-provement of infrastructure and revenue. The country with the best tax reform policy will progress day and night; its people will get more relief, and

they will always be happy. Paying taxes is our national duty as per the rules of taxation in any country. If there is a proper reform policy and a proper s..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Related News

Pakistan, IMF playing games with each other: experts

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-16

ISLAMABAD: The IMF cannot provide a solution to Pakistan's economy because both sides are playing games with each other. There is a need to abolish the development program for 20 years as no funding is available for research and development. There is also a need to cut down expenditures including the defence budget by 15 percent, it was the crux of the discussions by distinguished economists..... [more >>](#)

Green energy key to reducing power woes

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-21

ISLAMABAD - Enabling renewable energy projects under the RE policy will not only reduce Pakistan's reliance on imported fuel but also help bring in foreign investment. Thirteen projects of wind and solar energy (650-megawatt) worth \$600 million are presently awaiting final approval from the energy ministry. These projects have been developed under the RE policy 2006 and approved by th..... [more >>](#)

Sustainable management of water resources sought

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Speakers on Wednesday stressed the need for on promoting sustainable management of water resources through public-private partnerships. They also spoke about critical issues related to the water crisis in Pakistan, including access to safe drinking water, sustainable water management, private sector engagement in water stewardship, and the role of technology and innovation in addressin..... [more >>](#)

World Water Day observed

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2023-03-23

Islamabad: An event was organised to celebrate World Water Day 2023 by sharing that the company is replenishing 100 per cent of the water they use at their facilities in line with its global vision to become Net Water Positive by 2030. The PepsiCo Pakistan also showcased a unique water stewardship model community in watersheds, that is being set up in partnership with Worldwide Fund for Nature &n..... [more >>](#)

PepsiCo celebrates World Water Day 2023

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-23

ISLAMABAD: PepsiCo Pakistan on Wednesday celebrated World Water Day 2023 sharing company's facility of replenishing 100% of the water at their Snacks manufacturing facilities in Sundar and Multan, in line with its global vision to become Net Water Positive by 2030. The company also showcased a unique Water Stewardship Model Community that is being set up in partnership with Worldwide Fu..... [more >>](#)

PepsiCo Pakistan Achieves 100% Water Replenishment in Company-Owned Operations

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Lahore, March 22, 2023: PepsiCo Pakistan organized an event today to celebrate World Water Day 2023 by sharing that the company is replenishing 100% of the water they use at their Snacks manufacturing facilities in Sundar and Multan watersheds, in line with its global vision to become Net Water Positive by 2030. The company also showcased a unique Water Stewardship Model Community that is being se..... [more >>](#)

Policy on solar panels indigenisation on the cards

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2023-03-31

ISLAMABAD-A policy is in the final stages of approval to promote the localization and indigenization of solar manufacturing and plug the outflow of sizable capital in terms of their import, reported WealthPK. The policy aims to promote the local manufacturing of solar panels and allied equipment and provide much cheaper and quality equipment to the consumers, said Aqeel Hussain Jaffri, Policy Adv..... [more >>](#)

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