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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

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

CPEC development strengthens building of China-Pakistan community with shared future

Source: [Zhao Shiren, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

LAHORE: In the Central Conference on China's Foreign Affairs held in Beijing on December 27-28, 2023, President Xi Jinping delivered a keynote speech in which he systematically reviewed the historic achievements and valuable experience of major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in the new era, gave a profound exposition on the international environment and historical mission of..... [more >>](#)

BRI in 2024

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-06

Belt and road Initiative (BRI), famed as engine of modern development on international landscape, will shift global growth into high gear in 2024 showing robust muscles of resilience and sustainability in everchanging geoeconomics, geo strategic and geopolitical environment. China is expected to continue to green-align its overseas BRI projects, with a broader and more transformative focus on e..... [more >>](#)

China & America trade conflict

Sino-US rivalry

Source: [Inam Ul Haque, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-11

It was in 2003 when Fareed Zakaria, the eminent Indian American analyst better known for his CNN programme 'Fareed Zakaria GPS', wrote "The Arrogant Empire" in the March 23 issue of Newsweek magazine. It was just before the US invasion of Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein. In the grim mood of the times, America was virtually alone, launching war in relative isolation with many al..... [more >>](#)

Xinjiang-related lies will eventually shatter in front of facts and truth

Source: [Yang Yundong, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

Recently, the US issued an annual human rights report related to Xinjiang, once again accusing China of implementing "forced labor" against the Uyghur population in Xinjiang and sanctioned China's two officials and three companies. This move distorts facts, fabricates something out of nothing and violates the international law and the basic norms of international relations. The m..... [more >>](#)

Tensions working their way into the American ties with India

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

Going back to last week's article titled 'The story of other India', I will today examine why Washington may be distancing itself a little from India. The operative phrase in the previous sentence is 'a little', since the main reason for Washington pulling New Delhi into its orbit, remains in place. The United States is building its relations with India to counter the..... [more >>](#)

A corporation-led China-US truce to benefit all

Source: [Azhar Azam, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-12

Unveiling her 2024 strategy, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said America didn't seek to "decouple" from China because it would be "damaging" to both economies with negative global repercussions, stressing that the two economies had an obligation to drive collective action for the benefit of the people and global economies. Washington appears to realise that an im..... [more >>](#)

US hegemony and strategic maneuvering in Indo-Pacific

Source: [Shazia Anwer Cheema, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-13

Having played a role in letting the conflicts in Ukraine and Palestine — that overshadowed the international affairs in 2023 — continue, the US now appears ready to facilitate another conflict in another part of the world. The US's material and ideational investment in the Indo-Pacific is indicating an organic outcome of the war, of course under the same old tried and tested pret.... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

China's growth spurs hope

Source: [Nasir Jamal, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-08

China seems to have successfully spurred a 'modest' post-pandemic economic recovery amid a myriad of problems, ranging from slump in the real estate sector, stagnant domestic demand, mounting local government debt, deflation, oversupply in some sectors (due to lower exports), soaring youth unemployment and dwindling foreign investment. That China has defied predictions of economic g.... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Chinese company exports 160 high-end electric buses to Pakistan

Source: [App, Daily Times](#), 2024-01-07

A Chinese company handed over 160 high-end pure electric buses to Pakistan at a ceremony held in Suzhou Industrial Park, China. The officials from Pakistan, including General Manager Suzhou Higer, Qiu Yuanhong, Deputy General Manager Xie Jianghong, Customer Service Director Jiang Haifeng, and General Manager of Overseas Sales, attended the ceremony. The value of the order exceeds RMB 150 million..... [more >>](#)

Closer China-Pakistan Community with a Shared Future in the New Era

Source: [Jiang Jianjian, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-10

At the recent Central Conference on Work Relating to Foreign Affairs held in China, President Xi Jinping delivered an important address, in which he presented a systematic review of the historic achievements and valuable experience of major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in the new era, gave a profound exposition on the international environment and historical mission of China&rsqu..... [more >>](#)

Xinjiang's Uyghur region progressing rapidly

Source: [Khawar Abbas Sandhu, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-14

LAHORE - Western media continued to spread propaganda as Xinjiang's Muslims took the lead in development. During visit to China in December 2023, we reached Kashgar to explore Xinjiang. Beautiful roads from airport to hotel, flowing and orderly traffic, high-rise buildings, a glimpse of local culture and cleanliness got a lot of attention. The faces of the Kashi people were telling.... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Khunjerab Pass opens for 14-day trade window

Source: [Jamil Nagri, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

GILGIT: The Pakistan-China border at Khunjerab Pass opened temporarily on Tuesday for 14 days for trade activities. According to a letter sent by the embassy of China to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Pakistan, the Chinese side has agreed to facilitate the opening of the China-Pakistan Khunjerab Pass from Jan 2 to Jan 16, 2024. It said, during this period, only transportation vehicles, drive.... [more >>](#)

Pakistan exports heat-treated beef to China

Source: [Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-02

KARACHI: Pakistan has emerged as the first South Asian nation that has exported heat-treated beef to the world's largest meat importer, China, beating regional competitors in delivering quality food at the best price. In a notification to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Monday, The Organic Meat Company Limited (TOMCL) reported "TOMCL (a Pakistan-based firm) now stands as the fir..... [more >>](#)

Chinese traders urged to invest in various sectors

Source: [Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed urged a delegation of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to invest in the sectors of agriculture, IT and telecom, mines and minerals and energy. "One-window operation for foreign investors, ensuring security and comfort in our industrial zones, is our government's utmost priority. We enc..... [more >>](#)

High-profile Chinese business delegation meets planning minister

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

ISLAMABAD-A high-profile business delegation of China, led by the Chairman of Chang Chinag Chamber of Commerce Li Ting, met with Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed on Tuesday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed potential collaboration opportunities between Pakistan and China in various sectors, fostering business expansion and exploring new inve..... [more >>](#)

First heat treated meat consignment exported to China

Source: [Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

KARACHI-The first consignment of heat treated meat has been exported from Pakistan to China. The protocol of beef export to China was signed in June 2023, accordingly, TDAP along with relevant agencies had started the process of registering prospect exporters, which led to successful delivery of the inaugural consignment of heat-treated meat by The Organic Meat Company Limited to the People'..... [more >>](#)

Traders ride Chinese county's boom Initiatives like CPEC make it very easy for local traders to do business

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

BEIJING: More Pakistani traders are settling in the Tashikurgan Tajik autonomous county of Kashgar in China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region to tap the business potential. As the county is close to their homes, they said it was easy to commute and interact with the local community. A booming tourism is benefitting their businesses. Pakistani jeweller Murad Shah said his gemstone store i..... [more >>](#)

Trade Peaks

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

The temporary opening of the Pakistan-China border at Khunjerab Pass for trade activities marks a significant and positive development, providing a 14-day window for transportation vehicles, drivers, and cargo to pass between the two countries. This move is crucial for fostering economic ties and facilitating cross-border trade. This temporary opening aligns with the commitment made after the me..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's copper export to China crosses \$1 billion mark in 2023

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-05

BEIJING-Copper and articles thereof have seen an increase in export to China from Pakistan in recent years and in the first eleven months of 2023 increased by 9%, crossed one billion dollars mark, sources said. Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor at the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing, told China Economic Net (CEN) that the Pakistani government is keen to boost copper and associated product exports to..... [more >>](#)

160 high-end electric buses delivered by China

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-07

SUZHOU: In a landmark move, Suzhou Higer recently held the delivery ceremony for 160 high-end pure electric buses exported to Pakistan, marking the first substantial introduction of pure electric buses in the country. The order, valued at over RMB 150 million, signifies a pivotal step towards green and sustainable public transportation in Pakistan. Dignitaries, including Rana, Director General o..... [more >>](#)

China hands over 160 electric buses to Pakistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-07

LAHORE - China has handed over one hundred and sixty electric buses to Pakistan at a ceremony held in Suzhou Industrial Park, China. According to a report of China Economic Net, the batch of these electric buses has the advantages of zero emissions, low operating costs, and low noise pollution, which will greatly improve the efficiency of public transportation operations a..... [more >>](#)

Sesame export to China registers 117.85pc increase

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-08

BEIJING: Pakistan registered a remarkable surge of 117.85 percent in Sesame seed export to China last year as sesame seeds amounting to \$250 million was shipped to China from January to November 2023. This unprecedented growth has positioned Pakistan as a major player in the global Sesame seed market, with Chinese consumers increasingly embracing the quality and flavour of Pakistani sesame, a..... [more >>](#)

Chinese investors invited for investment in different sectors, JVs

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-09

ISLAMABAD - The Federation Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has invited Chinese investors from different sectors of the economy for investment and joint ventures in local businesses. It is the right time for Chinese investors to earn lucrative returns on their investments in Pakistan and FPCCI assures to connect the Chinese investors with the right partners in Pakistan for join..... [more >>](#)

New China-Pakistan cargo route launched to facilitate air transport

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

BEIJING: A new air cargo route was launched linking Ezhou Huahu Airport in central China's Hubei Province with Lahore, said SF Airlines, China's largest air cargo carrier in fleet size. The Ezhou-Lahore cargo route is the first international air cargo route launched by SF Airlines this year, departing from Ezhou Huahu Airport, China's first cargo-focused airport. The Ez..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China cargo route launched to facilitate air transport

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

A new China-Pakistan cargo air route has been launched to facilitate air transport. China's largest air cargo carrier SF Airlines said the new route is linking Ezhou Huahu Airport in central China's Hubei Province with Lahore. The Ezhou-Lahore route is planned to operate three times a week, providing over 300 tons of air transport capacity from Ezhou to Lahore every week. Pakistan A..... [more >>](#)

China-Pakistan cargo route opens for streamlined air transport

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-01-15

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Mega road network project; Chinese investment dependent on political stability

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-05

ISLAMABAD: Chinese companies are interested in investing in mega road network project depending on political stability in the country after the general elections. This was revealed by senior officials of the National Highways Authority (NHA) while briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Communications, presided over by Senator Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai, here on Thursday. After the ref..... [more >>](#)

\$600m loan linked to IPP debt

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-10

ISLAMABAD: Two Chinese commercial banks have linked their \$600 million loans with the prior settlement of the debt that Pakistan owes to the Chinese power plants—a condition that Islamabad has refused to accept because of its implications on the budget and setting a wrong precedent. Government sources told The Express Tribune that the prospects of securing the \$600 million Chinese commerci..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

CPEC projects propel Gwadar uplift

Source: [Behram Baloch, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

GWADAR: Pakistan's ambassador to Beijing, Khalil Hashmi, has said that efforts are underway for the timely completion of development projects initiated under the CPEC, with the support of Chinese government. He made these remarks while speaking to reporters during his visit to the port city of Gwadar on Sunday. "Many projects have been completed in Gwadar under the CPEC initiative. T..... [more >>](#)

Flawed Model of Development

Source: [Aamir Yaqoob, Daily Times](#), 2024-01-02

The federation of Pakistan has hitherto adopted a faulty model of development for Gwadar. What the state bureaucracies fail to understand is the inability of infrastructure-led development without participation of the local population to achieve the intended outcomes. This is evident from a purely marginal impact the construction of a deep seaport and related road infrastructure in Gwadar could ca..... [more >>](#)

36 projects under CPEC completed so far, Senate told

Source: [Agencies, Daily Times](#), 2024-01-02

Caretaker Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Muhammad Sami Saeed on Monday said that 36 projects with a cumulative value of 24 billion dollars have been successfully completed under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Additionally, 22 projects with a total investment of five billion dollars are currently under construction, he said while concluding a debate on mot..... [more >>](#)

CPEC strengthens building of Pak-China community with a shared future

Source: [Zhao Shiren, The News, International](#), 2024-01-15

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Idea of establishment of 'industrial' park on PSM land under CPEC hailed

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

KARACHI: Pasban Democratic Party PDP Chairman Altaf Shakoor here Sunday said that the best option is to revive the Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM); otherwise, its vast land should be used to establish proposed industrial park. He said that it is learnt that the federal government is seeking the cooperation of Sindh government to set up an industrial park on 1500 acres of the PSM under the China-Pa..... [more >>](#)

Claim, counter-claims, and ECC

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-06

It's a bit rich of Pakistani authorities to try to penalise Chinese power plants set up under CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) for Islamabad's own failure — inadequate forex reserves for purchase of fuel for those plants in this case. Naturally, when there was no coal (for coal-based power plants), those plants were unable to produce any power. Yet the government still sla..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Climate change and Faith: A special Conversation

'Intersection between climate crisis, faith can solve ecological crisis'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-13

Islamabad: After many decades, faith and its interlinkages with climate and environmental crisis have become a central discussion as humanity seeks answers to the contemporary challenges said Dr Adil Najam, President of WWF. Dr Najam said this in a special conversation with Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI, organised by SDPIB here Friday. During the conversation, the resurging inte..... [more >>](#)

Dr. Adil Najam calls for exploring the linkage between climate crisis & faith

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD, Jan 13 (SABAH): Dr. Adil Najam, President of World Wildlife Fund, has said the global community needs large-scale behavioural change to resolve the current climate challenges and explore the potential role of faith and values in this connection, irrespective of the fact if someone is religious or not. Dr. Adil Najam was speaking at a special conversation on 'Climate Change and Fa..... [more >>](#)

Dr Adil Najam for holistic approach to cope with environmental challenges

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD, Jan 12 (APP):WWF President Dr Adil Najam on Friday said that after many decades, faith and its interlinkages with climate and environmental crisis had become a central discussion as "humanity seeks answers to the contemporary challenges". Dr Adil Najam said this in a special conversation with SDPI Executive Director, organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institu..... [more >>](#)

Dr Adil Najam For Holistic Approach To Cope With Environmental Challenges

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2024-01-13

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Dr. Adil Najam for a holistic approach to tackle environmental challenges Pi News

Source: [Mhuammad](#), [Pi News](#), 2024-01-13

ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News – 12th Jan, 2024) WWF President Dr. Adil Najam on Friday, after many decades, brought faith and its interrelationship with climate and environmental crisis to the mainstream discussion. said that it has become because "humanity is looking for answers to modern problems. ". Dr. Adil Najam said this in a special interview with the Execu..... [more >>](#)

Expert Calls For Exploring The Linkage Between Climate Crisis And Faith

Source: [TCL](#), [The CatchLine](#), 2024-01-13

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Panel Discussion on 'Socially and environmentally compliant construction industry in Pakistan'

Monitoring of environmental laws stressed

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-04

This was the crux of a panel discussion on 'Socially and environmentally compliant construction industry in Pakistan' organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with NED and SC here yesterday. Geir Thomas Tonstol, Country Director of International Labor Organisation, Pakistan, said that the construction sector transforms source materials into capital..... [more >>](#)

Panel stresses protection of labour rights

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-04

ISLAMABAD: Robust monitoring of environmental regulations and protection of labour rights is crucial for fostering a fair and sustainable evolution within the construction industry. This was the crux of a panel discussion titled 'Socially and Environmentally Compliant Construction Industry in Pakistan', at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with NED [more >>](#)

26th SDC 2023**Monitoring of environmental regulations, protection of labour rights stressed**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

ISLAMABAD: A panel discussion held at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) stressed the need for robust monitoring of environmental regulations and protection of labour rights for a just and sustainable transition in the construction industry. This panel discussion titled "Socially and Environmentally Compliant Construction Industry in Pakistan" was held at SDPI where G..... [more >>](#)

Environmental laws, labour rights' oversight imperative for just transition in construction sector: Speakers

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-03

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Balancing construction: Enviro Laws vs Labor Rights

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2024-01-03

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Environmental Laws, Labour Rights' Oversight Imperative For Just Transition In Construction Sector

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2024-01-02

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 2nd Jan, 2024) Robust monitoring of environmental regulations as well as protection of labor rights is crucial for a just and sustainable transition in the construction industry. This was the crux of a panel discussion titled: "Socially and Environmentally Compliant Construction Industry in Pakistan", at the Sustainable Development Policy [more >>](#)

Environmental laws, labour rights' oversight imperative for just transition in construction sector: Experts

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-01-02

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SDPI Articles

Empowering local governance

Source: [Abdullah Khalid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-15

AS the promise of elections looms, manifestos take centre stage, promising reform and progress. In our volatile context, empowering local governments is a crucial, yet often overlooked pathway towards a more responsive and resilient democracy. Despite constitutional provisions for devolution, Pakistan's local governance system remains hobbled by a plethora of challenges. Over-centralis..... [more >>](#)

COP28: a critical analysis: Part - I

Source: [Shafqat Kakakhel](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-01

Nearly all Pakistani comments on the outcome of COP28 have been overwhelmingly laudatory. This write-up aims to balance the assessment by pointing out the glaring equity deficit and lack of means of implementation which imperil the efficacy of the agreed measures. Part 1 of this article describes the major COP28 takeaways concerning the Loss and Damage Fund and the content of the 'UAE Conse..... [more >>](#)

New year, old vows

Source: [Arooj Waheed Dar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-01-01

With elections on the horizon, there has been an upsurge in political activity, marked by relentless campaigning through power shows and big speeches. Out of curiosity, we decided to analyse the content of some of the speeches

to understand what is being promised this time round. For what they're worth, the speeches are rife with promises, making abundant references to legacy yet notably mi..... [more >>](#)

COP28: a critical analysis

Source: [Shafqat Kakakhel](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-02

COP28, held late last year, included a global climate action summit attended by 154 heads of state and government, heads of UN agencies, major regional networks, business organizations, and civil society leaders, who all reiterated their support for efforts to tackle the climate conundrum. COP28 president Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber speaks during the Transforming Food Systems in the Face of Climate C..... [more >>](#)

“Pakistan’s economic tightrope in 2023”

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-03

The writer heads the Sustainable Development Policy Institute. He tweets/posts @abidsuleri Pakistan stared down the abyss in 2023, and the abyss stared right back at it. While its chances of a financial default were all but realized, the country only ended up groping in the dark to find a way out of that situation. This landed it in an unenviable group of debt-affected countries. Like others in [more >>](#)

Remembering Sartaj Aziz

Source: [Shafqat Kakakhel](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-05

Pakistan has lost one of its most outstanding sons and indefatigable soldiers; the nation just a few days back said goodbye to one of the last surviving soldiers of the Pakistan Movement, who devoted his seven decades-long engagement in national affairs to promote Pakistan’s economic development, national security and diplomacy, and democratic governance. He worked tirelessly and selflessly..... [more >>](#)

Women in the workforce

Source: [Xainab Baloch](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-06

The basic pillar of any nation's survival and for its pulse to breathe is a stable and thriving economy. A robust economy can help any nation progress and stabilize itself to stand on its own. However, not every country has a sustainable and stable economy and many countries still find it hard to have access to the basic resources of living. One way to increase any country's economic..... [more >>](#)

Climate justice

Source: [Tahir Dhindsa](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-07

Held in Dubai, the COP 28 has put the issue of climate justice on the backburner, by using the world 'transition,' rather than a phasing out of the fossil fuels. Global warming has resulted from the incessant use of fossil fuels since the industrial revolution. It also resulted in the dominance of the West over..... [more >>](#)

Climate justice and gender equality

Source: [Sadia Ishrat Satti](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-07

Climate change, a looming threat for all, demonstrates a stark disparity in its impact across genders. Globally, women find themselves particularly vulnerable to the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change, encompassing health, education, economic opportunities and various climate-related adversities. The repercussions of climate crises dispr..... [more >>](#)

Realistically speaking

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-01-07

One may argue that Pakistan’s challenges are mutually nonexclusive and interrelated. It is not easy to address any single issue or challenge in isolation. While acknowledging the interconnected nature of Pakistan’s challenges, the

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