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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.

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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.

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

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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)

The road ahead

Source: Naz Pervin, [The News, International](#), 2024-10-03

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), launched by China in 2013, is an ambitious global development strategy aimed at enhancing regional connectivity and economic growth. Among its various projects, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) stands out as a flagship initiative, envisioned as a transformative partnership between China and Pakistan. CPEC is a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure proj..... [more >>](#)

China & America trade conflict

China says raised 'serious concerns' with US over trade curbs

Source: AFP, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-09

The United States and China on Tuesday raised concerns about trade between the world's two biggest economies, with China's commerce minister urging Washington to lift sanctions on his country's firms "as soon as possible". Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao's call with US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo was described by Beijing as "candid, in-depth [more >>](#)

US or China?

Source: Touqir Hussain, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-12

THE challenges that China poses to America exceed those witnessed during the Cold War, according to US Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell. US policies reflecting this perception have been a source of much upheaval in US-China ties. But the latest developments raise hopes that relations may finally be stabilising. The visit to China by Jake Sullivan, the US national security adviser, that had..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

China's miracles

Source: Dr Murad Ali, [The News, International](#), 2024-10-04

This week, China has been celebrating its foundation day as the People's Republic of China was founded on October 1, 1949. Comparing Pakistan and China at their births in his book, 'A Shattered Dream: Understanding Pakistan's Underdevelopment', Ghulam Kibria asserts that "with an effective administration, judiciary, and other state organs intact and in operation, alo..... [more >>](#)

China at 75 – and beyond

Source: Hussain H Zaidi, [The News, International](#), 2024-10-07

On October 1, the People's Republic of China completed 75 years of its establishment. These 75 years have seen China shake off rampant poverty and backwardness to become a major mover and shaker of the globe under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC). I spent a few years in Shanghai, China's largest and most open and advanced city, and had an opportunity to look at the..... [more >>](#)

China's stimulus message leaves investors wanting though hanging onto hope

Source: Samuel Shen, Ankur Banerjee and Tom Westbrook, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-13

China's highly anticipated announcement of financial stimulus plans on Saturday was big on intent but low on the measurable details that investors need to ratify their recent return to the world's second-biggest stock market.

Saturday's news conference by Finance Minister Lan Foan reiterated Beijing's broad plans to revive the ailing economy, with promises made on sign..... [more >>](#)

Energy, Environment & Climate Change

Chinese PM, NA Speaker Ayaz Sadiq discuss parliamentary and trade ties

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

On Tuesday, Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang met with National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq to discuss deepening cooperation between Pakistan's National Assembly and the Chinese Parliament. The two leaders explored ways to boost trade relations and enhance collaboration in regional peace and security. They also highlighted the significance of joint ventures in the energy sector as part of bro..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Lessons from a timeless friendship

Source: [Ahsan Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-01

As we celebrate China's National Day today, it is a moment to reflect on the time-tested and steadfast friendship between Pakistan and China. For over seven decades, our nations have enjoyed a unique bond rooted in mutual trust, goodwill, and a shared vision of prosperity. From early diplomatic ties to strategic alliances, the China-Pakistan relationship has evolved to encompass deep econom..... [more >>](#)

Chinese envoy meets Ahsan ahead of PM Li visit

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-05

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong called on the Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, ahead of the upcoming historic visit of Chinese Premier Li Qiang, marking a significant milestone in China-Pakistan relations after 11 years. The Chinese ambassador and the minister for planning discussed key strategic initiatives between the..... [more >>](#)

China losing hope in Pakistan: a false assumption

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-07

ISLAMABAD: It is unfortunate but a reality. Pakistan-China relationship has always been under scrutiny and the target of malicious propaganda. Western powers never approve it and advise Pakistan to curtail or minimise its relationship. On the contrary, Pakistan helped the West establish close relationship with China, which opened a new world of opportunities for both parties. It was Pakis..... [more >>](#)

Chinese diplomatic mission launches emergency plan

Source: [Sardar Sikander Shaheen / Mohammad Bilal Tahir](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-08

ISLAMABAD/KARACHI: Following the killings of two of its nationals in a terrorist attack in Karachi a day ago, China on Monday said its diplomatic missions in Pakistan have launched forthwith an emergency plan, urging Pakistan to "thoroughly investigate the attack, severely punish the perpetrators, and take all necessary measures" to protect Chinese citizens, installations and projects..... [more >>](#)

Chinese delegation visits SIFC

Source: [Nuzhat Nazar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-09

ISLAMABAD: A high-level Chinese trade delegation from the China Asia Economic Development Association visited the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) on Tuesday. The visit is expected to further enhance business-to-business and government-to-business initiatives between Pakistan and China. The delegation was led by Qian Chui Zhu, the president of the Association for Foreign Tr..... [more >>](#)

China-Pakistan ties scaling new highs: envoy

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-14

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong has said the China-Pakistan relations are further strengthening, with enhanced cooperation across various sectors that will boost Pakistan's economy which is already stabilising. He made these remarks during the launch of two reports by the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan (CCCPK). The reports, titled "The Glorious 11 Years..... [more >>](#)

Chinese premier lands amid security lockdown

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

ISLAMABAD: Capital was under strict security lockdown as Chinese Premier Li Qiang landed in the city on Monday ahead of a heads-of-government gathering of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation this week. Li's visit is the first by a Chinese premier to Pakistan in 11 years, Prime Minister's Office said. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif received Li at the airport. The government has an..... [more >>](#)

Chinese PM assures continued support for Pakistan's sovereignty, prosperity

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Premier Li Qiang reaffirmed China's unwavering support for Pakistan's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and prosperity during a meeting with President Asif Ali Zardari at Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad on Tuesday. The meeting took place as part of Premier Li's visit to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, where he was honoured at a luncheon h..... [more >>](#)

Chinese Premier Li Qiang lands in Islamabad on four-day visit

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

Chinese Premier Li Qiang landed in Islamabad on Monday on a four-day bilateral visit, during which he will also attend the high-profile Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, scheduled for October 15 and 16. The Chinese PM was received by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif upon his arrival and welcomed with a 21-gun salute. PM Li Qiang was accompanied by ministers and senior officials in..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz calls for stronger security for Chinese nationals after Karachi attack

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-08

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has stressed the urgent need for stringent security measures to protect Chinese citizens in Pakistan. During a federal cabinet meeting, he expressed his condolences for the tragic terrorist incident in Karachi that claimed the lives of two Chinese nationals and injured one, along with several Pakistanis. PM Shehbaz noted that, following the Basham incident, the Chi..... [more >>](#)

Chinese embassy condemns 'terrorist attack' on citizens in Karachi

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-07

The Chinese embassy in Pakistan has strongly condemned the deadly explosion near Karachi's international airport, labelling it a "terrorist attack" that resulted in the tragic deaths of two Chinese nationals. In a statement, the embassy confirmed that the explosion targeted a convoy from the Port Qasim Electric Power Company and expressed deep condolences for the victims fro..... [more >>](#)

Karachi attack: watershed in Sino-Pak relations?

Source: [Imtiaz Gul](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-12

The deadly October 6 strike on the Chinese convoy near the Karachi airport should serve as a wake-up call for the Pakistani authorities for multiple reasons. As many as 21 Chinese nationals – engineers, technical workers and

teachers – have been killed in Pakistan since 2017. Even more worrying is the precisely targeted attack, which smacks of an "insider job" i.e. somebody f..... [more >>](#)

Slain Chinese were working on power projects

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-09

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Aurangzeb has said a single-day strike/strife is estimated to cause cumulative losses of Rs190 billion to the national kitty. He was referring to the recent strife caused by the PTI, halting economic activities, especially in the twin cities, and other parts of the country last week. Addressing a televised speech on Tuesday, he said the Economic Advi..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Diversified Partners

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-09

The upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Pakistan marks a significant milestone in the country's foreign relations. Not only will this be the first time major regional political players will visit Pakistan during this tenure, but it also reflects the country's evolving stance on the global stage. Pakistan has distanced itself from the close orbit of the West and i..... [more >>](#)

Murad invites Chinese businesspeople to invest in electric buses, bikes

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-02

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, in a meeting with a delegation of Chinese investors led by Chairman Belt & Road (B&R) Group Mr. Wan Xiaowu, agreed to facilitate private Chinese investment in the city. The CM was assisted by Minister P&D and Energy Nasir Shah, Minister Local Govt Saeed Ghani, Chairman P&D Najam Shah and Secretary to CM Raheem Shaikh. The..... [more >>](#)

Chinese business delegation visits TDAP head-office

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-02

KARACHI: On the occasion of China's National Day, a high-profile Chinese business delegation visited the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) Headquarters, Karachi to discuss trade facilitation measures between Pakistan and China including the development of a large-scale wholesale market in Karachi, improved logistics infrastructure, seamless customs connectivity between the two c..... [more >>](#)

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Rs45b approved for protecting Chinese interests

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday approved an additional Rs45 billion budget for the armed forces mainly to strengthen their capacity to protect Chinese commercial interests in Pakistan and manage the fencing along international borders. Out of the Rs45 billion, an amount of Rs35.4 billion will be given to the military and Rs9.5 billion to the navy for various purposes, according to a..... [more >>](#)

China seeks end to foreign exchange controls

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

ISLAMABAD: China has requested Pakistan to initiate a pilot project for exempting settlement in Chinese renminbi (RMB) currency for export-oriented enterprises in the Gwadar Free Zone, which will give a boost to foreign investment. It has also proposed that businesses in the free zone should be allowed to maintain US dollar or RMB accounts without foreign exchange controls to facilitate s..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China ink material transfer agreement to boost citrus industry

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China have inked a material transfer agreement to boost citrus industry. The material transfer agreement (MTA) was signed between Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan (HZAU) and the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF). According to Gwadar Pro on Friday, the signing ceremony was held at UAF on September 30. Prof. Dr. Liu Yongzhong, a collaborative scientist fr..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China ink deal to boost citrus industry

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-06

FAISALABAD: The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) and Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan (HZAU) inked a material transfer agreement (MTA) for citrus rootstock and scion budwood at a ceremony held at UAF on September 30. Professor Dr Liu Yongzhong, a collaborative scientist from HZAU, handed over nine citrus varieties' budwood to Professor Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan, Vice Chance..... [more >>](#)

Three tons of Pak pine nuts arrive in Ezhou, China

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-09

BEIJING - A fully-loaded SF Airlines freighter carrying 3 tons of "Pakistani gems" pine nuts imported from western Pakistan arrived at Ezhou Huahu International Airport via the "Ezhou-Lahore" international cargo route. After clearing customs, these fresh, high-quality pine nuts were dispatched from Ezhou to Yiwu and then distributed throughout China, Gwadar Pro reported on [more >>](#)

'Chinese firms face challenges in Pakistan's business climate'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-14

ISLAMABAD: A newly released survey by the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan (CCCPK) has painted a complex picture of the business climate for Chinese companies operating in Pakistan, revealing a Business Climate Index score of 49.63, just below the crucial 50-point threshold separating optimism from pessimism. The CCCPK, with guidance from the Chinese embassy in Pakistan, developed the "..... [more >>](#)

Gwadar International Airport virtually inaugurated; Currency swap among 14 accords inked with China

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

ISLAMABAD: In order to further boost economic growth and productivity in multiple sectors including security, education, agriculture, human resource development and science and technology, Pakistan and China on Monday signed 13 accords including currency swap. The signing ceremony which took place at the Prime Minister's House, was witnessed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his Chin..... [more >>](#)

13 accords signed: Pakistan, China agree to ramp up cooperation

Source: [Mehtab Haider & Muhammad Anis](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-15

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China Monday expressed their satisfaction on strategic cooperative partnership, based on mutual trust and shared principles. The understanding was reached at a delegation-level meeting, held between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang, here. The two sides said the partnership was growing stronger with each passing day and both the leaders exchanged v..... [more >>](#)

China's goods trade volume expands to new high of 32.33 trillion yuanSource: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

BEIJING - China's goods trade volume expanded to 32.33 trillion yuan in the January-September period, reaching a new high, official data issued here yesterday showed. China's total goods imports and exports expanded 5.3 percent year on year in yuan terms in the first three quarters of this year, maintaining stable growth. According to the General Administration of Customs (GAC), exp..... [more >>](#)

Chinese firm cultivates medicinal aloe vera in Pakistan for export to ChinaSource: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

ISLAMABAD - Chinese firm has cultivated medicinal aloe vera in Pakistan for export to China. In a lush, green field in Punjab, rows of medicinal aloe vera plants are thriving under the warm sun, Gwadar reported on Thursday. The trial field, which has been carefully cultivated by Chinese company HanGeng Trade and Yuanhua Industrial, which specializes in the medical supply chain, is yielding positiv..... [more >>](#)

Chinese firm to set up Rs8b sanitary ware unitSource: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

LAHORE: In a significant development, Modern Ceramics Sanitary Ware, a leading Chinese company, is set to invest over Rs8 billion in setting up a modern manufacturing facility in Punjab. The revelation was made at a high-level meeting between the company's delegation and the Punjab Board of Investment and Trade leadership. PBIT Chairman Muntaha Ashraf met representatives of Modern Ceramics [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China agree to enhance bilateral tiesSource: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq held a meeting with Chinese Premier Li Qiang in Islamabad today and discussed bilateral relations. Both the sides agreed to enhance bilateral trade and undertake joint efforts for regional peace and stability. In his remarks, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said hosting SCO meeting is an honour for Pakistan and it will project positive image of Pakistan. He said thi..... [more >>](#)

50 KP schools; China providing financial supportSource: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

PESHAWAR: KP Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education, Faisal Khan Tarakai has said that all kinds of facilities are provided in 50 schools in merged districts of the erstwhile Fata with the financial assistance of the People's Republic of China beside a project of the newly constructed schools is also in the phase of completion. He was presiding over a meeting regarding educatio..... [more >>](#)

ML-1's prospectsSource: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

ONE of the signature projects envisaged under the CPEC umbrella is the Mainline-1 railway scheme, which is yet to see the light of day. However, the administration is apparently making renewed efforts to ensure that this multibillion-dollar project is put on track, hoping that the presence of senior Chinese leaders at the SCO summit in Islamabad later this month will provide the necessary impetus [more >>](#)

Chinese envoy, minister discuss key strategic initiativesSource: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-05

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese Ambassador and the Minister for Planning discussed key strategic initiatives between the two countries, with a focus on the upcoming visit of Chinese Premier Li Qiang in Pakistan. Both leaders emphasised that the visit presents a strategic opportunity to further deepen bilateral cooperation and achieve meaningful outcomes. To ensure the success of this visit, both sides..... [more >>](#)

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Refined POL items and solar power; Chinese team to explore deals with PD today

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-10

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese delegation China Asia Economic Development Association (CAEDA) is to hold meeting with Ministry of Energy (Petroleum and Power Divisions) on Thursday (Oct 10) to discuss avenues of refined petroleum products and solar power grid connections matters, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The delegation comprising of Zhu Qianqiu, Guo Jianjun, Zhuang Xiaoxion, Yue Ze..... [more >>](#)

H12024 turbulent for China's solar industry

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-13

ISLAMABAD - With Pakistan a key market and the second-largest destination for PV products, the first half of 2024 (H12024) has been a turbulent period for China's solar industry. According to industry experts, the financial performance of China's top solar companies paints a grim picture overall, as their revenue for the top 42 companies collectively dropped by 18.92%, with net profits..... [more >>](#)

'Chinese investments strengthen Pak-energy sector'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#) , 2024-10-15

Islamabad:Jiang Zaidong, the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, has said that improvements in Pakistan's energy sector due to Chinese investments are substantial noting that these projects did not only strengthen the country's energy infrastructure but also created significant job opportunities for Pakistani youth, empowering them with various skill sets. Mr Zaidong was speaking at an even..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Ahsan Iqbal sees progress in CPEC phase-II, ML-1 projects

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) senior leader Ahsan Iqbal has expressed hope that there will be progress on CPEC Phase-II and ML-1 projects during the upcoming visit of the Chinese President to Pakistan. He was talking to the media here on Thursday. The minister said that a Saudi delegation is also coming to Pakistan [more >>](#)

PM directs including DBHP in CPEC

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-07

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed the concerned authorities to include \$8 billion Diamer Bhasha Hydropower Project (DBHP) in China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework, well informed sources in Ministry of Water Resources told Business Recorder. According to Wapda, potential benefits of the project include mitigating water storage; i.e., 6.4 MAF (Million Acre Feet) and h..... [more >>](#)

Li likely to inaugurate Gwadar airport

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2024-10-14

KARACHI: Chinese premier Li Qiang could inaugurate operations at a Chinese-funded airport in Balochistan during his visit to the country in the coming week, information minister Attaullah Tarar told reporters on Sunday. The start of

operations at the \$200-million Gwadar International Airport has been pushed back for a security review after deadly attacks by separatist militants in August in t..... [more >>](#)

Next phase of CPEC, SCO can be real game-changers: FPCCI

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-15

KARACHI: Atif Ikram Sheikh, President FPCCI, has explained that next phase of China – Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) can be the real game-changers for the national economy – as we have geographical contiguities; economic complementarities; regional trade advantages and ability to look East & diversify our economic partners Apprisi..... [more >>](#)

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CPEC gains as Chinese premier arrives today

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-14

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Premier Li Qiang will begin a three-day official visit to Pakistan on Monday (today), first by any Chinese premier in 11 years, with an aim to give a new impetus to the bilateral cooperation at a time of changing geopolitics and challenges to the President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). During the visit, several agreements are expected to be signed betw..... [more >>](#)

CPEC power projects; All set to ink \$16bn debt re-profiling pacts during Li's visit

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Chinese power companies are all set to sign pacts on re-profiling of debts and moratorium on payment of over \$ 16 billion for five and three years respectively during the visit of Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang, well informed sources in PPB told Business Recorder. On Pakistan side, Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) whereas on the Chinese side, Chinese Comp..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Roundtable Session

Sound data and effective policymaking

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-10-02

How can a country be effectively governed without reliable data? This is a question Pakistani policymakers have long grappled with, given that data limitations have repeatedly obstructed their capacity to make well-informed decisions across a range of critical areas, including economic development, public health, education reform, and agriculture and industrial planning. This was dwelled upon in s..... [more >>](#)

SDPI pushes for GMO soybean import amid ban

Source: [Zafar Bhutta](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), a think tank, has initiated efforts to lift the ban on genetically modified (GMO) soybean imports, a move that involves multi-million-dollar contracts. The SDPI is urging the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) to expedite approval for these imports, despite concerns raised by various ministries. The SDPI and soybean impo..... [more >>](#)

Youth awareness pivotal on mercury hazards impacts: Dr Shazia

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-10-08

ISLAMABAD, Oct 8 (APP): The speakers at a roundtable on implementation of Minamata Convention highlighted the urgent need to engage youth in education and awareness campaigns to sensitize general public and policy makers on hazardous impacts of mercury used in cosmetics and other commercial products. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized a roundtable/stake holder meeting [more >>](#)

Youth Awareness Pivotal On Mercury Hazards Impacts: Dr Shazia

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Youth awareness, proactive role in raising education on mercury hazards crucial: MNA Dr. Shazia Sobia Soomro

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SDPI Articles

Deal done: what now?

Source: [Irfan Ahmed Chatha](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-02

As of September 26, the world owed the IMF \$151.13 billion. Pakistan, being the fifth largest debtor of the IMF, owed \$8.34 billion which will soon increase to \$9.44 billion as the first tranche of \$1.1 billion under the 25th IMF-Pakistan programme (\$7 billion Extended Fund Facility for 37 months) has been received. Securing IMF bailouts is a familiar process for our public finance managers. A br..... [more >>](#)

25th time the charm? How Pakistan can bid adieu to the IMF once and for all

Source: [Dr Sajid Amin Javed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

Pakistan finds itself back in the arms of the IMF — for the 25th time. The much-anticipated \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF), stretched over 37 months, offers temporary relief to a shaky market. Since the July staff-level agreement, all eyes have been fixed on the Fund, fearing that any further delay could tip the fragile economy into chaos. This programme is, therefore, a lifeline &m..... [more >>](#)

Conflict, climate and global hunger

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-04

Malnutrition, a persistent global challenge, affects millions worldwide, with devastating consequences for health, economic productivity, and human development. Despite the technological and agricultural advances of the 21st century, malnutrition continues to hinder the progress of nations, especially in the developing world. The 'Triple C' crisis – climate change, conflict, and..... [more >>](#)

Simplifying proactive disaster risk reduction

Source: [Soha Nisar](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-06

Disaster risk reduction often comes to our attention after a catastrophe has occurred. What if we began addressing disaster risk before the disaster struck? The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, observed every year on October 13, offers a critical reminder to shift from disaster response to disaster prevention. As we reflect on this day,..... [more >>](#)

Leading through digital transformation

Source: [Abdullah Khalid & Dr Maaz Hashmi](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-06

“Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower,” said Steve Jobs. The sentiment is profoundly relevant for Pakistan, where despite significant public investment, the startup ecosystem remains underdeveloped. The Ministry of Planning and Development has outlined Vision 2025, an ambitious plan for digital and economic transformat..... [more >>](#)

A memorial reference for Dr. Pervez Tahir

Speakers pay tributes to legacy of Dr Pervez Tahir

Source: [Monitoring Report](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-01

ISLAMABAD - Speakers at a memorial reference on Monday honored the legacy of former Chief Economist and esteemed economic historian Dr. Pervez Tahir on the first anniversary of his passing. Organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), the event featured tributes that emphasized his commitment to humanity and integrity. Tahir Dhindsa, Director of SDTV, described [more >>](#)

Speakers celebrate Pervaiz Tahir's legacy of national service with humility, truth in eyes of power

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-10-01

ISLAMABAD, Sep 30 (APP): Speakers at a memorial reference on Monday celebrated the legacy of former Chief Economist and most revered economic historian Dr. Pervez Tahir of national service with humanity and upholding

truth in the eyes of power while eulogizing his services for the motherland. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized the special memorial service on the first de..... [more >>](#)

Speakers celebrate PT's legacy of national service with humility

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2024-10-01

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Environment Journalists Forum elects executive body

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-05

Islamabad: The Environment Journalists Forum on Thursday elected its maiden executive body comprising climate journalists from print, electronic, news agencies and digital media. The elections were held here at the Conference Hall of Ripah International University with 20 climate and environment beat reporters participating in them. Four climate journalists cast vote online via Zoom. Ali Jabir fr..... [more >>](#)

Special Discussion

IMF urges policy reform as Pakistan's Economy improves

Source: [Tayyaba Nazir](#), [Minute Mirror](#), 2024-10-10

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Resident Representative for Pakistan Esther Pérez Ruiz stated during a meeting with experts, civil society and academia that since the launch of the Stand-By Arrangement in July 2023 confidence in policymaking has increased resulting in inflation reaching its lowest level in three years international reserves doubling and the economy being on a path to impr..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's economy continuously improving but challenges remain, IMF representative says

Source: [Yasir Nazar](#), [Aaj TV News](#), 2024-10-10

International Monetary Fund Representative Esther Perez Ruiz has commended Pakistan's efforts to improve living standards and achieve macroeconomic stability. Speaking at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute in Islamabad, Ruiz praised the steps taken in 2023 to stabilize the economy, noting that the situation is gradually improving. However, Ruiz also acknowledged the ongoing chall..... [more >>](#)

IMF rep in Pakistan acknowledges improvement in country's economy

Source: [News Desk](#), [HUM News](#), 2024-10-10

Praising the efforts being made by the government since 2023 to strengthen Pakistan's economy, Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to Pakistan Miss Esther Perez Ruiz on Thursday acknowledged that the country's economic situation was gradually improving, which should not be underestimated, reported 24NewsHD TV channel. Speaking at a function at the Sustainable..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Needs Policies to Unclutter Economy, Reduce Trade Barriers: IMF Official

Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2024-10-10

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IMF 21st program, EFF envision progressive Pakistan through structural reforms in govt: Esther Ruiz

Source: [INP](#), [Independent News Pakistan](#), 2024-10-10

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-10-10

ISLAMABAD, Oct 10 (SABAH): International Monetary Fund (IMF), Resident Representative for Pakistan, Esther Pérez Ruiz on Thursday at an interaction with experts, civil society, and academia said that post Stand-By Arrangement launch in July 2023, the confidence in policymaking has improved with inflation plummeting to its lowest level in three years, international reserves more than doubled..... [more >>](#)

IMF advises Pakistan to shift economic strategy towards reducing trade barriers

Source: [Monitoring Desk](#), [Profit](#), 2024-10-11

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recommended that Pakistan transition its economic growth strategy from heavy government involvement to a focus on reducing trade barriers to enhance production. Esther Pérez Ruiz, the IMF's resident representative for Pakistan, offered this advice during a session at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). During the discussion,..... [more >>](#)

IMF's resident representative supports reforms in public sector

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

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'Pakistan made policy mistakes'

Source: [Irshad Ansari](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: While claiming that Pakistan made policy mistakes, IMF Resident Representative in Pakistan Esther Perez on Thursday said strong policies are necessary for the successful implementation of the new loan programme. Speaking at an event organized by SDPI, Perez said the IMF new programme aims to expand the tax base, bringing the agricultural sector into the tax net. Under the new program..... [more >>](#)

IMF commends Pakistan's economic recovery efforts, highlights challenges

Source: [Nayyer Ali](#), [Samaa tv](#), 2024-10-10

IMF representative in Pakistan Esther Perez Ruiz has commended Pakistan's efforts toward economic recovery, noting that significant strides have been made in stabilizing the economy. Speaking at an event in Islamabad, she emphasized that inflation has significantly decreased, and the country's foreign exchange reserves have increased, reflecting the positive impact of recent economic po..... [more >>](#)

IMF calls for lowering trade barriers

Source: [Mubarak Zeb Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund urged Pakistan on Thursday to shift its growth model away from the government's pivotal role in economic decision-making to an emphasis on lowering trade barriers in order to stimulate production. The suggestions came from Esther Pérez Ruiz, the IMF resident representative for Pakistan, during an interaction at the Sustainable Development Po..... [more >>](#)

IMF calls for provincial role in fiscal affairs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan requires an enhanced role of provinces in fiscal affairs in the aftermath of the 18th Constitutional amendments and the provinces are going to impose the Agriculture Income Tax (AIT) with the approval of respective legislative bodies, says the IMF's Resident Chief Esther Perez Ruiz on Thursday. She said that the post-Standby Arrangement in July 2023, the confidence in po..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan needs to enhance provinces' role in line with 18th Amendment: IMF representative

Source: [Shahbaz Raza](#), [Nukta](#), 2024-10-11

Pakistan's federal government needs to enhance the role of provinces in line with the 18th Constitutional Amendment, which not only gives them more autonomy but also decentralizes finances. This was stated by International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Resident Representative in Islamabad Esther Pérez Ruiz during a seminar on Thursday. The seminar was titled, "Raising Pakistani Living..... [more >>](#)

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IMF official supports reforms in public sector

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-11

ISLAMABAD: International Monetary Fund (IMF), Resident Representative for Pakistan, Esther Pérez Ruiz Thursday supported reforms in the public sector to enable more efficient role in generating the resources needed to improve public services, build human capital, and upgrade infrastructure in a more fair and sustainable manner. Ruiz on Thursday at an interaction with experts, civil society..... [more >>](#)

Economy IMF 21st program, EFF envision progressive Pakistan through structural reforms in govt: Esther Ruiz

Source: [Desk](#), [The Catch Line](#), 2024-10-11

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Webinar News

Experts for simplifying power tariff structure

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2024-10-03

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a webinar organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Tuesday called for the simplification of Pakistan's electric power system and tariff structure to alleviate the burden on consumers. They stressed that the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) and the Ministry of Energy determine electricity tariffs, and independent power produ..... [more >>](#)

Booklet debunking myths around electric power tariff structure launched

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2024-10-03

Islamabad: Ahad Nazir, Head, Centre for Private Sector Engagement, has said that Pakistan's power sector is technical and complex while the most frequently asked questions by the consumers are pertaining to fuel price adjustment and quarterly tariff adjustment. Mr Nazir was addressing a webinar organised here to launch Sustainable Policy Institute's latest booklet "Understanding [more >>](#)

SDPI launches booklet on debunking myths about electric power system, tariff structure

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2024-10-02

ISLAMABAD, Oct 02 (APP): The experts at a webinar on Tuesday emphasised the need to simplify the existing electric power system and tariff structure for reducing burden on the domestic consumers. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organised the webinar to launch its latest booklet "Understanding Electric Power System and Tariff Structure in Pakistan: A Basic Guide", a..... [more >>](#)

SDPI launches booklet on debunking myths around Electric Power System, Tariff Structure in Pakistan

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-10-02

ISLAMABAD, Oct 02 (SABAH): The experts at an informative webinar showcasing a recent booklet on electric power system and tariff structure emphasised the need to bring simplification to the existing electric power system and tariff structure to reduce burden on the domestic consumers. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organised the webinar to launch its latest booklet: &ldqu..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Launches Booklet On Debunking Myths About Electric Power System, Tariff Structure

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2024-10-03

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Workshop News

SDPI, ILO host a 'Validation Workshop' that brings experts from development sector, industry & academia to deliberate on project outcomes & its impacts on textile & leather sector of country

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2024-10-04

ISLAMABAD, Oct 03 (SABAH): Pakistan is 9th largest exporter of textile products and 5th largest producer of cotton in the world. The textile sector comprises 60% of the country's exports and account for 8.5% of the country's GDP. The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), with financial assistance from the European Union (EU), has implemented an eigh..... [more >>](#)

Driving Change: ILO's Efforts in Pakistan's Textile Sector

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