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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*

***“China Study Centre - SDPI”***

*It carries reference information's to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.*

### **Newspapers Covered:**

• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

## **Editor Note:**

*Launched in August 2018, China Study Centre is a broader initiative of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) to bridge the research-policy gap on the issues of global relevance such as trade, technologies, climate change, tourism, business, finance and Pakistan-China relations. The Centre strives to foster research, knowledge and expertise on China, profoundly relevant to our engagement with China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).*

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## **Subjects Covered**

- Pak-China Foreign Relations
- CPEC
- Regional integration under China's Belt & Road (B&R)
- Business, innovation & entrepreneurship
- Trade and Tourism
- Energy and Environment
- Social development
- Capacity building, learning and development
- Economic growth & governance
- Research and development
- History, language and culture
- Open Knowledge repository
- SDPI s events, visits, publications

# China Study Centre

## China & America trade conflict

### US, China reach framework deal on TikTok; Trump and Xi to speak on Friday

Source: [Reuters](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-16

MADRID: The United States and China have reached a framework agreement to switch short-video app TikTok to US-controlled ownership, top US officials said on Monday, with President Donald Trump set to speak with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday. US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer announced the agreement after a meeting between senior US and Chinese officials..... [more >>](#)

### Curbing Dissent

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-16

Ever since the war in Gaza began, the United States establishment has found itself in a crisis of opinion with Generation Z and the millennials before them. Older Americans, raised on primetime talk shows and a cable news landscape monopolised by major networks, remain largely embedded in the Fox News–CNN–Republican–Democrat binary, a sphere still shaped by a state-aligned media ..... [more >>](#)

### US-China step into a new phase

Source: [Nasir Jamal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-22

With the spotlight turning away from the unilateral US tariffs and onto the future of TikTok in America, China seems to have dominated the latest round of the ongoing trade talks with Washington. At the conclusion of the Madrid round last week, both China and the US said they had reached a basic framework consensus on resolving the TikTok dispute, alongside commitments to reduce investment barriers..... [more >>](#)

### Xi-Trump summit call bodes well for global economy

Source: [Afshan Hussain](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-29

KARACHI: Amid deepening geopolitical fault lines and a fragile global economy, a nearly two-hour-long phone call between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his American counterpart Donald Trump on September 19 produced a rare moment of clarity in the world's most consequential bilateral relationship. The phone conversation – described by Beijing as "pragmatic, positive and constructive"..... [more >>](#)

## Economic Growth & Governance

### New world order: impressions and realities

Source: [Ahmer Shazad](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-17

The recently held SCO Summit and Tiananmen Square parade in China trumpeted the onset of a new world order based on China's rise, as America retrenches at the global scene. On both events, China showcased her political, military and economic capability for resetting the world order through its 'Global Governance Initiative' aimed at equal and orderly system and economic globalisation. .... [more >>](#)

### Xinjiang's ethnic diversity and pomegranate

Source: [Imtiaz Gul](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-27

Each autumn, vibrant red pomegranates adorn fruit stalls on the streets of Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, situated in northwestern China. While locals consider this delectable fruit a sweet and succulent treat, they also draw parallels between pomegranate seeds and the concept of social unity and harmony. This analogy stems from the diverse demographic tapestry that enriches the region..... [more >>](#)

## Energy, Environment &amp; Climate Change

**China extends further \$14m flood relief aid to Pakistan**

Source: [Asif Mahmood Butt](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-26

LAHORE: In a reaffirmation of its strong ties with Pakistan, China has announced a new emergency aid package worth 100 million yuan (approximately \$14.04 million) to support the country's ongoing flood relief and recovery operations. The announcement comes as Pakistan continues to grapple with the devastating effects of widespread monsoon floods that began in June and have caused massive los..... [more >>](#)

## Governance / Trade &amp; Services

**Does Pak-China economic ties need to be refined?**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-22

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan-China relationship is unique and multidimensional. It covers almost all areas, but security, defence, diplomatic, and economic aspects dominate the rest. History shows the relationship has performed exceptionally well in defence and diplomacy. A closer look reveals that success in these fields depends on three key elements or rationales. The security, diplomatic, and defe..... [more >>](#)

**China ready to work more vigorously with Pakistan: Jiang Zaidong**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-23

ISLAMABAD - Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, has said that his country is ready to work more vigorously with Pakistan under the leadership of the two countries for common development and strengthening strategic partnership. "We are prepared to enhance trade and business cooperation and to promote security interests. Peoples' welfare is our prime objectives," the Amb..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

**Pakistan-China ties unshakeable: Zardari**

Source: [APP & Asim Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-17

SHANGHAI: President Zardari reaffirmed that Pakistan-China ties are unshakeable, saying that while spoilers and hostile elements may try to harm the relationship, they will never succeed. He stressed that the bilateral friendship will continue to grow from generation-to-generation. The president was talking to Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Shanghai, Chen Jining on Tuesday. He wa..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan remains China's most reliable partner: Zardari**

Source: [Asim Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-19

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari reaffirmed that the Pakistan-China friendship is unique, time-tested, and remains the cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy. He stated that Pakistan would continue to collaborate with China in countering terrorism and extremism while expanding cooperation in agriculture, manufacturing, livestock, industry, mining, and new technologies. President Asif..... [more >>](#)

**'Pakistan, China endured global changes for over 7 decades'**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-21

ISLAMABAD: The China-Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) on Saturday organised the launch of its latest book titled Pakistan and China: Connecting at People's Level. The event featured remarks by Ambassador Masood Khalid, Pakistan's former Ambassador to China; Ambassador Moin-ul-Haque, Pakistan's former Ambassador to China; Dr. Hass..... [more >>](#)

### **China's 76th founding day marked**

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-24

Islamabad: Pakistan and China reaffirmed their 'all-weather strategic cooperative partnership' as Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani joined celebrations hosted by the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad to mark the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. China's 76th anniversary marked in Islamabad with reaffirmation of iron-clad ties, according to..... [more >>](#)

### **Home Away from Home**

Source: [Jiang Zaidong](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-24

From 12 to 21 September, President Asif Ali Zardari was invited to attend the opening ceremony of the 2025 Golden Panda International Cultural Forum and subsequently visited Sichuan Province, Shanghai Municipality, and the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. This was President Zardari's second visit to China following his state visit in February — a vivid testament to his deep affection ..... [more >>](#)

### **President Zardari meets Chinese Consul General**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-26

President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday met with Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Karachi, Yang Yundong, who paid a call on and congratulated him on his successful visit to China, regarding it as a milestone in further deepening the long-standing, time-tested, and strategic partnership between the two countries. President Zardari appreciated the warm hospitality and courtesies..... [more >>](#)

### **Zardari's China visit opens door for defence, economic deals**

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-27

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari's recent visit to China is expected to pave the way for significant defence agreements between Pakistan and its neighbour, including those related to advanced J-20 stealth aircraft and multi-domain command-and-control system. During the visit, six memorandums of understanding (MoUs) were inked with Sindh government and business-to-business (B2B) partn..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan-China friendship termed an everlasting bond**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-30

PESHAWAR: Speakers at a function on Monday described the friendship between Pakistan and China as an everlasting bond that continues to grow stronger at all levels. They expressed these views at a ceremony arranged at the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa House in Islamabad by the Pak-China Friendship Association KP in connection with the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China..... [more >>](#)

### **'Pakistan, China champion global governance reform'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-30

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi, highlighted the importance of reforming the UN system, particularly the Security Council (UNSC). He also urged international financial institutions to respond more effectively to the needs of developing countries. He regarded Pakistan-China cooperation as a model of solidarity in advancing global peace and development. The envoy was ..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab governor praises China's development, enduring friendship with Pakistan**

Source: [Khawar Abbas Sandhu](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-23

Lahore - Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan has said that China has always stood by Pakistan in every sector, and if this friendship continues with the same spirit, Pakistan will soon overcome its challenges. He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony marking the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren personally..... [more >>](#)

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**Pakistan-China strategic cooperation highlighted**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-21

ISLAMABAD: Diplomats, academics, scholars and policymakers gathered at an event on Saturday to highlight Pak-China strategic cooperation stressing on cementing people-to-people contacts. They said Pak-China relations had endured regional and global changes for more than seven decades, and continued to serve as a positive factor for peace, stability and development in the region. The China-Pakista..... [more >>](#)

**China pledges 100 mln Yuan in additional flood relief for Pakistan**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-28

ISLAMABAD - The Government of China has announced an additional package of flood relief supplies worth 100 million yuan RMB to further support Pakistan's ongoing efforts in disaster relief and post-flood reconstruction. In a statement posted on X, the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad said that this assistance is in addition to the earlier \$2 million in emergency aid that was promptly provided fo..... [more >>](#)

**Zardari's China visit cements ties further**

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-23

ISLAMABAD - President Asif Ali Zardari's just concluded visit to China has reaffirmed the enduring depth of Pakistan-China friendship, as both sides pledged to expand cooperation in trade, industry, agriculture, and cultural exchanges during high-level engagements in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. President Zardari, who embarked on a ten-day trip to China on September 12, held a seri..... [more >>](#)

**China-Pakistan ties entering a new era, says Sindh CM**

Source: [Mohammad Bilal Tahir](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-26

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday said Pakistan-China relations were "time-tested, all-weather and unparalleled in strength," as he congratulated Beijing on the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China at a reception hosted by the Chinese Consulate General in Karachi. Speaking at the event, the chief minister extended warm ..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Trade

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**Zardari invites Shanghai Electric to expand investment in Pakistan**

Source: [Asim Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-16

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has invited Shanghai Electric to expand its investment in modernising Pakistan's transmission and distribution network. He extended the invitation during a meeting with Wu Lei, Chairman

of Shanghai Electric, at the company's headquarters in Shanghai on Monday. President Zardari later toured the company's facilities. Aseefa Bhutto, Bilawal B..... [more >>](#)

### **President Zardari assures Shanghai Electric of amicably resolving 'any outstanding issues'**

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-16

President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday assured the Shanghai Electric Power Company that "any outstanding issues" would be amicably resolved as he invited the firm to invest in Pakistan's energy infrastructure. The firm last week decided to terminate its offer to acquire up to 66.4 per cent of K-Electric Ltd due to changes in Pakistan's business environment. It added that s..... [more >>](#)

### **President Zardari for exploring Pak-China joint ventures in electric vehicles, mini trucks**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-16

President Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesday met Yin Tongyue, Chairman of the Board of Chery Holding Co., Ltd. and Chery Automobile Co., Ltd., in Shanghai. During the meeting, President Zardari assured the Chairman that the Government of Pakistan would provide policy support for new energy vehicles, electric buses, and local production of components. The president encouraged Chery to explore joint vent..... [more >>](#)

### **Wings Of Liberty**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-16

As the world grows darker and more dangerous, Pakistan must look inward to guard its citizens and defend itself against mounting threats from abroad. With international law increasingly in tatters, it is the strength of arms alone that secures sovereignty. For Pakistan, the wings of its air force remain the backbone of that sovereignty—an institution we must continually strengthen. Recent c..... [more >>](#)

### **President Zardari pledges support for Chinese new energy vehicles**

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-17

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari assured a major Chinese car maker on Tuesday that the government would provide policy support for new energy vehicles (NEV), electric buses and local production of components. In a meeting with Yin Tongyue, the chairman of Chery Automobile Company Ltd, the president encouraged the firm to explore joint ventures in electric buses, mini trucks, green ene..... [more >>](#)

### **China, Pakistan step up business ties Islamabad places high importance on ties with China, welcomes investment**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-17

GUANGZHOU: The "World Meets GZ – 2025 Pakistan Business and Investment Exchange Conference" was held on September 12 at the Guangzhou International Cooperation Center (GICC). The event aimed to guide Guangzhou enterprises on entering the Pakistani market through policy insights, project matchmaking, and localised implementation services. More than 100 representatives from Chine..... [more >>](#)

### **President Zardari meets Chinese environmental tech leader in Shanghai**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-17

SHANGHAI - President Asif Ali Zardari Tuesday met CEO and Co-founder of SUS Environment Technology Company Limited, Zhu Xiaoping, a leading Chinese waste management company. The president was flanked by First Lady Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Sindh Ministers Sharjeel Inam Memon and Syed Nasir Hussain Shah during the meeting, a Presid..... [more >>](#)

**TOMCL secures USD7.5m orders to supply beef to China**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-18

KARACHI: The Organic Meat Company Limited (TOMCL) has announced a major export breakthrough, confirming USD 7.5 million worth of orders to supply cooked and heat-treated frozen boneless beef to China for the fiscal year 2025-26. According to TOMCL, the orders mark one of its largest single-year export commitments and highlight its compliance with China's rigorous sanitary and phytosanit..... [more >>](#)

**In Xinjiang, President Zardari talks trade, security cooperation**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-19

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari met with top officials from China's Xinjiang region on Thursday, reaffirming their partnership to combat terrorism and extremism while expanding economic cooperation. According to the Presidency, President Zardari met with Chen Xiaojiang, secretary of the Communist Party in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, and the region's governor Erkin T..... [more >>](#)

**Seeds of prosperity**

Source: [Dr Ramesh Kumar Vankwani](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-19

History always acknowledges those visionary leaders who dare to take the first step for the progress and prosperity of their nation. It is an undeniable fact that if the seeds are not sown in time, the trees that bear fruit for future generations can never come into existence. This timeless lesson echoed once again in my mind when news emerged of President Asif Ali Zardari's visit to the Fi..... [more >>](#)

**China-Pakistan Donkey Industry Development Forum kicks off in Islamabad**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-19

ISLAMABAD - The China-Pakistan Donkey Industry Development Forum, themed "Creating Opportunities Together, Winning the Future Together," opened in Islamabad on Thursday. Co-hosted by the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan and Sangyang Industrial (Beijing) Group Co., Ltd., and guided by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan and the Ministry of National Food ..... [more >>](#)

**Agri, education, green development; PCJCCI lauds signing of three MoUs with China**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-19

LAHORE: Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has strongly commended the signing of three transformative Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between Pakistan and China, focusing on agriculture, education, and green development. Nazir Hussain, President PCJCCI said that these strategic agreements, signed during high-level bilateral engagements, are expected to initiate coll..... [more >>](#)

**President Zardari witnesses signing of 3 MoUs in Urumqi**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-20

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari witnessed the signing of three memorandums of understanding (MoUs) between Pakistani and Chinese enterprises in Urumqi, China. The first MoU was inked between Loyang Modern Biotechnologies and the Government of Sindh, represented by Sindh Provincial Minister Nasir Shah. It focuses on modernising Pakistan's livestock sector. The second MoU was signed be..... [more >>](#)

**Islamabad, Beijing sign three pacts to boost trade ties**

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have signed three additional memorandums of understanding (MoUs) to enhance bilateral cooperation in the fields of livestock, fire truck manufacturing, and textiles. The MoUs were witnessed by President Asif Ali Zardari in Urumqi on Friday. Earlier in the week, President Zardari and his delegation, which included several provincial ministers from Sindh, had sign..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan, China sign MoUs to enhance cooperation**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-20

URUMQI - President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday witnessed the signing of three Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between Pakistani and Chinese enterprises to expand co-operation in different sectors. The first MoU was signed between Loyang Modern Biotechnologies and the Government of Sindh, represented by Minister Nasir Shah. It focuses on modernising Pakistan&rs..... [more >>](#)

### **Zardari visits Kashgar Free Trade Zone**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-21

KASHGAR: President Asif Ali Zardari Saturday visited the Kashgar Free Trade Zone, the only facility of its kind in southern Xinjiang and an important hub for trade and logistics in the region. The President was received by Yao Ning, CPC Party Secretary of Kashgar, and was briefed on the zone's growth since its establishment in 2015. Spread over 3.56 square kilometres, the zone brin..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistani restaurant thrives in Nanning during China-ASEAN Expo**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-22

BEIJING - The 22nd China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO), held in Nanning, Guangxi from September 17 to 21, has attracted over 3,200 enterprises from 60 countries and regions. Among the many success stories emerging from the international event is that of a local Pakistani restaurant that has experienced a remarkable surge in popularity thanks to the influx of global visitors, according to a report carried b..... [more >>](#)

### **China, Pakistan forge deeper ties in toy industry**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-22

BEIJING - In an effort to strengthen economic and trade cooperation, Sardar Muhammad, Consul of the Pakistani Consulate in Guangzhou, visited Chenghai, Shantou and held meetings with representatives from the local toy industry. This visit is viewed as a direct follow-up to a Chinese delegation's tour of Pakistan in August and highlights the deepening bilateral engagement in the toy sector. .... [more >>](#)

### **'China supplying over 80pc of Pakistan's military hardware'**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-22

LAHORE: China has become Pakistan's primary defence partner, supplying more than 80 percent of the country's military hardware, according to a prominent Pakistani policy expert speaking in the United States capital. According to a press statement issued here, Muhammad Mehdi, Chairman of the Institute of International Relations and Media Research, made these remarks during a lunche..... [more >>](#)

### **PM's aide meets Chinese tech firm HYF to discuss laptop, tablet manufacturing in Pakistan**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-23

ISLAMABAD - Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) Haroon Akhtar Khan on Monday held a meeting with the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Chinese laptop manufacturing company HYF to discuss the establishment of a laptop and tablet manufacturing industry in Pakistan. The Chinese company specialises in the production of laptops, fingerprint devices, and tablets. SAPM Haroon Akhtar Khan, w..... [more >>](#)

### **New book urges public diplomacy in Pak-China ties**

Source: [Zulfiqar Baig](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-23

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a book launch on Saturday underlined the need for more people-centric initiatives between Pakistan and China on the occasion of the forthcoming 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties in 2026. The China Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) hosted the launch of its latest publication, Pakistan and China: Connecting at People's..... [more >>](#)

**Zardari visit adds new chapter to China ties Jiang pledges deeper cooperation in industry, agriculture**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-24

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong has said President Asif Ali Zardari's 10-day visit to China — a journey across mountains and seas to his "home away from home" —has once again added a new chapter to the iron-clad friendship between China and Pakistan. In a long article, Zaidong presented details of Zardari's visit that started on September 12 a..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan pushes Gulf-China maritime bridge role**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-27

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has stepped up efforts to position itself as a regional logistics and transit hub, with Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry chairing a high-level meeting on Friday to identify priority infrastructure projects linking the Middle East, Central Asia, China and beyond. The minister urged senior officials from key ministries and state institutions to propos..... [more >>](#)

**Beyond MoUs**

Source: [Dr Hassan Daud Butt](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-28

In today's volatile environment, investors increasingly prioritise economic stability, regulatory predictability and policy consistency over temporary incentives, making these fundamentals the backbone of any country's investment attraction strategy. With global FDI growth slowing, successful economies are combining investor roadshows to promote technology hubs with investor-friendly ..... [more >>](#)

**previous next news China allows import of Pakistani plant-based medicinal materials**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-29

BEIJING - China's General Administration of Customs has announced the immediate permission for importing qualified plant-based Chinese medicinal materials from Pakistan, China Economic Net (CEN) reported. It aims at deepening China-Pakistan practical cooperation and broaden supply channels for its medicinal materials market. The approved plant-based Chinese medicinal materials from Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

**TVET coop enters new phase with high-level Beijing seminar**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-29

BEIJING - The China-Pakistan TVET-Industrial Center of Excellence (CPTICE) successfully convened the Pakistan-China International TVET-Industrial Cooperation and Exchange Seminar in Beijing. The event brought together senior officials from Pakistan and representatives from 11 Chinese vocational institutions across nine provinces and autonomous regions to deepen bilateral cooperation in technical a..... [more >>](#)

**'Chinese investors, investments safe in Punjab'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-30

LAHORE: Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain visited the Chinese Consulate and met with the Consul General of China Zhao Shiren here on Monday. During the meeting, discussions were held regarding Chinese companies' investment in Punjab and security matters concerning Chinese investors. Shafay said that Chinese investors and their investments in Punjab are fully prote..... [more >>](#)

**Unilateral tariff concessions on 700 items sought from China**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has requested unilateral tariff concessions from China on approximately 700 items as part of the third phase of the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA), currently under negotiation. This development was disclosed by officials of the Ministry of Commerce during a meeting of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Commerce, chaired by Jawed Hanif Khan. The Commer..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan, China team up to develop orchards**

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-09-23

GUANGZHOU: In the heart of Pakistan's citrus belt, a transformative collaboration between Chinese and Pakistani scientists is helping farmers break a decades-long cycle of crop loss and market rejection, offering new hope for the agricultural export-based economy. At the centre of this change is Dr Shaukat Ali, Associate Professor at the Engineering Research Centre of Biological Control, Min..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan attracts \$120m FDI from China in recent months**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2025-09-20

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan attracted \$120 million in net foreign direct investment (FDI) from China during July-August of the current fiscal year, making up 32.9 percent of the country's total \$364.3 million inflows, a wire service reported on Friday quoting State Bank of Pakistan's latest report. In August alone, China contributed \$68.6 million out of Pakistan's \$..... [more >>](#)

### **NA body concerned over widening trade deficit with China**

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2025-09-23

ISLAMABAD - The National Assembly Standing Committee on Commerce on Monday voiced deep concern over Pakistan's widening trade deficit with China and underscored the urgent need for value addition, institutional reforms, and stronger accountability mechanisms to enhance the country's export performance. The committee met under the chairmanship of Muhammad Jawed Hanif Khan, convened at ..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan secures second place at prestigious International Fireworks Competition held in China**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The News, International](#) , 2025-09-30

LAHORE - Pakistan proudly secured second place at the prestigious International Fireworks Competition held in Shangli, China where world class teams demonstrated their creativity and skill. Representing Pakistan, Allied Fireworks International delivered a breathtaking performance that captivated both the audience and the judges. The highlight of the show was a spectacular fireworks depiction of th..... [more >>](#)

### **Thar coal gasification;Zardari witnesses signing of MoU**

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2025-09-16

SHANGHAI: President Asif Ali Zardari Monday met Wu Lei, Chairman of Shanghai Electric, and later visited the company's facilities in Shanghai. He was accompanied by First Lady Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, and Senator Saleem Mandviwalla. The Chairman of Shanghai Electric gave a briefing on the company's projects in Pakista..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan seeks Chinese waiver, refuses Rs220bn interest payment to IPPs**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2025-09-28

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has informed the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that it will not pay Rs220 billion to Chinese independent power plants (IPPs) as interest on delayed payments for purchased electricity and will instead seek a waiver from Beijing. The government also told the IMF that despite better power sector performance in the last fiscal year, over Rs500 billion more will be added to th..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&amp;R +CPEC

**Maritime plan positions Gwadar as regional hub**

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has reaffirmed its focus on integrating the New Gwadar International Airport with the port as part of the five-year Maritime Affairs Action Plan (2025-2029), aiming to transform Gwadar into a regional trade and transit hub. The commitment was made during a high-level meeting chaired by Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on Wednesday. The pla..... [more >>](#)

**CPEC offers platform for green industrialisation**

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**PM says CPEC-2 is Pakistan's last big chance**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-21

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has warned ministries and divisions of strict action for causing delays in executing over \$8 billion worth of CPEC 2 projects. Chairing a recent high-level meeting, the prime minister said that although the Pakistan-China B2B Conference was a tremendous success, agreements signed must be followed up meticulously by the concerned ministries to convert them..... [more >>](#)

**Ahsan Iqbal leaves for China to attend 14th CPEC JCC meeting in Beijing**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-22

Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal has departed for China to attend the 14th Joint Coordination Committee meeting on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, scheduled in Beijing on Friday. Before leaving for China, in a statement, the Minister underlined the strategic significance of the meeting in shaping the future of Pakistan-China economic cooperation. He said China has always s..... [more >>](#)

**Beyond the flashlights**

Source: [Gulmina Bilal Ahmad](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-23

WHILE attention is drawn to the second phase of CPEC following the recent meeting of the Pakistani and Chinese leadership in Beijing, let us focus on the technical skills and education opportunities that are being brought in. The collaboration between Pakistan and China is aimed at transforming vocational training, language education and technical collaboration between the two countries. Langua..... [more >>](#)

**Corridors of shared prosperity**

Source: [Ahsan Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-26

When the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was launched in 2013 as the flagship of the Belt and Road Initiative, it was little more than a bold vision on paper. Pakistan was facing crippling energy shortages, inadequate infrastructure and stagnant growth. Few could imagine how profoundly CPEC would transform the country's economic landscape within just a decade. Yet today, that vision..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC enters Phase-II as Pakistan, China draw roadmap for next decade: Resolution eludes issue of payment to Chinese IPPs as JCC meet ends in Beijing**

Source: [Mateen Haider, The News, International](#), 2025-09-27

ISLAMABAD: Without resolving the lingering capacity repayments to Chinese Independent Power Producers (IPPs), the 14th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) concluded in Beijing on Friday, marking a historic milestone as the partnership between Pakistan and China entered CPEC Phase-II. "Together, these priorities will transform CPEC into a ..... [more >>](#)

### **Zardari hails launch of CPEC Phase-II**

Source: [Asim Yasin, The News, International](#), 2025-09-27

ISLAMABAD: While referring to the 14th meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) on CPEC held in Beijing on Friday, President Asif Ali Zardari welcomed the launch of CPEC Phase-II focused on people-centred growth, innovation, agriculture, and export development and expressed confidence that this new phase would open up fresh opportunities for Pakistan's economic progress and further d..... [more >>](#)

### **Ambitious roadmap set for CPEC Phase-II: Ahsan**

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-27

BEIJING: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday expressed confidence that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Phase-II would serve as an engine of next-level regional connectivity and economic growth. "Today's deliberations confirm that CPEC Phase-II will be the engine that drives the next stage of our partn..... [more >>](#)

### **Pak, China to release updated CPEC long term plan within 90 days: Ahsan Iqbal**

Source: [Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-27

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China have agreed to publish an updated CPEC Long Term Plan within 90 days, reflecting the convergence of Pakistan's 5Es with the Five Corridors of CPEC 2.0, while the Federal Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal has urged swift agreement on the CPEC JCC minutes to send a strong signal of unity and decisiveness. The 14th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting of the C..... [more >>](#)

### **CPEC Phase-II: 10,000 PhD scholarships for students sought**

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-28

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal has proposed 10,000 joint PhD scholarships in artificial intelligence, engineering and emerging sciences at China's top universities under CPEC Phase-II, citing the need to equip Pakistan's youth for knowledge-driven growth. Briefing media after the 14th meeting of the Joint Coordination Co..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan in a changing world**

Source: [Suleman Zia, The News, International](#), 2025-09-17

For centuries, the Silk Road carried merchants, scholars and ideas through the passes and ports of South and Central Asia. Pakistan, located at this historic crossroads, has always been part of these flows of exchange. Today, the map of global trade is shifting once again. The recent tariff measures by the US have shaped supply chains and encouraged alternative alignments, while states such as Ch..... [more >>](#)

### **With Rs565bn secured, Pakistan eyes CPEC plant dues settlement**

Source: [Khalid Mustafa, The News, International](#), 2025-09-30

ISLAMABAD: With Rs565 billion now available following a landmark Rs1,225 billion financial arrangement with 18 commercial banks, the authorities are preparing to initiate fresh negotiations with seven China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) coal-based Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to settle long-standing liabilities. The move is part of a broader strategy to stabilise the country's pow..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration Under China's B &amp; R

**China-Gwadar-Africa corridor to become operational**

Source: [Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have agreed to operationalise the China-Gwadar-Africa shipping corridor with five feeder routes and bonded warehouses for trade expansion under the five-year maritime action plan for 2025-2029. Sources told The Express Tribune that the two countries are set to finalise the action plan aimed at regional trade corridor development. Under this plan, Gwadar will be..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development &amp; Capacity Building

**Investing in youth vital to strengthen Pak-China ties: President**

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-21

KASHGAR - President Asif Ali Zardari said on Saturday that investing in youth and education is highly significant for strengthening long-term ties between Pakistan and China. He was speaking during his visit to Kashgar University in Xinjiang on Saturday, where he interacted with students and faculty members and encouraged them to deepen academic and cultural linkages. Highlighting the Pak-China..... [more >>](#)

**Mayo Hospital becomes first to adopt China's Co-ablation cancer technology**

Source: [INP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-20

LAHORE - A medical revolution is underway in Punjab. Mayo Hospital, one of South Asia's oldest and largest medical institutions, has become the region's first to introduce China's cutting-edge Co-ablation cancer treatment technology, ushering in a new era of minimally invasive oncology care. The breakthrough comes as a direct result of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif'..... [more >>](#)

## Technology, Trade &amp; Innovation

**Pakistan, China team up to develop orchards**

Source: [China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-23

GUANGZHOU: In the heart of Pakistan's citrus belt, a transformative collaboration between Chinese and Pakistani scientists is helping farmers break a decades-long cycle of crop loss and market rejection, offering new hope for the agricultural export-based economy. At the centre of this change is Dr Shaukat Ali, Associate Professor at the Engineering Research Centre of Biological Control, Min..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese NEVs: a perfect storm**

Source: [Ali Khizar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-29

Pakistan's automobile industry is undergoing an intriguing transformation. During the last financial year, total locally assembled car sales were one-third of the industry's capacity, around 175,000 units sold against an installed capacity of roughly 550,000. Meanwhile, used car imports are opening, yet new assemblers are entering the market (including BYD and others), and existing pla..... [more >>](#)

# SDPI's Engagement

## Conference

### **Dr. Shamshad Akhtar for prioritizing climate resilience through green finance under CPEC**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-09-16

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### **ماحولیاتی بحران ، خزانے کا 3 فیصد نقصان ہو سکتا ، شمشاد اختر**

Source: [Nama Nigar](#), [Dunya News](#), 2025-09-17

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار) سابق وفاقی وزیر اور گورنر اسٹیٹ بینک ڈاکٹر شمشاد اختر نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کو ماحولیاتی بحران کے باعث آئندہ پندرہ برسوں میں قومی پیداوار کا تین فیصد تک نقصان برداشت کرنا پڑ سکتا ہے۔ سی پیک ٹو پوائنٹ ز..... [more >>](#)

### **ماحولیاتی نقصان سے بچنے کا راستہ سبز مالیات ہے: ڈاکٹر شمشاد اختر**

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**CPEC Second Phase Spurs Green Growth, Maritime Expansion**Source: [News Desk](#), [The Daily CPEC](#), 2025-09-20

The second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is emerging as a defining opportunity for Pakistan to shift towards green industrialisation and strengthen its maritime economy. Officials, experts, and policymakers stressed the need for low-carbon technologies, sustainable finance, and port-led development to align with regional and global trends. Green Finance and Industri..... [more >>](#)

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## Dialogue News

**Balochistan lacks grassroots level DRR infrastructure, needs inclusive policy interventions: Speakers**Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-09-18

ISLAMABAD, Sep 18 (APP): Policymakers, researchers, and development experts gathered in Quetta on Thursday at a high-level consultative dialogue titled "Towards Inclusive and Integrated Disaster Responses in Balochistan", jointly organized by P&D Department of Balochistan, UNFPA and facilitated by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). The dialogue focused on building..... [more >>](#)

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کوئٹہ (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - آن لائن۔ 18 ستمبر 2025ء) ماہرین نے کہا ہے کہ بلوچستان میں آفات سے نمٹنے کا بنیادی ڈھانچہ نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے۔ مالی وسائل کی کمی کے باعث بلوچستان بار بار سیلاب اور خشک سالی سے شدید متاثر ہوت..... [more >>](#)

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### **Punjab's youth at the crossroads: Policy dialogue charts path to harness demographic dividend**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-09-23

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### **'Youth bulge needs harnessing'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-24

LAHORE: Policymakers, parliamentarians, development practitioners and civil society experts reached consensus in a dialogue that Punjab's demographic advantage could drive inclusive growth only through coordinated action in education, health, skill development and employment generation. The Data for Development (D4D) policy dialogue on 'Harnessing the demographic dividend: forging an act..... [more >>](#)

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### **نوجوانوں کی صلاحیت کو نکھارا جائے تو قومی ترقی تیز ہو سکتی ہے، پالیسی ڈائریکٹوریٹ میں اتفاق**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-09-23

میں ہارنسینگ دی ڈیموگرافک ڈیوڈنڈ: پنجاب کے لیے عملی منصوبے کی تشکیل کے عنوان (FCCU) لاہور (صبح نیوز) فارمن کرسچن کالج یونیورسٹی پالیسی ڈائریکٹوریٹ منعقد ہوا۔ یہ ڈائریکٹوریٹ یو این ایف پی اے، سسٹین (D4D) سے اعلیٰ سطحی ڈیٹا فار ڈیولپمنٹ..... [more >>](#)

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Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2025-09-26

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## Policy Research Clinic

### **Ishrat links climate change to security threat**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-30

ISLAMABAD: Former Governor of State Bank Dr Ishrat Husain has said that Water-Food-Energy nexus is responsible for environmental degradation in Pakistan, and climate change should be the priority area for every think tank, as it is a traditional security threat for the country. He was speaking at the SDPI's Policy Research Clinic, titled: "The Agenda for Policy Think Tanks in Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

### **Climate change should be priority area: Ishrat: 'Water-food-energy nexus is responsible for environmental degradation in Pakistan'**

Source: [Hamza Habib](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-09-30

ISLAMABAD: Dr Ishrat Husain, former governor of the State Bank, has said that the Ministries of National Food Security & Research, Water Resources, and Climate Change hardly get the attention and resources they deserve, and, as a result, food security is now at stake because of floods and changes in the weather patterns. He was speaking at the SDPI's Policy Research Clinic, titled: &ldq..... [more >>](#)

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**Kafkaesque debt spiral**

Source: [Furqan Ali And Arfa Ijaz](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-29

Pakistan's debt story has become a grim chronicle of missed opportunities, persistent mismanagement and recurring crises that have steadily eroded the foundations of economic sovereignty. The fragile fiscal account is inundated by debt servicing, consuming a disproportionate share of resources and leaving only a narrow space for human-centric development expenditure. The latest figures star..... [more >>](#)

**A constitutional moment**

Source: [Abdullah Khalid And Qasim Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-16

When women parliamentarian moved for leave to introduce the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025, seeking changes to Articles 51 and 106, it was easy for many to dismiss the motion as routine parliamentary business. The Order of the Day moved on, the debate subsided and the bill did not dominate headlines. Yet behind that small procedural act lies a much bigger question that Pakistan can no longer..... [more >>](#)

**Alternative financing for human capital**

Source: [Dr Razia Safdar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-09-21

An analysis of the public expenditure reviews from 2017-22, reveals that child-focused spending by provincial governments is not in line with their budgetary commitments. Public finance constraints due to large debt servicing expenditure are curtailing social sector investment with public spending on education limited to only 2 percent of GDP, on heal..... [more >>](#)

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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa stands at a pivotal point in its economic journey. Despite Pakistan's significant strides in macroeconomic stabilisation, characterised by 2.68 percent GDP growth in FY2025, a historic primary surplus of 3.0 percent of GDP, and a dramatic fall in inflation to 0.3 percent in April 2025, KP's economic potential remains unr..... [more >>](#)

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Karak, a district in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan, is often portrayed as a land of promise. Beneath its rugged terrain lie vast reserves of limestone, coal, gypsum, rock salt, shale clay, and silica sand, fuelling industries from cement and chemicals to glass and edible salt. On the energy front, Karak is a national heavyweight. Bordering the Kohat oil basin, it contributes more ..... [more >>](#)

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Pakistan's floods are not just a natural disaster; they are a tragic intersection of a changing climate, political tensions and our own unpreparedness. The country's troubling history of severe flooding has once again become painfully

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### **The real promise of the Saudi pact**

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On September 17, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed a strategic defence pact. While most commentary has centred on military cooperation, the more urgent question is whether this moment can also mark an economic turning point for Pakistan. Defence partnerships can stabilise borders, but economic partnerships transform nations. For decades, our relationship with Riyadh has followed a predictable scri..... [more >>](#)

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The federal government has constituted a high-level Youth Development Technical Working Group (TWG) to design and implement the Youth Development Index (YDI) 2026, a comprehensive framework to measure and track the progress of Pakistani youth across multiple dimensions, including education, employment, health, civic participation, peace, and security. According to a notification from the Prime ..... [more >>](#)

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British High Commissioner to Pakistan HE Jane Marriott has praised Haleon Pakistan as a model for responsible foreign investment, highlighting its role in strengthening local manufacturing, empowering communities, and supporting national supply chains. "Haleon's presence in Pakistan is a strong example of how British businesses are going beyond commerce by investing in communities and..... [more >>](#)

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