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

Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

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

“China Study Centre - SDPI”

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

Newspapers Covered:

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

Editor Note:

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

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

Subjects Covered

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

China Study Centre

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

Kashmir, Elephant and Dragon

Source: [Dr Shazia Anwer Cheema](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-26

India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, speaking at the Raisina Dialogue held in New Delhi recently, rejected the existing world order and called for a new one. India's loud demand for a new international order should be reviewed through the evolving dynamics of Sino-Indian relations. On March 17, 2025, China welcomed Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that India [more >>](#)

Missing in Baloch conundrum

Source: [Abbas Nasir](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-16

THE hijacking of a train by BLA militants in Balochistan and the reprehensible murder of innocent, unarmed hostages was a step up the escalatory ladder by the banned group and was followed by the Pakistani military's response that the attack would dictate a change in the rules of engagement. This change was spelt out at a media briefing by the military's top spokesman who said BLA m..... [more >>](#)

China & America trade conflict

Chinese premier calls for 'dialogue' as US senator visits Beijing

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-23

China's number two leader on Sunday called for "dialogue" with Washington, during a meeting in Beijing attended by prominent US business executives and a key congressional ally of President Donald Trump. Relations between the world's two largest economies have plunged in recent weeks, as blanket tariffs imposed by Trump threaten China's trade prospects. Premier [more >>](#)

Via imperia

Source: [F.S. Aijazuddin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

AT the height of the Roman Empire, all roads led to, and from, Rome. In Britannia alone — a province conquered in 43 AD and held for 400 years — the Roman legions built about 8,000 miles (13,000 kilometres) of roads. The historian Plutarch records that these roads ran "perfectly straight through the countryside". Remnants of them exist even today. Our own Grand Trunk Roa..... [more >>](#)

Pakistani entities linked to China face US curbs

Source: [Agencies](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

WASHINGTON: The United States has added dozens of entities to a trade blacklist on Tuesday, its commerce department said, in part to disrupt Beijing's artificial intelligence and advanced computing capabilities. The action affects 80 entities from countries including China, Taiwan, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Iran and South Africa, with the department citing their "activitie..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

CDF 2025: Key Takeaways

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

Two-day China Development Forum (CDF) 2025, that ended on March 24, set the tone of global oneness to let world steer toward global development for a new stage of balanced, coordinated and inclusive growth in face of rising trends of protectionism, unilateralism and decoupling. From the onset to conclusion, Chinese leadership put the best foot forward to get the na..... [more >>](#)

China's growth amid headwinds

Source: [Ishrat Husain](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-29

The just-concluded annual sessions of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, endorsed the main economic targets proposed by Premier Li Qiang in the Government Work Report, including a GDP growth rate of around 5.0 per cent and a consumer price index increase of around 2.0 per cent. After successfully meeting the 5.0 per cent GDP growth target in 2024, China continues to r..... [more >>](#)

Energy, Environment & Climate Change

Chinese wind turbine makers lead 2024 global installations: Report

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-24

BEIJING - China accounted for six of the top 10 wind turbine makers globally in 2024, based on the latest report by Bloomberg NEF (BNEF), and the top four were all from China alone for the first time since BNEF began publishing the ranking in 2013. Specifically, Goldwind kept leading the ranking as the world's largest turbine provider, with a newly added capacity of 19.3 GW in 2024. Envision [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Sino-Pak cooperation

Source: [Muhammad Amir Rana](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-16

IT is expected that the train hijacking incident in Balochistan will trigger a robust response from the state — quite likely in the form of military action on several fronts. Nevertheless, discussions focusing on the political aspects of the crisis in the province, and how to address it, particularly regarding the initiation of dialogue, will persist, even if in subdued tones. The debate [more >>](#)

Markets, facilities to be provided to Chinese citizens

Source: [Jawwad Rizvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-19

LAHORE: The Punjab government has initiated the proactive steps to address concerns of Chinese companies related to dedicated markets, salons, and other essential facilities within industrial zones so that the Chinese residents can access basic necessities without security concerns. Around two dozen of the Chinese companies operating in Pakistan have raised these concerns with the Punjab governme..... [more >>](#)

Works of Chinese artist go on display at PNCA

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-23

Islamabad: Pakistan National Council of the Arts on Thursday inaugurated 'Mirror to the Soul,' a captivating portrait exhibition featuring the remarkable works of Chinese artist Professor Zhao Yingming. The exhibition, a collaborative initiative between PNCA and For Art Sake, will remain open for the public until March 25. UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China in talks for security of Chinese nationals

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

BEIJING: Pakistan and China are engaged in discussions to strengthen security measures for Chinese nationals working in Pakistan, Islamabad's Ambassador to Beijing, Khalil Hashmi, said on Wednesday. Speaking on the sidelines of Boao Forum in China's Hainan province, Hashmi emphasized that ensuring the safety of Chinese workers is Pakistan's "national responsibility,"..... [more >>](#)

China, Pakistan firmly stand together for a brighter future: Envoy

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-24

ISLAMABAD - Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong has said that China and Pakistan stand firmly together and would remain strong partners through thick and thin for mutual benefits in all sectors particularly economy. He was addressing here on Sunday the inauguration ceremony of the "Esthetic Bridges" exhibition in this vibrant and hopeful season of spring. Among others, the function [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

'China's role commendable in transforming Pakistan'

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-27

Islamabad: Chinese companies' role highly commendable in Pakistan's development, from road expansions to energy projects and port enhancements. This was stated by Associate Researcher Kumar Raja who is engaged in the Artificial Intelligence and Public Safety Research Centre at the Yangtze Delta Region Institute (Huzhou) of the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UES..... [more >>](#)

Growth Corridor

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-16

The commitment of both Pakistan and China to the timely completion of the Karakoram Highway (KKH) and ML-1 railway project underscores the importance of sustained, strategic infrastructure development. These projects are more than mere transportation networks; they represent economic lifelines that will boost trade, create jobs, and improve connectivity within Pakistan and beyond. The focus on co..... [more >>](#)

Chinese firm refutes claims about lapses in coal bidding process

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese Company M/s Huaneng Shandong Ruyi (HSR), which owns 1360MW imported coal-fired Sahiwal power plant, has strongly refuted claims made by certain individuals and entities, asserting that they are part of a targeted campaign to undermine its reputation, with ulterior business motives at play. The company, in a communication addressed to Power Division has referred to a com..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Navy second Hangor-class submarine launched in China

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-17

BEIJING - The Pakistan Navy's second Hangor-class submarine was recently launched in China, with a Chinese expert expecting the boat with strong comprehensive combat capability to become a mainstay for the Pakistan Navy and represent a high level of military cooperation between the two countries to safeguard peace and stability in the region. The launching ceremony took place in Wuhan, Ce..... [more >>](#)

Pakistani, Chinese companies ink MoU to boost e-commerce collaboration

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-17

BEIJING - In a move to strengthen Pakistan-China cooperation in the fields of information technology (IT) and e-commerce, the Guangzhou Tianhe Software and Information Industry Association, China and E-commerce Gateway

Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd. have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU). The agreement, signed recently, aims to jointly promote ITCN Asia 2025, a premier IT and E-commerce trade fair [more >>](#)

Trade wars and tariffs

Source: [Dr Hassan Daud Butt](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-18

In an increasingly dynamic global landscape, Asia stands at the forefront of change, driven by a shared commitment to openness and economic integration. The region's growth remains crucial to global development. Home to more than half of the world's population, Asia accounts for nearly a third of global output in terms of purchasing power. The IMF has projected a 4.4 per cent growth rate..... [more >>](#)

Exploring bold economic fix for Pakistan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-22

Islamabad: Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) held a high-level meeting with Prof David Daokui Li, Mansfield Freeman Chair Professor at Tsinghua University, China, to deliberate on Pakistan's economic challenges and explore areas for strategic collaboration. Dr Nasir Iqbal, Registrar and Acting Vice-Chancellor, who led the PIDE team presented the institute's National Ec..... [more >>](#)

First-ever cargo flight from China lands at Islamabad airport

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-22

Islamabad International Airport has achieved a significant milestone with the launch of its first-ever cargo flights from China. According to Express News, the first cargo flight from Urumqi, operated by SF Airlines, arrived at Islamabad Airport carrying over 25 tons of goods. The Chinese delegation was warmly welcomed by Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Airport Manager Aftab Gilani. In a sta..... [more >>](#)

Customs values on import of various pins from China revised

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-23

ISLAMABAD: Directorate General of Customs Valuation Karachi has revised customs values on the import of Safety Pin, Paper Pin & Scarf Pin (Low End Brands) from China. In this regard, the directorate has issued valuation ruling number 1983 of 2025 on Saturday. Background of the issue revealed that the customs values of Safety Pin, Paper Pin & Scarf Pin (Low End Brands) were determined vide [more >>](#)

Pakistan gears up for key role at Boao Forum

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-26

BEIJING: Pakistan is poised to play a significant role at the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) 2025, a crucial platform shaping the continent's economic landscape amid global uncertainties. With high-level participation from Pakistan's finance ministry, the Ministry of Commerce and the diplomatic corps, the country aims to contribute to discussions on regional cooperation, trade and economic [more >>](#)

Aurangzeb calls for inclusive, equitable globalisation at Boao Forum for Asia

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-27

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb has called for inclusive and equitable globalisation to benefit the developing economies of the world. He emphasized the urgent need for an inclusive approach to globalization, one that benefits all nations, particularly the developing economies, said a press release issued here on Wednesday. H..... [more >>](#)

China-Pakistan trade surges as Khunjerab Pass opens year-round

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-28

KASHGAR - Following customs clearance, a convoy of 25 domestically manufactured tractor trucks, valued at a total of USD 1.5 million, departed from Khunjerab Pass in Xinjiang, China. These "Made in China" machines will travel along the Karakoram Highway to reach Sost Port in Pakistan, serving as a gateway for distribution along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and to global markets, [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China adopt novel approach to grow flowers

Source: [China Economic Net](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-30

KUNMING: A joint study by Pakistan's Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University (SBBU) and China's Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (YAAS) has tested new techniques that could assist Pakistani farmers in growing roses and marigolds, flowers commonly used in the country for cultural events and celebrations. The one-year project based in Yunnan, southwest China, examined ways to tackle issue..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's sesame seed exports to China surge by 180pc in early 2025

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-30

BEIJING - Pakistan's sesame seed exports to China saw a significant 179.88% increase in the first two months of 2025, reflecting growing demand and deepening agricultural trade ties between the two countries, said Ghulam Qadir, Trade and Investment Counsellor at Pakistan's Embassy in Beijing. Ghulam Qadir, Trade and Investment Counsellor, said that according to data from Chin..... [more >>](#)

New floral varieties developed to boost yields

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-31

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China reaffirms support for Pakistan's uplift, counterterrorism efforts

Source: [Muhammad Saleh Zaafir](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-24

ISLAMABAD: China has pledged firm support to Pakistan in safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity, pursuing a development path suited to its national conditions, combating terrorism and playing a greater role in international and regional affairs. Announcing this commitment, Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong, while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of "Esthetic Bridge"..... [more >>](#)

Strategic cooperation to enhance mutual benefits: Chinese envoy

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-24

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong on Sunday said that strategic cooperation between China and Pakistan will further boost the mutual benefits. Addressing the inauguration ceremony of the "Esthetic Bridge" exhibition at Silkroad Culture Center, the ambassador said, "We are ready to work with Pakistan to implement this important initiative, appreciating [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

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Balochistan speaker seeks report on CPEC projects in Gwadar

Source: Saleem Shahid, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-03-18

QUETTA: Baluchistan Assembly Speaker Abdul Khaliq Achakzai on Monday directed that a detailed progress report on development projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in Gwadar be presented in the next session. He also called for arranging a visit for all MPAs to directly assess the situation in the coastal district. Jamaat-i-Islami lawmaker Maulana Hidayatur Rehman, in a ca..... [more >>](#)

Research, Development & Capacity Building

Sino-COMSTECH collaboration strengthens scientific and health partnerships

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2025-03-24

Islamabad: OIC-COMSTECH, the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation under the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), continues to strengthen its collaborations with China in the fields of science, technology, and health. The initiative underscores international scientific cooperation and its growing strategic partnership with China. During a ceremony at COMS..... [more >>](#)

Sino-Pak varsities vow to strengthen ties to meet global challenges

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2025-03-27

FAISALABAD: At the 11th Board of Directors meeting of the Chinese Confucius Institute (CI), chaired by the University of Agriculture Faisalabad Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zulfiqar Ali and Prof Dr Jiang Pingan (online), President of Xinjiang Agriculture University China, it was discussed that the two universities will strengthen academia and research ties to address future challenges. Prof Dr Jiang P..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Dialogue News

Denmark backs Pakistan's green transition, calls sustainability 'a business opportunity'

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2025-03-21

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with the Embassy of Denmark hosted a high-stakes pre-budget dialogue on carbon taxation, emphasizing the urgent need for a well-rounded policy approach. Speaking at the forum Danish Ambassador Jacob Linulf emphasized the urgent need for climate action in Pakistan, citing climate change as a fundamental threat that requires immed..... [more >>](#)

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Denmark Backs Pakistan's Green Transition, Calls Sustainability 'a Business Opportunity'

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Denmark hosts dialogue to support Pakistan's green transition

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ماحولیاتی تحفظ اور معیشت کے استحکام کیلئے کاربن ٹیکسیشن ناگزیر ہے: ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-03-20

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) پاکستان میں پائیدار ترقی اور ماحولیاتی تبدیلی کے خطرات سے نمٹنے کے لئے ڈنمارک نے اپنی غیر متزلزل حمایت کا اعادہ کرتے ہوئے سبز معیشت کو ایک منافع بخش موقع قرار دیا جبکہ سپریم کورٹ کے سینئر جج جسٹس منصور..... [more >>](#)

ہم موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں سے متاثر، کاربن ٹیکس لگنا چاہیے: جسٹس منصور

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2025-03-20

اسلام آباد (خبر نگار) جسٹس منصور علی شاہ نے اسلام آباد میں تقریب سے خطاب میں کہا ہے کہ میں سمجھتا ہوں کاربن ٹیکس ہونا چاہیے۔ ہم موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں سے متاثر ہو رہے ہیں۔ کاربن اخراج میں کمی آنی چاہیے۔ پاکستان کے موسمیاتی تبدیلی..... [more >>](#)

کارین ٹیکسیشن پسماندہ ممالک کیلئے بحالی و مزاحمت کانگریز ذریعہ، جسٹس منصور شاہ

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2025-03-21

اسلام آباد (اپنے نامہ نگار سے) سپریم کورٹ کے سینئر جج جسٹس منصور علی شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ کارین ٹیکسیشن ماحولیاتی تحفظ کیساتھ ساتھ پسماندہ ممالک کیلئے بحالی اور مزاحمت کا ایک ناگزیر ذریعہ ہے، پاکستان میں پائیدار ترقی اور ماحو..... [more >>](#)

Experts Urge Strategic Carbon Taxation To Boost Climate Resilience

Source: [Sabih Ul Hussnain](#), [The Friday Times](#), 2025-03-21

Supreme Court Justice Mansoor Ali Shah has emphasised that carbon taxation should be a tool for climate adaptation and resilience, particularly for vulnerable nations like Pakistan. He underscored the need for a differentiated carbon tax regime aligned with Pakistan's economic realities, ensuring climate justice while facilitating a sustainable transition for industries. Addressing a pre-..... [more >>](#)

Western countries send ships to Gadani under falsified documents

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-24

Islamabad: Rear Admiral Salman Ilyas, Managing Director, Karachi Shipyard, highlighting challenges faced by Pakistan's shipbuilding industry, has called it an essential but neglected sector crucial for national development. Admiral Salman was addressing a webinar on "Circularity in the marine environment and sustainable ship recycling in Pakistan" organised here by Sustainable Deve..... [more >>](#)

Roundtable Discussion

Tobacco industry manipulates statistics, research to influence govt policy

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-03-25

Islamabad: Managing Director, Social Policy and Development Centre (SPDC) Asif Iqbal noted that tobacco companies manipulate declared production to influence tax policies. He was speaking at a roundtable on "Tobacco industry's tactics of manipulation of budgetary taxes: policy, practice and evidence" organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Asif Iqbal highl..... [more >>](#)

Experts censure tobacco industry for tax evasion, other duties

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-03-24

ISLAMABAD, Mar 24 (APP): Experts at a roundtable, terming the tactics of tobacco industry manipulative said that the industry is involved in tax evasion, hatching misleading propaganda, and presenting exaggerated statistics on illicit trade of cigarettes to resist federal excise duty and other taxes to dent government's revenue regime against tobacco products. The roundtable on "Toba..... [more >>](#)

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SDPI Unmasks Tobacco Industry's Economic Manipulations

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2025-03-24

Islamabad, March 24, 2025 – Dr. Waseem Iftikhar Janjua, Senior Advisor at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), has raised serious concerns regarding the manipulative tactics employed by the tobacco industry, particularly in tax evasion and policy influence. Speaking at a roundtable discussion titled "Tobacco Industry's Tactics of Manipulation of Budgetary Taxes: [more >>](#)

تمباکو کی قیمتوں میں اضافے سے غیر قانونی تجارت میں کمی آئی، ماہرین

Source: [Commerce Reporter](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2025-03-25

اسلام آباد (کامرس رپورٹر) ماہرین کے مطابق تمباکو کمپنیاں سگریٹ کی غیر قانونی تجارت کے بارے میں مبالغہ آرائی پر مبنی اعداد و شمار پیش کر کے ٹیکس ریونیو میں اضافے کی کوششوں کو سبوتاژ کر رہی ہیں، تمباکو کی قیمتوں میں اضافے سے [more >>](#).....

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-03-24

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین اور پالیسی سازوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ تمباکو کمپنیاں غیر قانونی تجارت کے بارے میں مبالغہ آرائی پر مبنی اعداد و شمار پیش کر کے محصولات میں اضافے کی کوششوں کو سبوتاژ کر رہی ہیں۔ تمباکو پر ٹیکس میں اضافے [more >>](#).....

تمباکو کی کاشت کا پھیلانہ روکنے پر توجہ دی جائے، ایس ڈی پی آئی مذاکرہ میں ماہرین کا خطاب

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-03-24

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اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر، نامہ نگار، خصوصی رپورٹر) چیئر پرسن سینیٹ قائمہ کمیٹی ماحولیاتی تبدیلی سینیٹر شیری رحمان نے کہا پاکستان کی تعمیراتی صنعت کا ماحولیاتی اثر بہت بڑا ہے جس میں سالانہ 49.6 ملین ٹن فضلہ پیدا ہوتا ہے۔ س..... [more >>](#)

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The webinar on "Circularity in the Marine Environment and Sustainable Ship Recycling in Pakistan" was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute here. The experts also pointed out that the ports, which serve as the

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