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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)

'BRI alignment with national strategies crucial for inclusive growth'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-08

Islamabad: Dr Shamshad Akhtar, former Finance Minister, has emphasised the potential of China's model for scalable global growth, urging alignment of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) with national strategies, promotion of open innovation and inclusive globalisation through cooperation and mutual respect. Dr Shamshad was addressing a session on "China's vision for modernisation: prosp..... [more >>](#)

China & America trade conflict

China 'evaluating' US offer to talk tariffs; warns against 'extortion'

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-05-02

Beijing is "evaluating" an offer from Washington to hold talks over US President Donald Trump's 145 per cent tariffs, China's Commerce Ministry said on Friday, although it warned the United States not to engage in "extortion and coercion". Washington and Beijing have been locked in a cat-and-mouse game over tariffs, with both sides unwilling to be seen to bac..... [more >>](#)

US approaches China for tariff talks Chinese social media hints at willingness to negotiate 145% duties

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-05-02

BEIJING/WASHINGTON: The United States has approached China seeking talks over President Donald Trump's 145% tariffs, a social media account affiliated with Chinese state media said on Thursday, potentially signalling Beijing's openness to negotiations. "The US has proactively reached out to China through multiple channels, hoping to hold discussions on the tariff issue," Yuyuan..... [more >>](#)

US-China trade war

Source: [Anjum Ibrahim](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-05-05

The Liberation Day "reciprocal" tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump were stayed for 90 days on 9 April for all countries except China. Trump announced that "I am hereby raising the tariff charged to China by the USA to 125 percent effective immediately" (a rate later raised to 145 percent) "based on the lack of respect that China has shown to the world&rsqu..... [more >>](#)

Nvidia to release downgraded H20 AI chip for China: Reute

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-05-09

Nvidia is preparing to release a modified version of its H20 artificial intelligence chip for the Chinese market, aiming for a July launch, according to three sources familiar with the matter. The move comes as the US government tightens restrictions on advanced semiconductor exports to China, forcing the American chipmaker to downgrade performance to comply with export regulations. The H20 was [more >>](#)

US, Chinese officials start Geneva talks on easing trade war

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2025-05-10

China's vice premier He Lipeng held talks with US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent early on Saturday in Geneva in a tentative first step towards defusing a trade war that is disrupting the global economy, according to China's state-owned news agency and two people close to the talks. Bessent and US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer were due to meet He in Geneva after weeks of grow..... [more >>](#)

US-China talks resume as Trump hails 'total reset' in trade relations

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-11

Talks between top US and Chinese officials resumed for a second day on Sunday, after US President Donald Trump voiced optimism over the negotiations aimed at de-escalating trade tensions sparked by his aggressive tariff rollout. In a Truth Social post following the first day of talks in Geneva on Saturday, Trump praised the "very good" discussions and deemed them "a total reset..... [more >>](#)

Inside China's decision to come to the table on Trump tariffs

Source: [Antoni Slodkowski and Laurie Chen](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-11

Since US President Donald Trump imposed steep tariffs on China last month, Beijing has responded in kind. On state and social media, it posted images of Mao Zedong, lambasted "imperialists," and sent a message: capitulation to bullies is dangerous, and it wouldn't back down. But behind closed doors, Chinese officials have grown increasingly alarmed about tariffs' impact..... [more >>](#)

The US-China Strategic Maturity

Source: [M A Hossain](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-12

The global economy now finds itself in an era of uneasy transition—between the liberal order of the past and the fragmented, transactional world of the present. In this fraught environment, the meeting between China's Vice Premier He Lifeng and U.S. officials in Switzerland (9–12 May) carries implications far beyond the immediate issue of tariffs. This..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

China's defence stocks rise after Indo-Pak clash

Source: [Monitoring Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-08

SHARES of Chinese defence-manufacturing companies rallied on Wednesday, as the escalation in border tensions between India and Pakistan boosted the outlook for mainland exporters, Bloomberg reported. Pakistan, which has imported a bulk of the defence equipment including J-10C fighter jets, claimed to have shot down five Indian planes, including a French Rafale jet. This led to speculation that Ch..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

PM thanks China for endorsing Pakistan's call for probe into Pahalgam attack

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-01

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday thanked Chinese Premier Li Qiang for endorsing Islamabad's call for a credible and transparent international investigation into the April 22 attack in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), which left 26 people dead. The prime minister made the remarks during a meeting with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong at the Prime Minister's Office..... [more >>](#)

Pak, China push regional shift with Afghanistan

Source: [Shahabullah Yousafzai](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-11

KABUL: A trilateral meeting amongst Pakistan-Afghanistan and China on Saturday agreed on regional realignment and extension of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project to Afghanistan. It was also agreed on the strategic front that Indian influence in Afghanistan would be limited to diplomatic missions, if the alignment worked in a proper manner, sources said. The decisions—confirmed..... [more >>](#)

China, Pakistan take stock of situation

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-15

BEIJING: China's vice-foreign minister Sun Weidong met on Tuesday with Pakistan's ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi to discuss tensions between Islamabad and New Delhi, a statement from his ministry said on Wednesday. Sun said "China welcomes and supports Pakistan and India achieving a comprehensive and lasting ceasefire", the statement said. "China is ready to c..... [more >>](#)

China puts its weight behind Pakistan

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-02

ISLAMABAD: As tensions between Pakistan and India continue to rise, China on Thursday reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to support Pakistan's pursuit of peace and stability in South Asia. The pledge came during a high-level meeting between Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, said a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office. [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Pakistan Consulate General in Shanghai hosts New Energy Vehicle Procurement Conference

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-02

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan Consulate General in Shanghai hosted a New Energy Vehicle Procurement Conference along with 2025 Shanghai International Auto Show. The show attracted around 60 major Chinese automakers including BYD, Geely and Skyworth, Gwadar Pro reported. It has drawn international acclaim for its technological innovations, with Punjab Transport Minister of Pakistan Bilal Akbar Khan calling [more >>](#)

Chinese Cos sign MoU on investment in Punjab

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-03

LAHORE: A delegation of Chinese companies visited the Punjab Industrial Estates Development and Management Company (PIEDMC) Head Office to explore investment opportunities and strengthen economic cooperation between Pakistan and China. It was agreed to establish a Pak-China Investment Cell and Research Lab under the management of PIEDMC. Chairman of PIEDMC Javed Iqbal, along with board members and..... [more >>](#)

Chinese delegation visits Sargodha Chamber to explore trade opportunities

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-04

SARGODHA - A Chinese business delegation visited the Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) on Saturday, marking a significant step forward in strengthening Pak-China economic relations. The delegation was warmly welcomed by SCCI President Khawaja Yasir Qayyum and other senior representatives upon their arrival. In his welcome address, President Qayyum described the visit as a milestone [more >>](#)

Regional stability; Strategic partnership with China termed 'central pillar'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-08

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa (CAMEA) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), in collaboration with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Pakistan office, hosted a one-day International Conference, titled "Pakistan and the Region: Enhancing Regional Connectivity, Addressing Non-Traditional Threats, and Countering Terrorism." Speakers a..... [more >>](#)

TDAP seminar highlights sorghum export opportunity to China

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-09

SAHIWAL: The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) hosted a seminar titled "Seizing Global Market Opportunities: Revitalizing Pakistan's Sorghum Exports to China" at the Maize and Millet Research Institute, Sahiwal.

The event united agricultural scientists, trade experts, farmers, and policymakers to strategize the revival of sorghum cultivation, positioning Pakista..... [more >>](#)

Huawei, MoFEPT sign MoU to train 300,000 youth in ICT skills

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-15

ISLAMABAD - In an effort toward digital transformation, the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFEPT) and Huawei Technologies Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to train 300,000 Pakistani students in ICT and emerging technologies. The agreement was signed during a ceremony chaired by Federal Education Minister Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui on Wednesday. Under [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

CPEC projects; Third-party involvement up for review today

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal has convened a meeting to review progress on CPEC (China- Pakistan Economic Corridor) projects including modalities of third party participation in the projects on Thursday (May 8), sources told Business Recorder. The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives has shared the projected agenda of m..... [more >>](#)

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JCC under CPEC to meet in June; Agri tech, energy and Gwadar projects discussed

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-10

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Planning discussed various projects relating to agriculture technology, energy and Gwadar and preparation and arrangements for the forthcoming Joint Cooperation Committee to be held in June under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal chaired progress review meeting of CPEC on Friday which was attended by officials from Mi..... [more >>](#)

Technology & Innovation

China turns to AI humanoid robots to revolutionise manufacturing

Source: [Reuters](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-13

AgiBot, a pioneering humanoid robot startup, operates a sprawling warehouse in a Shanghai suburb, where robots perform repetitive tasks like folding T-shirts and making sandwiches for 17 hours a day. The goal is to amass data to train robots for future integration into daily life. This initiative has gained significant attention from the Chinese government, particularly as the nation grapples wit..... [more >>](#)

Technology, Trade & Innovation

Black tech catching eyes at International hi-tech expo

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-09

BEIJING: "Our 1,000-qubit coherent optical quantum computer exhibited for the first time, as China's first optical quantum computer to break the kilobit scale, has broad application prospects in biopharmaceuticals, artificial

intelligence, communications, finance, energy and other industries." A staff member of Beijing Boson Quantum Technology introduced orderly. "In the field..... [more >>](#)

Chinese weapons gave Pakistan a new edge against India: report

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-11

India's four-day military showdown with Pakistan set several new precedents. For military officials from outside the region, the most intriguing one was Pakistan's use of advanced Chinese fighter jets and missiles in aerial combat with Western-made counterparts, according to The Economist. What's more, Pakistan claims that its Chinese J-10C fighters and their PL-15 air-to-air mis..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

Book Launch

Book championing local govts as pillar of democracy launched

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-13

Islamabad: A powerful call for decentralisation and grassroots empowerment echoed at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) as it launched 'Local Government: Foundation of Democratic System,' a compelling book authored by Barrister Naseem Ahmed Bajwa. The event brought together policymakers, academics, civil society leaders, and legal experts who unanimously emphasized the..... [more >>](#)

Scholars, lawmakers stand for empowering local govts

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-13

ISLAMABAD: Policymakers, academics, civil society leaders, and legal experts on Monday unanimously emphasised the importance of empowered local governments to make Pakistan's democratic dream a reality. "Without functional and empowered local governments, Pakistan's democratic dream remains incomplete," they said in their comments on a book, "Local Government: Founda..... [more >>](#)

SDPI launches book championing local governments as pillar of democracy

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صوبائی حکومتیں بلدیاتی انتخابات میں رکاوٹ ہیں، مقررین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-05-12

اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز)مقررین نے قرار دیا ہے کہ پائیدار ترقی اور معاشی استحکام کیلئے مضبوط مقامی حکومتیں ناگزیر ہیں، آئینی آرٹیکل 140-A اور 32 کی عدم تعمیل موجودہ نظام کو "غیر آئینی" بناتی ہے صوبائی حکومتیں بلدیاتی انتخاب..... [more >>](#)

Consultative Discussion

Pakistan needs EPR policy on plastics, say expertsSource: APP, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-07

ISLAMABAD - Experts at a National Stakeholder Consultation emphasized to initiate a path toward a robust national Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy on plastics in Pakistan. The consultation on 'Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Framework for Plastics' was jointly organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and European Union's SWITCH-Asia Programm..... [more >>](#)

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پلاسٹک آلودگی کیخلاف ای پی آر پالیسی کی فوری ضرورت: رومینہ خورشید

Source: SABAH, [SABAH News](#), 2025-05-06

اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز)ماحولیاتی آلودگی کے بڑھتے ہوئے خطرات اور سرکلر اکانومی کے تقاضوں کے تناظر میں ماہرین نے زور دیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں پلاسٹک سے متعلق ایک جامع اور مضبوط توسیعی پروٹیسر ذمہ داری (EPR) پالیسی نافذ کی جائے، ت..... [more >>](#)

'Pakistan needs EPR policy on plastics'Source: Rasheed Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2025-05-08

Islamabad: Prime Minister's Coordinator for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam, has described Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) a "transformative opportunity" saying it is not a choice between economy and environment but a strategy to align both. Ms Romina was speaking at a Consultation on "EPR Framework for plastics" jointly orga..... [more >>](#)

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ED Activities

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مخالفت کے باوجود قرض کی منظوری پاکستان کی بڑی کامیابی ہے، ڈاکٹر عابد قیوم سلہری

Source: APP, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-05-14

اسلام آباد (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - این این آئی۔ 14 مئی 2025ء) سربراہ پالیسی ادارہ برائے پائیدار ترقی ڈاکٹر عابد قیوم سلہری نے کہا ہے کہ آئی ایم ایف سے ایک ارب ڈالر کی قسط کی منظوری پاکستان کی عالمی مالیاتی محاذ پر ایک [more >>](#).....

Roundtable Discussion

'Pakistan must reckon hidden costs of coal power also'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-09

Islamabad: Muhammad Ayub, former Managing Director, National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC), has acknowledged coal's role in diversifying the energy mix post-2013 but warned that the real cost of coal is far greater than calculated. Mr Ayub was speaking at a roundtable on "Weighing the actual cost of coal power generation in Pakistan: an E3 approach" organised here by Sus..... [more >>](#)

A roundtable on tobacco industry's tax tactics

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-15

KARACHI: The tobacco industry has placed two major demands before the government ahead of the upcoming budget: the introduction of a third tax tier with a reduced rate of Rs2,525 per 1,000 cigarette sticks, and a cut in the current federal excise duty (FED) from Rs5,050 to Rs3,800 per 1,000 sticks, learned from multiple sources. These demands come at a time when the industry faces increasing scru..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan considers tax relief for tobacco sector in FY26 budget

Source: [Web Desk](#), [Pakistan Revenue](#), 2025-05-15

The federal government is currently evaluating a proposal to extend significant tax relief to the tobacco sector in the forthcoming federal budget for the fiscal year 2025–26. Industry representatives have reportedly submitted two key demands: the creation of a third excise duty tier with a lower rate of Rs 2,525 per 1,000 cigarette sticks, and a reduction in the current federal excise duty [more >>](#)

Women lawmakers, civil society demand end to symbolic representation in politics

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-15

PESHAWAR: Women parliamentarians, civil society actors, and policy experts gathered at a high-level roundtable titled "Raising Her Voice in Politics", jointly hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the Women's Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) comprising parliamentarians from National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan PPP, PML-N, PTI, JUI, and MQM-P to spotlight..... [more >>](#)

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SDPI, WPC Call For Reform, Accountability, Legislative ActionSource: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-05-15

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SDPI, WPC call for reform, accountability, legislative actionSource: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-05-14

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-05-14

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Pakistan's energy crisis is technical, economic, institutional and strategic. It is no longer enough to tweak the margins of Pakistan's power sector. The deepening crisis of rising tariffs, circular debt and unutilised renewable energy calls for a fundamental rethink of the system's architecture. The idea of sector-coupling -- connecting electricity production with industrial us..... [more >>](#)

Our peri-urban crisis

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While Pakistan's metropolitan hubs are expanding rapidly and rural areas still get targeted development support, peri-urban areas – those transitional zones between city and countryside – are becoming increasingly vital but gruesomely underappreciated. Often referred to as the 'in-between', these areas today house millions of Pakistanis who live with the consequences..... [more >>](#)

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Economy of conflict

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Having ignored Pakistan's offer for a transparent joint investigation into the tragic incident in Pahalgam and without providing any evidence linking the country to it, India has once again imposed a war on Pakistan through its unilateral aggression and missile attacks on civilians. As tensions between Pakistan and India intensify, the ripples [more >>](#)

Water deficit and infrastructure investment

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When New Delhi announced last week that it would "keep the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance," anxiety spiked across Pakistan. Per capita water availability has already slipped below 1,100 m³ and could fall to 900 m³ by 2050, according to the World Bank diagnostic report titled Pakistan: Getting More from Water published in 2019. Sc..... [more >>](#)

The flawed economics of the IGCEP

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One of the ten commandments for electricity planning is 'Thou Shalt Not Expand Electricity Supply Without Industrial Demand'. New power plants become stranded, costly monuments to poor planning without industrial demand. The Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) has long been employed for Pakistan's power sector planning. Crafted through rigorous economic modelin..... [more >>](#)

Money Matters Why Pakistan must act before CBAM expands

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Carbon pricing systems are fast taking centre stage in trade policy as the world economy turns towards climate responsibility. The European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), a legislative tool meant to level the cost of carbon between home EU businesses and overseas exporters, is leading this change. The CBAM is forcing a reckoning by pricing the carbon embedded in imported goods..... [more >>](#)

Ceasefire redraws strategic lines?

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-14

The May 10 ceasefire between India and Pakistan has brought considerable relief to millions across the border after days of unprecedented aerial strikes, drone warfare and cross-border shelling. Brokered with reluctant but decisive US intervention (supported by key regional and EU players), the truce is a diplomatic win for Islamabad – achieved through a perfect mix of military deterrence, [more >>](#)

Seminar News

PAFST launched to strengthen food security, climate resilience

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-05-01

PESHAWAR: Senior government officials, development partners, researchers, and representatives from the private sector gathered on Wednesday for a consultation marking the inception of the Pakistan Alliance for Food Systems Transformation (PAFST). The consultation was organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (..... [more >>](#)

SDPI hosts meeting to strengthen inclusive uplift, youth-centred policy research

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-03

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ایس ڈی پی آئی کے زیر اہتمام قومی مشاورتی گروپ کا پہلا اجلاس

Source: Staff Reporter, [Dunya News](#), 2025-05-04

اسلام آباد (خصوصی رپورٹر) پاکستان میں جامع ترقی، شواہد پر مبنی پالیسی سازی اور نوجوانوں کو مرکزی دھارے میں لانے کے لئے SDPI نے یونیسف کے اشتراک سے قومی مشاورتی گروپ (NAG) قائم کیا ہے جس کا پہلا اجلاس اسلام آباد میں منعقد ہوا..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Nama nigar](#), [Dunya News](#), 2025-05-06

اسلام آباد(نامہ نگار) ماہرین نے پاکستان میں توانائی کے صاف اور پائیدار مستقبل کے لئے جدت اور تعاون پر زور دیتے ہوئے حکومت سے خصوصی اقتصادی زونز پر ترقیاتی کام تیز کرنے کی اپیل کی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ حکومت مناسب پالیسی س..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-05-07

Dr Suleri was addressing a conference on "CPEC & beyond: how China enabled Pakistan's energy transition" organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Dr Suleri underscored various challenges, including high electricity costs, lack of awareness among policy makers and the necessity for a coherent industrial policy. He highlighted the significance of SEZs,..... [more >>](#)

"One for Eight Billion" intends to usher era of inclusive global peace building: Dr. Suleri

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-05-15

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