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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 1860.2

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

Vision

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

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To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, 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.

Themes 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 demand for exclusive oil partnership with Venezuela a ‘typical bullying’ act: China

Source: [Anadolu](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-01-07

The US demand that Venezuela form an “exclusive partnership” in the oil sector was a “typical bullying” act and a violation of the Latin American nation’s sovereignty as well as international law, China said Wednesday. “Venezuela is a sovereign state and has full permanent sovereignty over its oil resources and economic activities,” Chinese Foreign Mini..... [more >>](#)

China has entered the courtroom

Source: [Hina Ayra](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-09

The recent US action in Venezuela, in which President Nicolas Maduro was abducted to the US to face criminal charges, has triggered a dramatic rupture not only in Western Hemisphere geopolitics but also in the assumptions that have underpinned global sovereign lending for decades. In Washington, the action was cast as a criminal law enforcement action; in Beijing and much of the Global South, it [more >>](#)

China vows to ‘firmly protect lawful interests’ over Trump’s 25% tariffs on Iran trade

Source: [Anadolu](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-01-13

China Tuesday vowed to “firmly protect” its interests in the wake of US President Donald Trump’s order to his administration to impose 25% tariffs on “any and all” countries doing business with Iran. “Tariff wars have no winners and China will firmly protect its legitimate and lawful rights and interests,” Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning told report..... [more >>](#)

The case for geo-environment in peace strategy

Source: [Dr Khalid Mahmood Shafi](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2026-01-07

As 2026 begins, the global landscape is being reshaped by deepening conflicts – US-China rivalry, rising militarisation and growing climate stress. While governments continue to reaffirm commitments to sustainability, one reality is becoming impossible to ignore: climate action cannot succeed in a world at war. The UN Secretary-General has repeatedly warned that escalating conflicts are push..... [more >>](#)

Economic Growth & Governance

Lessons from China

Source: [Zile Huma](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-02

China has made significant progress in accelerating its journey towards carbon neutrality and green development. The State Council Information Office of the People’s Republic of China released its white paper ‘Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality (China’s Plans and Solution)’ in November 2025. The paper outlines key strategies and success stories from China’s efforts t..... [more >>](#)

China’s economy 2026: optimism, expectations and challenges – III

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-05

Debt began to accumulate due to people-centric development spending, mainly driven by local governments that invested heavily in infrastructure development. To meet their financing needs and support such development, local governments created special financial instruments known as Local Government Financing Vehicles (LGFVs). These vehicles were designed to bridge the gap between revenue and expend..... [more >>](#)

China Diplomacy in 2026 - community with a shared future

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-12

China welcomed the year 2026 by hosting dignitaries from neighbouring countries and from around the world. China invited them to be partners in development and to join hands to bring peace and prosperity to their people. Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Africa with the message, "Let's build together." By contrast, the USA welcomed 2026 by attacking and kidnapping the president of..... [more >>](#)

Governance / Trade & Services

China, Pakistan vow to deepen bilateral ties

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-05

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar met with China's Executive Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang in Beijing on Sunday, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to further strengthening the Pakistan–China all-weather strategic cooperative partnership. According to statement issued by the Foreign Office (FO), Dar met with Ding Xuexiang and o..... [more >>](#)

China's reunification with Taiwan is unstoppable

Source: [Zhao Shiren](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-07

Consul General of China in Lahore Not long ago, I shared my perspective on the reunification of the mainland China with Taiwan in Pakistani newspapers, illustrating the historical and legal facts that Taiwan has always been an inalienable part of China's territory since ancient times. The full and complete national reunification of China not only meets the common aspiration of the 1.4 billi..... [more >>](#)

China key driver of emerging multipolar order: experts

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-03

Islamabad: Experts at a book launch emphasised that the rise of China was not aimed at nullifying the contemporary global order but at reshaping it through gradual reforms and deeper multilateral integration. According to them, China, guided by principles of equality, non-interference and state-led development, is increasingly offering the Global South opportunities and normative space beyond West..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Dar heads to Beijing to co-chair strategic dialogue with China

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-03

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar on Saturday departed for Beijing to co-chair the seventh round of the Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue which is scheduled for January 4 (Sunday), the Foreign Office said. In a statement, FO said the foreign minister left for Beijing, adding that he will be the "first foreign dignitary to visit China in [more >>](#)

Dar arrives in Beijing to co-chair strategic dialogue with China

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-03

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Saturday arrived in Beijing to co-chair the seventh round of the Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue, which is scheduled for January 4 (Sunday), the Foreign Office (FO) announced in a post on X. In an earlier statement, the FO said the foreign minister will be the "first foreign dignitary to visit China in 2026..... [more >>](#)

Dar to co-chair Pak-China strategic dialogue in Beijing

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-04

Islamabad - Deputy Prime Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar will co-chair two-day seventh round of the China–Pakistan Strategic Dialogue commencing in Beijing on Sunday (today). The dialogue will review the full spectrum of bilateral cooperation, identify new areas of partnership, and further advance the All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership between Pakistan and China. It underscores the &l..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China vow closer coordination at 7th Strategic Dialogue

Source: [Shafqat Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-05

BEIJING - The seventh round of the Pakistan–China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue concluded in Beijing yesterday, with both sides underscoring the centrality of the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), regional stability, and closer multilateral coordination in advancing their All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership. At the invitation of Chinese Foreign Ministe..... [more >>](#)

Building on the Past, Embracing the Future

Source: [Jiang Zaidong](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-06

The turn of the year renews all nature. At the dawn of 2026, on behalf of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, I would like to extend our most sincere and best wishes to the Government and people of Pakistan. The year 2025 was extraordinary. China's 14th Five-Year Plan has concluded with complete success. Despite pressures, the economy h..... [more >>](#)

Iron Re-forged

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-06

As the United States, a fading empire, continues to wield its imperial might to intimidate nations into submission, it becomes all the more imperative for countries such as Pakistan and China to further consolidate their relationship across all fronts. The two iron brothers, who have stood together since the inception of both states, must ensure that they are neither isolated nor vulnerable under [more >>](#)

Pak-China friendship remains cornerstone for regional peace: PA Speaker

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-13

Lahore - Punjab Assembly (PA) Speaker Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan said on Monday that Pakistan and China were iron brothers and trusted partners, whose friendship had consistently withstood every challenge. He said this while addressing a grand Spring Festival Gala organized to commemorate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China, said a press release issued here. The..... [more >>](#)

New song premiere salutes 75 years of Sino-Pakistan bond released

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-13

LAHORE - A special song titled "Dosti Ka Jashan – Celebration of Friendship" - has been officially released commemorating the 75th year of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan. The premiere took place at a dual-themed event to celebrate this historic milestone alongside the upcoming Chinese Spring Festival, organized by the Chinese Business Council of Pakistan in Laho..... [more >>](#)

Dar chairs briefing ahead of Pakistan-China strategic dialogue in Beijing

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-02

ISLAMABAD - Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar yesterday chaired a detailed preparatory briefing ahead of his forthcoming visit to China, where he will co-chair the 7th Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue. According to Foreign Office, the session was attended by the Foreign Secretary, Pakistan's Ambassador to Beijing, and senior officials of the Forei..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's global clout growing: Chinese envoy

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-06

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong has said that Pakistan has become increasingly influential on the global stage, expanding its diplomatic ties and enhancing its international voice. In his New Year message released by the China's Embassy in Islamabad on Monday, the ambassador also praised the government's efforts in economic reform, counter-terrorism, and national unity. &quo..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China call for more 'visible, verifiable' actions to eliminate terrorist groups based in Afghanistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-05

Pakistan and China issued a joint communique on Monday calling for more "visible and verifiable" actions to dismantle and eliminate all terrorist organisations based in Afghanistan and prevent them from using Kabul's territory for militancy against any other country. The joint statement came after the conclusion of the 7th round of the Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers&rs..... [more >>](#)

A unanimous way ahead

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-06

The 7th Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue in Beijing was apt in choreographing priorities for development, peace and security. The parleys went a step ahead as both countries agreed to look from the same prism on Afghanistan and called for more "visible and verifiable" actions to dismantle the terror nexus in the southwest Asian state. This unanimity was highly de..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China Trade

Trade fair spurs BRI cooperation

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-01

Islamabad: Bringing together overseas buyers and local enterprises, more than 40 representatives and heads of chambers of commerce from Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Iran, alongside over 150 local companies from Kashgar, participated in the 2nd Trade Fair held in Xinjiang, to deepen economic and trade cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). At the signing ceremony, eight coo..... [more >>](#)

Tax-free Chinese imports to GB to harm industry, fuel smuggling: BMP

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-04

LAHORE - The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry's Businessmen Panel (BMP) has strongly condemned the Federal Board of Revenue's decision to allow duty- and tax-free imports of Chinese goods through the Sost Dry Port for Gilgit-Baltistan, warning that the move would open floodgates of smuggling, under-invoicing, and institutional corruption, while further squeeze..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China term friendship crucial for regional peace

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-05

BEIJING: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Sunday termed Pakistan-China friendship crucial for regional peace and stability. The two leaders made the remarks during the seventh round of the Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue in Beijing, read a statement issued by the Foreign Office. DPM Dar landed in Beijing on Saturd..... [more >>](#)

News Desk China-Pakistan achieves progress in trade and technology

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2026-01-04

A successful meeting focused on China-Pakistan bearing industry cooperation was held at the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing, facilitated by the China Association of Private Science and Technology Enterprises. The talks covered

product exports, technology cooperation, and localized services, leading to several cooperation agreements. This marks a significant step in advancing high-end manufacturing co..... [more >>](#)

Naqvi says special protection unit being established for Chinese nationals

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-07

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Wednesday said a special protection security unit was being established in Islamabad for security of Chinese citizens and safeguarding joint development projects. Naqvi made the remarks while meeting his Chinese counterpart, Wang Xiaohong, during a visit to China's Ministry of Public Security, where he was warmly received by senior Chinese officials. T..... [more >>](#)

Fortune 500 Chinese firm eyes investment

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-08

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) Haroon Akhtar Khan held a meeting with representatives of Fortune 500 Chinese company Xiamen C&D, during which the company expressed strong interest in making large-scale investments in Pakistan. The meeting was attended by Chairman Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) Freedoon Akram Sheikh, according to a statement issued on Wedn..... [more >>](#)

Chinese company Xiamen C&D eyes auto, steel sectors

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Joint counter-terrorism efforts;China says willing to boost cooperation

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-08

BEIJING: China is willing to intensify cooperation with Pakistan in fighting terrorism and telecom crime, Wang Xiaohong, China's public security minister, said in a meeting with Pakistan's interior and counter-narcotics minister in Beijing on Wednesday. Efforts should be made to "effectively address various risks and challenges, and jointly safeguard the national security an..... [more >>](#)

Sost Dry Port;BMP slams FBR for allowing tax-free imports of Chinese goods for G-B

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'Tax-free Chinese imports threaten local furniture industry'

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2026-01-04

Pakistan Furniture Council Director Shahbaz Aslam has raised serious concerns over the government's decision to allow duty- and tax-free imports of Chinese goods into Gilgit-Baltistan, warning that the move could severely damage local manufacturing while encouraging smuggling and informal trade networks across the country. Reacting to the recent notification allowing conditional tax exempti..... [more >>](#)

Chinese EV firm's delegation visits BOI to explore investment opportunities in Pakistan

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-13

ISLAMABAD - Following the Prime Minister-led Pak-China B2B Investment Conference held in Beijing in September 2025, a distinguished three-member delegation from Shenzhen-based EV technology firm Chaoni (Electric Motorcycle) visited the Board of Investment (BOI) to explore opportunities for collaboration, localisation, and investment in Pakistan's emerging electric vehicle (EV) s..... [more >>](#)

Chinese delegation visits Bol to explore opportunities in EV sector

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-13

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Navy facilitates Pak-China Joint Oceanographic Cruise

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-01-07

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Navy, through National Hydrographic Office, is facilitating a Pakistan-China Joint Oceanographic Cruise being conducted by National Institute of Oceanography in collaboration with China's Second Institute of Oceanography. Pakistan Navy's survey vessel PNS Behr Masah has been deployed in support of this scientific mission, underscoring Pakistan Navy's commit..... [more >>](#)

Pakistani, Chinese researchers embark on ocean study cruise

Source: [Shazia Hasan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-07

KARACHI: The Pakistan Navy, through its National Hydrographic Office (NHO), is facilitating a Pakistan-China Joint Oceanographic Cruise, it emerged on Tuesday. According to a navy statement, PNS Behr Masah has been deployed in support of this scientific mission, which is being conducted by the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) in collaboration with China's Second Institute of Oceanog..... [more >>](#)

China offers AI technology to Pakistan

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-08

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'Job fair' for Pakistani students, professionals in China

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-14

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's embassy in Beijing, in collaboration with the China Overseas Development Association and China International Intellectech Group Co., Ltd., organized on Sunday a Job Fair for Pakistani students and professionals in China. According to statement issued by the Pakistani embassy, the event generated strong engagement, with nearly 2,000 participants joining on site and [more >>](#)

Trans-boundary water resources cooperation;Pakistan, China signal readiness

Source: [Fida Hussain](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-01-06

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China signaled their readiness to cooperate in developing trans-boundary water resources, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit, while underscoring the importance of fulfilling international legal obligations. "The two sides expressed readiness to conduct trans-boundary water resources cooperation under the principle of equality and mutual benefi..... [more >>](#)

Solar system;Chinese firm arrives to provide hi-tech storage solutions

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-01-06

KARACHI: Renowned Chinese micro-inverter manufacturer Hoymiles has entered Pakistan to provide high-tech and long-duration energy storage solutions for residential, commercial, and industrial buildings utilizing solar systems for electricity consumption. The company has formed strategic partnerships with Superstar, a renowned name in Pakistan's automotive industry, and Harisun Energy, a..... [more >>](#)

Cloud, IDC facilities;CMPak seeks application of industrial power tariff

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-01-05

ISLAMABAD: The China Mobile Pakistan (CMPak), operating under the brand name of Zong, has sought the application of an industrial electricity tariff for its Cloud and Integrated Data Centre (IDC) facilities, arguing that high energy costs are undermining the competitiveness of local data centres and discouraging international cloud providers from localising infrastructure in Pakistan. In a le..... [more >>](#)

High-tech energy storage solutions; Chinese co partners with local entities

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-01-07

LAHORE: Renowned Chinese inverter manufacturer Hoymiles has fostered partnership with Harisun Energy and Superstar to provide high-tech, long-duration energy storage solutions for residential, commercial, and industrial buildings utilizing solar systems for electricity consumption in Pakistan. In this regard, the launching event was held in Lahore, unveiling multiple storage solutions produce..... [more >>](#)

Chinese Hoymiles partners with Harisun Energy and Superstar to launch high-tech storage solutions

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Pakistan-China neurosurgery forum held

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-01-13

Islamabad: The China-Pakistan Neurosurgery Forum was held at the Zhongshan (Central South) Hospital of Wuhan University, marking the launch of the first phase of the LuoJia Medical International Forum hosted by the hospital. The hybrid event brought together more than 35 neurosurgeons, medical scholars, hospital administrators and international students from both countries who engaged in substanti..... [more >>](#)

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Pakistan, China pledge stronger counter-terrorism ties, 'secure' CPEC progress

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2026-01-05

Islamabad and Beijing have reaffirmed a zero-tolerance approach to terrorism, committing to strengthen counter-terrorism and security cooperation and jointly ensure the secure and smooth progress of China-Pakistan Belt and

Road initiative, a joint statement issued by the two countries read. The pledge was made during Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar's official visit to..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China agree to align development plans, launch CPEC 2.0

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-05

Pakistan and China agreed to align their development strategies and build an upgraded version of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, known as CPEC 2.0, during wide-ranging talks in Beijing that also covered political ties, security cooperation and regional and international issues. The Seventh Round of the Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue was co-chaired in Beijing on..... [more >>](#)

Pak-China dialogue overshadowed by Venezuela crisis

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-05

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday expressed concern over the rapidly evolving situation in Venezuela, urging restraint and de-escalation, as Islamabad and Beijing held the seventh round of their Strategic Dialogue in the Chinese capital that also discussed the unprecedented US raid on Caracas, besides other regional and international issues. The dialogue, co-chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Fore..... [more >>](#)

PM Shehbaz calls for timely implementation of CPEC projects to boost ties with China

Source: [Khalid Mehmood](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-15

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, acknowledging China's continued support for Pakistan, stressed the need for timely implementation of the next phase of projects in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to strengthen bilateral economic ties between the two countries. A press release, issued on Thursday from the Prime Minister's Office said the premier highlighted the ne..... [more >>](#)

Research, Development & Capacity Building

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Interior minister to send ASPs for training in Beijing

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-08

Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited the Beijing Police College, where he toured various sections of the institution's high-tech training facilities and witnessed a demonstration by the Beijing Police on apprehending suspects using vehicles. The interior minister praised the Beijing Police for their outstanding professional skills and high training standards, lauding the special..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan, China press Taliban for verifiable action on terror

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-06

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Monday delivered a strong and coordinated message to the Afghan Taliban, calling for "visible and verifiable actions" to dismantle and eliminate all terrorist organisations operating from Afghan soil and to ensure that Afghanistan is not used for terrorism against any other country. The message was conveyed in a joint communique issued at the conclusion..... [more >>](#)

SDPI's Engagement

A Lecture

'Governance, internal systems critical for human security'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-14

Islamabad: Maj Gen (r) Ehsan Mehmood Khan, former Director- General, Institute for Strategic Studies, Research & Analysis (ISSRA), has emphasised that Pakistan is maintaining effective comprehensive deterrence against threats while existential challenges still require traditional security responses whereas governance reforms and the role of internal systems is critical in ensuring human securit..... [more >>](#)

Role Of Governance, Internal Systems Critical In Ensuring Human Security: Expert

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-01-14

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 13th Jan, 2026) Major-General (R) Ehsan Mehmood Khan, a human security expert and former Director- General of Institute for Strategic Studies, Research & Analysis (ISSRA), emphasized thatPakistanis maintaining effective comprehensive deterrence against threats while existential challenges still require traditional security responses whereas g..... [more >>](#)

Role of governance, internal systems critical in ensuring human security: Expert

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-01-13

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Advancing Human Security through Governance Reforms

Source: [News Desk](#), [Peak Point](#), 2026-01-13

Islamabad, 13 January 2026 —Major-General (R) Ehsan Mehmood Khanoutlined the central role of governance and internal systems in securing human wellbeing during a lecture at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute. Speaking on concepts and practices of comprehensive security and sustainable development, he traced the evolution of security from ancient times to the modern state and argued..... [more >>](#)

Role of governance, internal systems critical in ensuring human security: Expert

Source: [Asif Farooq](#), [Daily Asian Sun](#), 2026-01-14

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SDPI Articles

Economics of the solar boom

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [The News, International](#), 2026-01-03

Pakistan's ongoing solar boom is often explained through falling technology costs and abundant sunshine. This narrative is arithmetically correct but philosophically shallow. A deeper explanation emerges when the phenomenon is viewed through the Life-Cycle Income Hypothesis, particularly in a context where formal consumption-smoothing institutions are weak, energy prices are punitive and ho..... [more >>](#)

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Pressure or promise?

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2026-01-04

Pakistan adds more than five million people to its population every year. Most of them are young. This simple fact sits at the centre of the country's population debate, which is often framed as a binary choice. Either a celebration of a youth bulge or the root cause of every ill. Both framings capture part of the truth, but neither addresses the core issue. With more than 240 million pe..... [more >>](#)

The rare authority of restraint

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2026-01-05

Dr Shamshad Akhtar, who died last week at the age of 71, belonged to a rare class of economists whose authority rested not on self-promotion but on trust. Over four decades, she moved between Pakistan's most demanding public offices and the upper ranks of the international system, often returning home when circumstances were hardest and expectations lowest. She did so quietly, with a sense [more >>](#)

OOSAY who?

Source: Arooj Waheed Dar, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-07

DESPITE their scale, out-of-school adolescents and youth (OOSAY) are the most overlooked demographic, remaining largely invisible in policy discourse and programmatic prioritisation. Census 2023 data shows that a whopping 63 per cent of Pakistan's youth population and 23pc of adolescent population have never received any formal education. Gender disparities are stark, with nearly three-quart..... [more >>](#)

Sugar's sweet spot

Source: Dua Mobeen, [The News, International](#), 2026-01-10

On the morning of January 6, 2026, the government of Pakistan announced plans to deregulate the sugar sector, handing over the reins of a heavily regulated sector to free-market forces. In this momentous step, zone restrictions, price controls, support prices, trade quotas and export bans would all be removed. This is a welcome step towards stabilising the sugar industry, which has long been plag..... [more >>](#)

Green contracts and the solar boom

Source: Muhammad Umer, [The News, International](#), 2026-01-12

In recent years, Pakistan has experienced an unprecedented surge in solar adoption, with rooftop solar power emerging as one of the country's fastest-growing energy sources, accounting for over one-third of utility-supplied

electricity by 2025. The data on solar uptake indicates that it has reached approximately 22 GW over the last 18 months, predominantly driven by domestic and Small and M..... [more >>](#)

Practical market adjustment

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Trade is entering a new era in which carbon is no longer an invisible externality but a tradable attribute with a price. The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) shifts the logic of market access from 'what you sell' to 'how you made it', and the mechanism is designed to tighten over time. During the transitional period (2023–2025), firms were primari..... [more >>](#)

Born to obey...

Source: [Syeda Fiza Kazmi and Sahar Basharat](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-01-15

Learn this now and learn it well, my daughter: like a compass needle that points north, a man's accusing finger always finds a woman. Always. (A Thousand Splendid Suns). In modern times, it is generally believed that men and women have equal rights, but perception is not necessarily the reality. The future we dreamed of looks eerily like the past we never left behind. Does our perspecti..... [more >>](#)

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Study calls for regulating flavour chemicals in nicotine pouches

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KARACHI: As global sales for oral nicotine pouches continue to increase, an analysis of the products sold in Karachi has revealed a wide variety of unregulated flavour chemicals, often combined with menthol. The study was conducted by researchers from the Institute for Global Tobacco Control (IGTC) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Portland State University, and publish..... [more >>](#)

Special Discussion

Think-tanks' role as autonomous policy critique bodies underlined

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-01-02

Islamabad: Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Executive Director, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri has underlined the role of think-tanks as independent policy critique bodies that work with governments but not for them. Dr Suleri was addressing probationers of the 53rd Common Training Programme (CTP) of Civil Services Academy, Walton, who visited SDPI here as part of their orientation to inde..... [more >>](#)

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