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### **Newspapers Covered:**

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

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## **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

### **Cold War 2.0: from Pax Americana to Pax Silica US-China tech war reshapes power, supply chains, global geopolitics**

Source: [Dr Shazia Anwer Cheema](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-02

Humanity is still recovering from Cold War 1.0, the rusted Iron Curtain and forever-perpetual wars of choice, yet a new Cold War has already set the stage. However, it has new rules of engagement, a new end goal, and a new emanation. The battleground is set with microchips, rare earths, AI accelerators and maritime chokepoints. Western legacy media have come up with fancy terms such as "Pax ..... [more >>](#)

### **China's moment for action? A widening Iran war tests whether China will challenge US power beyond diplomacy**

Source: [Imtiaz Gul](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

As Israeli-American military firepower brutally targets innocent civilians in Iran, one wonders if China will use its economic and technological might to halt this unjust campaign. Will two wars on Iran within nine months (June 2025 and March 2026) prompt China to step out of its traditional policy of restraint, anchored in peaceful conflict resolution, avoidance of confrontation and non-interfere..... [more >>](#)

### **Why US-China trade matters more than ever**

Source: [Afshan Hussain](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

KARACHI: The US-China economic relationship is among the most defining forces shaping the 21st-century global order. As the world's two largest economic behemoths, their relationship influences not only bilateral growth but also the stability of global markets, supply chains, and geopolitical dynamics. Yet, despite deep economic interdependence, this consequential relationship has entered a ..... [more >>](#)

### **Trump plans May visit to China for talks with Xi after Iran war delay**

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

United States President Donald Trump will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping in May during his first visit to China in eight years, a closely watched trip postponed due to the ongoing Iran war. Trump's effort to reschedule the trip reflected the Republican president's eagerness to project confidence in a challenging Middle East war and simultaneously to manage a tense relationship be..... [more >>](#)

### **China blasts 'false' news after report says chipmaker supplying Iran**

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

China's foreign ministry accused the media of publishing "false information" on Friday following a report that said the country's top semiconductor firm has sent chipmaking tools to Iran. The report, which cited information from two unidentified senior officials in US President Donald Trump's administration, said contract chipmaker SMIC "began sending the too..... [more >>](#)

## Economic Growth &amp; Governance

**China at economic crossroads**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-02

ISLAMABAD: The two sessions —the plenary meeting of the National People's Congress and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference —have always been important for China. They are significant because the Chinese leadership finalises critical policy choices, policy documents, and action plans in consultation with representatives of the people..... [more >>](#)

**Stabilising within before facing outward**

Source: [Andy Liao](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-03

Reflections on Pakistan after more than a decade on the ground Having lived and worked in Pakistan for more than ten years, I have witnessed both its extraordinary potential and its recurring cycles of instability. I have seen resilience, entrepreneurial spirit, and youthful energy. I have also observed economic fragility, deteriorating security, and a weakening investment climate. Today, as ..... [more >>](#)

**The humanoid dance**

Source: [Dr Hassan Daud Butt](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-04

To anyone watching the Chinese Spring Festival Gala this year, the sight of humanoid robots performing on stage was not just entertainment, but a strategic signal by China. Over the last ten years, China has focused on robotics and artificial intelligence at the forefront of its national development agenda. Formerly known as the 'factory of the world', it is undergoing a transformatio..... [more >>](#)

**Two sessions and China story**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

Prime Minister Li Qiang presented work report at the Two Sessions. It was noted China has achieved all targets of 14th Five-Year Plan and is ready to embark on implementing 15th Five-Year Development Plan. China is ready to accelerate its modernisation drive, anchored in high-quality development, new-quality productive forces, and common prosperity, to secure a legitimate place on the global stage..... [more >>](#)

**China pledges more balanced trade and further opening of the economy after record surplus**

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

Chinese Premier Li Qiang pledged on Sunday to further open the country's economy to foreign firms and pursue more balanced trade with its global partners, after a year marked by trade friction and tariff wars with the United States and European Union in particular. China will import more high-quality foreign goods and work with all parties to promote optimised and balanced trade developme..... [more >>](#)

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**China's goal: technical self-reliance by 2030**

Source: [Dr Farid A Malik](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-20

China's march forward continues. The People's Republic has embarked on an economic transition based on technological self-reliance to be achieved by 2030. It is part of their five-year development plan (2025 to 2030). In

October last year while attending the International Pittsburgh Coal Conference in Beijing, I came to know that the country intends to stop the use of coal by the year ..... [more >>](#)

### China & Middle East

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

As the war rages in the Persian Gulf, Pakistan has moved with notable urgency to lower the temperature. Following the high-level meeting of the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Türkiye, Egypt and Pakistan, the country's senior leadership has quickly pivoted to Beijing in search of a broader pathway forward. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Mi..... [more >>](#)

### Building strong foundations

Source: [Nasir Jamal, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

For decades, China has served as a key anchor of the global economy. Its long-term development planning and meticulously crafted growth strategy offer valuable lessons for countries such as Pakistan, which continue to struggle with economic stability and structural reform. Despite global uncertainty triggered by United States tariffs, geopolitical conflicts that have disrupted supply chains and..... [more >>](#)

## Energy, Environment & Climate Change

### China's new ecological and environmental code

Source: [Syed Mohammad Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

Ongoing conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East and various parts of Africa are placing significant pressure on an already stressed global environment. Yet global climate governance continues to face uncertainty. The United States is increasingly perceived as an inconsistent advocate for climate action, while many countries across both the global north and south struggle to fulfil their national env..... [more >>](#)

## Governance / Trade & Services

### China's trade enters double-digit era with 18.3pc growth in first two months

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

BEIJING - China's foreign trade started the year with strong momentum, returning to the "double-digit era" as total goods trade surged 18.3 percent year-on-year in the first two months of 2026, reflecting robust global demand, expanding high-tech exports and deepening trade ties with major partners including ASEAN, the European Union and Belt and Road countries. "Robust ..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

### FM Dar, Chinese counterpart call for peace, stability amid Mideast tensions

Source: [Web Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday spoke to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the evolving situation in West Asia. In a post on X, Dar said, "Both sides reaffirmed the need to restore peace and stability in the Middle East and the wider region," while Yi conveyed China's appreciation and support for Pakistan's ongoing efforts in this regard..... [more >>](#)

### Pakistan, China discuss Iran, regional situation

Source: [Shafqat Ali, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-03

ISLAMABAD - Amid rising Middle East tensions, Pakistan yesterday discussed the regional situation with China. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar met with Jiang Zaidong, the Ambassador of China to Pakistan,

at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in this regard. The meeting focused on the evolving situation in Iran and its broader implications for regional peace, stability, and economy..... [more >>](#)

### **Punjab govt beefs up security for Chinese citizens**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

LAHORE - The Punjab Home department has decided to further strengthen security arrangements for Chinese nationals working in the province as part of broader efforts to maintain law and order and safeguard foreign nationals. The decision was taken during a high-level meeting that also reviewed overall security preparations for Youm-e-Ali with officials emphasising the need for heightened vigilance ..... [more >>](#)

### **'Misunderstanding with China': FO rubbishes speculation**

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-17

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office (FO) on Monday rubbished speculation about any misunderstanding between Pakistan and China over what it said were efforts to resolve Islamabad's conflict with Afghanistan. Pakistan has always welcomed the Chinese mediatory role in settling issues with Kabul. Commenting on media reports that Pakistan had turned down a Chinese role in easing Pak-Afghan border..... [more >>](#)

### **Xi greets Zardari, Shehbaz on Pakistan Day, reaffirms strong ties**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-24

BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday sent congratulatory messages to President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on the Pakistan Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. In his messages, Xi said for a long time, the government and people of Pakistan have steadfastly safeguarded national sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national dignity, overcome var..... [more >>](#)

### **Mohsin Naqvi discusses counter-terrorism and security cooperation with Chinese envoy in Islamabad**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zedong at the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad on Friday, where the two discussed matters pertaining to counter-terrorism, security cooperation and the Police Exchange Programme. The interior ministry posted on social media that Naqvi arrived at the embassy in Islamabad's Diplomatic Enclave earlier today, where he was welcomed b..... [more >>](#)

### **Naqvi, Chinese envoy agree on business conference for investor security**

Source: [Imran Mukhtar](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD - Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Ambassador Jiang Zaidong on Friday agreed in a meeting to organise a business conference to address the security concerns faced by Chinese investors in Pakistan. The minister met with the Chinese envoy at the embassy, said a statement issued by the Ministry of Interior. During the meeting, discussions were held on counterterrorism, security cooperatio..... [more >>](#)

### **China backs Pakistan's mediation push FM Wang Yi says only talks can prevent escalation**

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD: China on Friday threw its weight behind Pakistan's diplomatic efforts to broker peace in the Middle East, underscoring that only negotiations can prevent further escalation and avert wider regional fallout. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi conveyed his country's support during a telephonic conversation with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, as Islamabad int..... [more >>](#)

### **Special unit to be set up to protect Chinese nationals**

Source: [Shakeel Anjum](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD: To fortify bilateral security ties and bolster investor confidence, Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi held high-level talks with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong at the Chinese Embassy on Friday, signalling a renewed commitment to the protection of Chinese interests and personnel within Pakistan. The meeting served as a comprehensive platform for the two officials to deliberate on..... [more >>](#)

### **FM Dar to visit China for talks on regional tensions tomorrow**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar will visit China on Tuesday at the invitation of Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi to hold in-depth discussions on regional tensions, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced in a post on X on Monday. "Pakistan and China enjoy an all-weather strategic cooperative partnership, characterised by close coordination and regular consultations ..... [more >>](#)

### **FM Dar departs on brief visit to China for 'in-depth' talks on regional developments**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Tuesday departed for a one-day visit to China for "in-depth discussions on regional developments", according to the Foreign Office (FO). The discussions are likely to focus on developing a framework and guiding principles for a prospective Iran-United States dialogue to end the war, a diplomat closely following the developments..... [more >>](#)

### **President visits Chinese embassy**

Source: [Naveed Butt](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari reportedly paid an unannounced visit to the Chinese Embassy late Sunday night following the conclusion of four-party talks in the federal capital on the Middle East crisis, as Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar is scheduled to visit China on Tuesday. According to official sources, the Presidency has neither confirmed nor denied the devel..... [more >>](#)

### **China offers to mediate Pak-Afghan tensions**

Source: [Anwar Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

WASHINGTON: China told the UN Security Council (UNSC) on Monday that it has been working to reduce tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan and is prepared to continue playing what it described as a constructive role in easing the situation. Addressing a UNSC meeting on Afghanistan, China's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Fu Cong, warned that terrorist groups continue to ..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese diplomacy**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

HERE are signs that China is taking a more active role in trying to resolve the issue of cross-border terrorism between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Pakistan had last month launched Operation Ghazab lil-Haq after a series of deadly terrorist attacks in this country were traced to Afghanistan. The hostilities continue without any major sign of a negotiated settlement. However, if Beijing's ef..... [more >>](#)

### **China urges dialogue to resolve Pakistan-Afghanistan tensions, warns force will worsen crisis**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that the issues between Afghanistan and Pakistan can only be resolved through dialogue and consultation. China Xinhua News reported that the use of force would only complicate the situation and intensify the contradictions, which would be of no benefit to either side and threaten regional peace and stability, he said. Wang, also a member of the Political..... [more >>](#)

**Counting on China Pakistan's inclusion of Beijing in improving relations with Kabul is tactical diplomacy**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-14

Islamabad's efforts to engage Beijing to usher in a thaw in its relations with Kabul are tactical diplomacy. The move needs to be appreciated and is likely to bear peace dividends as the Afghan Taliban are, at least, receptive to Beijing. That is so because China is the first country to recognise the Taliban 2.0 government, and has a formal diplomatic footprint in the war-weary country. The r..... [more >>](#)

**FO confirms engagement with China to reduce Kabul tensions**

Source: [Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office (FO) on Thursday acknowledged that Pakistan was engaging with Beijing on the issue of the recent Pakistan-Afghanistan border hostilities. During his weekly briefing, spokesperson Tahir Andrabi said that Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar had recently held a phone call with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, adding that Islamabad and Beijing “..... [more >>](#)

**China urges Kabul, Islamabad to talk out issues**

Source: [Ag Reuters & Our Correspondents, The News, International](#), 2026-03-15

BEIJING/ ISLAMABAD: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi told his Afghan counterpart Amir Khan Muttaqi in a phone call that disputes between Afghanistan and Pakistan should be resolved through dialogue and consultation, not force, the foreign ministry said in a statement published on Friday. Wang urged both sides to remain calm and exercise restraint, hold face-to-face talks as soon as possible, se..... [more >>](#)

**Wang urges Muttaqi to cease fire**

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

China has urged Pakistan and Afghanistan to resolve their disputes through dialogue rather than force, calling for restraint and an immediate ceasefire as tensions rise between the two neighbours. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi conveyed the message during a phone call with Afghan Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi, according to a statement released by China's foreign ministry on Fri..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese envoy shuttling between Islamabad, Kabul to facilitate peace talks**

Source: [Mariana Baabar, The News, International](#), 2026-03-12

ISLAMABAD: China “firmly supports Pakistan in its counterterrorism efforts” and informed Islamabad that the special envoy on Afghan Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China is currently shuttling between Afghanistan and Pakistan to promote peace talks between the two neighbours. Beijing also requested Islamabad to ensure the safety of Chinese institutions and personnel in Pa..... [more >>](#)

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**China calls for talks to end Pak-Afghan clashes**

Source: [Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

SHANGHAI / ISLAMABAD: China is continuing its efforts to bring Pakistan and Afghanistan to the negotiating table, encouraging both countries to resolve their differences through dialogue rather than conflict. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has urged both sides to settle their disputes through diplomatic talks, instead of resorting to the use of force. According to a statement published by the ..... [more >>](#)

### **China begins efforts to help resolve Pak-Afghan conflict**

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-15

ISLAMABAD: China has emerged as a major player in efforts to resolve the rising tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan, stepping forward as a mediator when the conflict between the two countries seems to be getting out of hand. The Chinese Foreign Minister has reportedly held talks with his counterparts in both countries, with China's special envoy for Afghan affairs visiting both ca..... [more >>](#)

### **China's mediation eases fighting between Pakistan, Afghanistan**

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD/BEIJING: Chinese mediation efforts, including a message from President Xi Jinping, have helped ease the worst fighting between Pakistan and Afghanistan since the Taliban returned to power in 2021, three Pakistani government officials said. The officials said a meeting between the Chinese ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif late last month include..... [more >>](#)

### **China to continue mediation efforts between Pakistan, Afghanistan**

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD: China on Tuesday said it will continue its mediation efforts to ease tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan, as Islamabad pressed for a change in the Taliban's current approach for any meaningful engagement. "To mediate between Afghanistan and Pakistan, FM Wang Yi has had phone conversations with his Afghan and Pakistani counterparts during the past week," said spokes..... [more >>](#)

### **Dar, Chinese envoy discuss regional situation**

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-03

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Monday held extensive discussions on the evolving regional situation, particularly in the wake of US-Israel strikes on Iran and cross-border terrorism emanating from Afghanistan. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar received Jiang Zaidong, Ambassador of China to Pakistan here at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). The Deput..... [more >>](#)

### **US-Israel strikes on Iran; Pakistan, China underscore need for exercising restraint**

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD: In the aftermath of US-Israel strikes on Iran, Pakistan and China have underscored the urgent need for restraint, stressing that de-escalation must be prioritised. Both countries emphasised dialogue and diplomacy as the only viable solution, urging adherence to the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter. "Pakistan and China have stressed the importance of de-..... [more >>](#)

### **China says 'supports all efforts' after Pakistan offered to host US-Iran talks**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

China on Wednesday signaled support to the Pakistani offer to host US-Iran talks aimed at ending the war in Middle East. "Ceasefire and peace talks are more important tasks at hand," Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian told reporters in Beijing. "China supports all efforts conducive to easing tensions, deescalating the situation and restoring dialogue," Lin added. Pr..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan plays key role in rebuilding regional peace: Chinese scholar**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

BEIJING - In an era of complex regional shifts and geopolitical uncertainty, Pakistan stands as a pivotal actor capable of fostering stability, connectivity and cooperation across South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East. Endowed with a strategic location at the crossroads of major regions, it possesses unique advantages to bridge divides and drive collective progress. These views were express..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan, China pledge joint diplomatic efforts to stabilize Middle East**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

Pakistan and China have reaffirmed their shared commitment to promoting peace and stability in the Middle East, calling for urgent diplomatic measures to de-escalate ongoing regional conflicts. The agreement emerged during a phone conversation between Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Friday. Both leaders reviewed the e..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese CG visits Punjab Home Department, discusses security measures**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

LAHORE - Chinese Consul General Sun Yan visited the Punjab Home Department and met with Secretary Home Dr. Ahmad Javed Qazi in Lahore. This marks his first visit to the department since assuming office. During the meeting, both sides discussed the overall law and order situation in Punjab, with a particular focus on security arrangements for Chinese nationals working in the province. Speaking on t..... [more >>](#)

**PM Shehbaz highlights Pakistan's role in Middle East de-escalation in meeting with Chinese envoy**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-26

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif highlighted Pakistan's constructive role in promoting de-escalation and regional stability while discussing the situation in the Middle East with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zedong on Thursday. On Monday, Pakistan took centre stage in a coordinated diplomatic push alongside Turkiye and Egypt for de-escalation, as the trio appeared instrumental in securing a five..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Trade

**China route considered for potato exports**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is considering routing potato exports to Central Asia through China as regional tensions disrupt traditional trade corridors and increase transportation costs for exporters. The proposal was discussed during the fourth meeting of the Committee on Potato Export, chaired by Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain to review the evolving expo..... [more >>](#)

**Rice, seafood, minerals top Pak-China trade talks**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Rana Ihsaan Afzal Khan, Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Commerce, held a meeting with the Chinese Minister Counsellor to review bilateral trade relations and explore practical measures to enhance economic cooperation between Pakistan and China. The meeting provided an opportunity to assess current trade dynamics and examine factors affecting export growth. Discussions focused on ..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese envoy, Coordinator to PM explore opportunities to boost trade**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

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**Enhanced security ordered for Chinese workers engaged in Tarbela extension project**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

HARIPUR: The police on Wednesday asked the management of the Tarbela Power Project-5 (T-5) to ensure that all the deficiencies pointed out during the last joint security audit of the project were removed before the next review in

order to provide foolproof security to the workforce, especially the foreigners. The directives came at a meeting held at the office of district police officer Shafiulla..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese firm eyes \$10bn investment in Pakistan's mining, tech, industry**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese conglomerate with an AAA credit rating has expressed interest in investing between \$5 billion and \$10 billion in Pakistan across mining, advanced technology and industrial development, in what would rank among the largest single pledges of Chinese private investment in the country. The delegation from Aerospace Development Industry Investment Group Co., led by Party Secretary..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan's arms imports 'grow 66pc with Chinese help'**

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: As global transfers of major arms surged by nearly 10 per cent over the past five years, Pakistan's arms imports grew by 66pc in 2021–25 compared with 2016–20, with its main ally China supplying 80pc of the weapons, a Stockholm-based think tank said. China's role as Pakistan's top arms provider increased from 73pc in the previous 2016-20 period, the new re..... [more >>](#)

### **China offered investment gateways CM Maryam accepts invitation to visit neighbouring country**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-19

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has accepted an invitation to visit China. The chief minister met the newly appointed Consul General of China in Lahore, Sun Yan, and congratulated him on assuming his diplomatic responsibilities. During the meeting, the Chinese consul general invited the chief minister to visit China and she accepted the invitation with thanks. Both leaders ag..... [more >>](#)

### **Art exhibition celebrates Sino-Pak friendship**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

Islamabad: A 'China-Pakistan Art Exhibition' was organised through the collaboration of China Media Group and the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA), in the context of the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China and the 75 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The event was graced by the Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Traini..... [more >>](#)

### **PCJCCI, Jinan ink MoU to promote Pak-China dairy cooperation**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-25

LAHORE - The Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Animal Agriculture Association of Jinan to strengthen institutional cooperation in livestock modernisation and dairy value chain development. It was highlighted in a think-tank session held here at PCJCCI Secretariat on Tuesday. PCJCCI President Nazir Hussain said t..... [more >>](#)

### **CDA, Chinese envoy discuss rainwater harvesting**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-27

Islamabad: Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman and Chief Commissioner Islamabad Muhammad Ali Randhawa on Thursday met Chinese embassy Counsellor Zhao Yang to discuss issues concerning the diplomatic community, bilateral cooperation and a proposed rooftop rainwater harvesting initiative in the federal capital. The meeting, held at CDA Headquarters, was also attended by Chinese embassy ad..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese association pledges support for modernisation of key industries**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-29

LAHORE - A leading Chinese industrial association has pledged support for the modernisation of Pakistan's key industries including textiles, leather, garments, and footwear through technology transfer and skill development programmes tailored to contemporary industrial standards. Officials highlighted that such initiatives could significantly enhance production quality and boost Pakistan's.... [more >>](#)

### Chinese investors keen to build EV charging stations

Source: [Muhammad Anis](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-04

Islamabad: The Chinese investors have shown interests in establishment of EV charging stations in Islamabad in view of the government's plans to promote E-vehicles in the country. A Chinese delegation at a meeting with management of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) here at CDA headquarters, expressed the readiness to provide all possible cooperation regarding the establishment of electr.... [more >>](#)

### MG Motor Pakistan, SAIC Motor announce \$20m investment at MG plant in Lahore

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

LAHORE - In a major vote of confidence in Pakistan's economic outlook and industrial potential, MG Motor Pakistan, backed by global automotive giant SAIC Motor, has announced a \$20 million investment to expand its vehicle manufacturing plant. The expansion is set to introduce advanced automotive technologies to Pakistan and will support the company's plans to broaden its product lineup.... [more >>](#)

### Chinese company keen to invest whopping \$5-10b in Pakistan

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD - Chinese company Aerospace Development Industry Investment Group Co. has expressed keen interest in investing between \$5 billion to \$10 billion in Pakistan across multiple sectors including mining and minerals, advanced technology industries, and industrial development. Federal Minister for Board of Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh held an important meeting with a high-level delegation.... [more >>](#)

### Chinese firms plan to invest \$2.6bn in Balochistan

Source: [Bakhtawar Mian](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD: Chinese companies are planning to invest about \$2.6 billion in the manufacturing and around \$14 million in the mineral sectors of Balochistan. These investments will stimulate industrial activities in the province and generate significant employment opportunities for the people. A Chinese delegation of investors, accompanied by former finance minister of Balochista.... [more >>](#)

### Chinese envoy says language skills key to boost bilateral trade

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-18

LAHORE: Newly appointed Chinese Consul General in Lahore Sun Yan said human capital equipped with Chinese language skills will be essential to unlocking the full potential of bilateral trade and investment between Pakistan and China. Speaking at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) at the concluding ceremony of a three-month Chinese language course, he shared that Pakistan and China.... [more >>](#)

### Skilled workforce production; Islamabad, Beijing set to hold talks

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China are set to begin negotiations this month to expand the ongoing programme aimed at producing a technologically advanced and globally competitive skilled workforce in line with international market demands. According to details, China International Intellectech Group Co, Ltd (CIIC Group) has sent a letter of appreciation to the Chairperson of the National Vocationa.... [more >>](#)

### **Maryam Nawaz, Chinese envoy vow to expand cooperation in Punjab**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

Maryam Nawaz met with China's newly appointed Consul General Sun Yan in Lahore, where both sides reaffirmed the longstanding friendship and strategic partnership between Pakistan and China. During the meeting, the chief minister accepted an invitation to visit China and expressed gratitude for Beijing's continued support in strengthening strategic cooperation, including the China-Pa..... [more >>](#)

### **How China is weathering the oil shock**

Source: [Afshan Hussain](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-30

KARACHI: It has been a month since the United States and Israel unleashed an unlawful war on Iran. Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu expected a quick victory by eliminating Iran's top civil and military leadership, hoping that it would bring the regime to its knees. But that didn't happen. Now, it's either checkmate or stalemate. The strategic and economic consequences aside,..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

### **Pakistan, China jointly moving towards upgraded phase of cooperation under CPEC 2.0: CG**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

LAHORE: Newly-appointed Chinese Consul General in Lahore Sun Yan has said that Pakistan and China are jointly moving towards an upgraded phase of cooperation under CPEC 2.0, which will focus on critical sectors such as industry, agriculture and mining, while emphasizing that human capital equipped with Chinese language skills will be essential for unlocking the full potential of bilateral trade an..... [more >>](#)

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### **CPEC 2.0 to prioritise industry, agriculture, mining**

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### **Punjab CM, Chinese envoy agree to boost ties, promote CPEC**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-19

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Wednesday met the newly appointed Consul General of China, Sun Yan, in Lahore. She congratulated Sun on assuming his diplomatic responsibilities in Lahore. During the meeting, the Chinese consul general invited the chief minister to visit China, an invitation that she accepted with thanks. Both sides agreed to further strengthen strategic cooperation ..... [more >>](#)

### **PM lauds China's economic support; reaffirms commitment to advance CPEC 2.0**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday appreciating China's steadfast economic support, reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to advancing CPEC 2.0, with a focus on agriculture, industrial cooperation, and

priority infrastructure projects. The prime minister, in a meeting with the Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan Jiang Zaidong here, emphasized continued close coordination at al..... [more >>](#)

### **Governor, Chinese CG for accelerating pace of work on projects in Sindh under CPEC**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Muhammad Nehal Hashmi and China's Consul General Yang Yundong agreed on Thursday to expand cooperation in infrastructure, investment and emerging economic sectors, as both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening bilateral ties. At a meeting held at the Governor House, the two dignitaries discussed accelerating development projects in Sindh under the China-..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development & Capacity Building

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### **Punjab governor, Chinese CG discuss coop in education sector**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-18

LAHORE - Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan and newly appointed Chinese Consul General Sun Yan discussed expanding cooperation between Pakistani and Chinese universities, particularly in research and exchanges of academic delegations, during a meeting at Governor House Lahore on Tuesday. The two sides also emphasised the need to strengthen educational and business linkages through increased..... [more >>](#)

### **China, COMSTECH discuss expanding science coop for OIC states**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD - China and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) science body COMSTECH discussed expanding cooperation in science, technology and health during a meeting in Islamabad. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary, coordinator general of COMSTECH, met Xu Hangtian, minister-counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, to review ongoing projects and discuss possible new initiatives involvin..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistani student finds creative path in China**

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-19

Islamabad: For Muhammad Yasir Baloch, a Pakistani undergraduate studying art and product design at Chengdu University, China is a lesson in creativity, according to a report carried by China Economic Net (CEN) on Wednesday. The buildings towering over the city's streets, the ancient artifacts displayed in its museums, and the intricate embroidery on traditional garments all speak to him in ..... [more >>](#)

## Technology & Innovation

### **China Manned Space Agency confirms Pakistani astronaut for 2026 flight**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-01

ISLAMABAD - A Pakistani astronaut will join a short-term mission aboard the China Space Station in 2026 as a payload specialist, conducting scientific experiments on behalf of Pakistan, according to a statement issued on Friday by the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA). The announcement came as CMSA unveiled its 2026 spaceflight plans, which include two crewed missions and one cargo resupply flight ..... [more >>](#)

### **China on the eve of commercial spaceflights taking off**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-07

BEIJING - The year 2026 might be monumental for China's commercial space sector as industry players anticipate key breakthroughs in recoverable rockets, according to China Economic Net (CEN). Building on the momentum of LANDSPACE's nearly successful first-stage recovery of its Zhuque-3 rocket at the end of last year, more models are expected to make their debut flights in the coming mo..... [more >>](#)

## Technology, Trade & Innovation

### **China's goal: technical self-reliance by 2030**

Source: [Dr Farid A Malik](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-20

China's march forward continues. The People's Republic has embarked on an economic transition based on technological self-reliance to be achieved by 2030. It is part of their five-year development plan (2025 to 2030). In October last year while attending the International Pittsburgh Coal Conference in Beijing, I came to know that the country intends to stop the use of coal by the year ..... [more >>](#)

### **Rebuilding industrial strength**

Source: [Engineer Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-02

As Pakistan and China celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations, it is an opportune moment to reflect on the industrial foundations of this enduring partnership. One of the most consequential dimensions of Pak-China cooperation has been the development of Pakistan's heavy engineering sector -- an area that quietly but fundamentally shaped the country's industrial trajectory. Industri..... [more >>](#)

# SDPI's Engagement

## Consultative Discussion

### Govt urged to shift from calorie-focused policies to nutrition-sensitive food systems

Source: [Web Desk](#), [LEAD Pakistan](#), 2026-03-15

PESHAWAR Policymakers and development practitioners, while stressing the need for crop diversification, stronger governance, and improved affordability of healthy foods, have urged the government to shift its food policy from a calorie-focused system to a nutrition-sensitive and climate-resilient model. The call was made at a consultation on 'Integrated Roadmap for Sustainable Food System..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Dunya News](#), 2026-03-15

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Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-03-14

پشاور (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبار تازہ ترین - اے پی پی - 14 مارچ 2026ء) ماہرین پالیسی، ماہرین زراعت اور ترقیاتی اداروں کے نمائندوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں خوراک کی بظاہر وافر دستیابی کے باوجود غذائیت کی صورتحال تشویشناک ہے جہاں [more >>](#).....

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### Experts call for a shift from calorie to nutrition security at the consultation on sustainable food systems in Pakistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [The AZB](#), 2026-03-16

KARACHI, March 2026: Experts, policymakers, and development practitioners have emphasized the urgent need to transform Pakistan's food system from a calorie-focused approach to a nutrition-sensitive and climate-resilient model to ensure sustainable and healthy diets for the population. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) is conducting a series of consultations for United States..... [more >>](#)

### Need to shift from wheat-centric approach to nutrition security framework stressed

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-17

LAHORE, March 17 (SABAH): Experts, policymakers, and development practitioners at a consultation have stressed the need for transforming Pakistan's food policies from a wheat-centric approach to a broader nutrition security framework.....

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Source: Editor, [Citizens' Voice](#), 2026-03-17

LAHORE – Experts, policymakers and development practitioners on Tuesday called for a shift in Pakistan’s food policies from a wheat-centric approach to a broader nutrition security framework, warning that the current system fails to meet the country’s dietary needs despite adequate calorie availability. The recommendations were made during a consultation titled “Integrated..... [more >>](#)

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Source: Ali imran Chattha, [Nazrana Times](#), 2026-03-18

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Source: Online, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-03-17

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Source: Staff Reporter, [Jahan Pakistan](#), 2026-03-17

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43 فیصد خواتین خون کی کمی میں مبتلا ہیں: ستارہ گل

Source: Express Reporter, [Daily Express](#), 2026-03-17

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### Demand for food policy change: Focus on nutrition, not just wheat

Source: Ali imran Chattha, [Nazrana Times](#), 2026-03-18

Nutrition/SDPI: Emphasis on shift from wheat-based policy to nutrition security framework Lahore (March 17, 2026, Nazrana Times) Ali Imran Chattha Experts, policymakers, and development professionals at a consultation meeting

emphasized the need to shift Pakistan's food policies away from a wheat-based approach and toward a comprehensive nutrition security framework. Titled "Integrat..... [more >>](#)

### **Nutrition crisis serious despite availability of food**

Source: [Ali imran Chattha](#), [Nazrana Times](#), 2026-03-18

In a meeting organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, experts said that Pakistan's food policy must be shifted towards nutrition security instead of being limited to wheat alone. The meeting was supported by the United Nations and its organizations Food and Agriculture Organization, UNICEF, World Food Programme, World Health Organization and International Fund for Agricultu..... [more >>](#)

## Dialogue News

### **Governance reform key to public trust, economic transformation: Ahsan Iqbal**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-28

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said strengthening governance is vital to restoring public trust, improving service delivery and enabling Pakistan to transition from economic stability to sustainable growth and transformation. Speaking at a launch of the SDPI's Endline Evaluation Report of the Sub-National Governance Pro..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Hasan Rashid](#), [Daily News Man](#), 2026-03-27

Islamabad, March 27, 2026: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said that governance is the face of a state that citizens encounter daily at federal, provincial, district and grassroots levels, thus strengthening these tiers of democracy is essential to bring about meaningful reforms. He was addressing a high-level policy dialogue titled ..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Commerce Reporter](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2026-03-28

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Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-03-28

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Source: [Syed Abdul Qaiyum Bukhari, GTV News](#), 2026-03-27

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Source: [SABAH, SABAH News](#), 2026-03-27

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) وفاقی وزیر برائے منصوبہ بندی، ترقی اور خصوصی اقدامات پروفیسر احسن اقبال نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کی حقیقی تبدیلی کا انحصار محض پالیسی سازی پر نہیں بلکہ موثر حکمرانی پر ہے، مضبوط بلدیاتی نظام کے بغیر اختیار [more >>](#)..... □

### Water management, population critical challenges for developing countries: Expert

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-27

ISLAMABAD - Dr Jose A. Puppim De Oliveira, a renowned Brazilian climate expert and the Chair in Climate Change Governance and Global Development at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, has said that water resource management and population explosion are critical emerging challenges for developing countries. He was speaking at a special ceremony hosted jointly by Sustainable ..... [more >>](#)

### Devolution remains unfinished without strong local governments: Ahsan

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-03-29

Islamabad: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has said that governance is the face of a state that citizens encounter daily at federal, provincial, district and grassroots levels, thus strengthening these tiers of democracy is essential to bring about meaningful reforms. The Minister was addressing a policy dialogue on "Strengthening governance: ..... [more >>](#)

## Press Brief

### Energy crisis from Middle East conflict could trigger global inflation: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri

Source: [APP, Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-16

ISLAMABAD, Mar 16 (APP): Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, has warned that escalating tensions in the Middle East and disruptions in global energy supplies could trigger serious economic consequences worldwide. In a press brief, Dr Suleri said the global economy remains heavily dependent on fossil fuels, particularly petroleum products, whic..... [more >>](#)

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## Roundtable Discussion

**Experts call for urgent shift from calorie sufficiency to nutrition-centric food system**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD, March 20 (SABAH): Pakistan's food system transformation is elusive sans a comprehensive national food system framework amid emerging challenges, including rapid urbanization, population growth, declining agricultural productivity, inefficient agricultural value chain, and shrinking cultivable land that are key barriers hindering the agrarian nation's progress to achieving f..... [more >>](#)

**Danyal calls for prioritising child-focused investments in budget**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-10

Islamabad: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, Barrister Danyal Chaudhry, has stressed the urgent need to prioritize children in the upcoming federal budget, noting that despite comprising over 40% of Pakistan's population, public investment in child-focused sectors remains persistently low, says a press release. Speaking at a pre-budget roundtable organized by..... [more >>](#)

**Call for greater child-focused investments ahead of budget**

Source: [APP](#), [Dunya News](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD (APP) - Speakers at a pre-budget experts' roundtable on child-focused social sector investments urged policymakers to prioritise education, health and protection services for children in the upcoming federal and provincial budgets, warning that limited public spending and rising economic pressures could undermine Pakistan's long-term human development. The pre-budget consult..... [more >>](#)

**Federal Budget: Danyal for greater allocation of resources for children**

Source: [Nuzhat Nazar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Barrister Danyal Chaudhry has called for greater allocation of resources for children in the upcoming federal budget, noting that despite making up more than 40 percent of Pakistan's population, investment in child-focused sectors remains significantly low. Speaking at a pre-budget roundtable organised by UNICEF in ..... [more >>](#)

**Barrister Danyal urges higher child investment in budget 2026–27**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-09

ISLAMABAD, Mar 09 (APP): Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Barrister Danyal Chaudhary called for increased investment in children in the 2026–27 federal budget, warning that despite children making up more than 40 per cent of Pakistan's population, their needs continue to receive insufficient priority in federal and provincial allocations. He made these remark..... [more >>](#)

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### Prioritise Child Investments in Pakistan Budget

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Point](#), 2026-03-09

Barrister Danyal Chaudhry has urged that child investments be placed at the centre of the federal budget as Pakistan prepares allocations for FY2026-27, noting that children make up more than 40 percent of the population while public spending on child-focused services remains low. Speaking at a pre-budget roundtable convened by UNICEF with the SDGs Secretariat and SDPI, Barrister Danyal reviewed ..... [more >>](#)

### Parliamentary Secretary Urges Child Investments in Budget

Source: [News Desk](#), [Islamabad Mail](#), 2026-03-09

Barrister Danyal Chaudhry called for urgent prioritization of child investments in the upcoming federal budget while speaking at a pre-budget roundtable organised by UNICEF with the SDGs Secretariat and SDPI. He stressed that children make up more than 40 percent of Pakistan's population, yet public funding for child-focused sectors remains inadequate and misaligned with needs. Presenting r..... [more >>](#)

آئندہ بجٹ میں بچوں کی تعلیم، صحت اور تحفظ کو ترجیح دی جائے، ماہرین و ارکان پارلیمنٹ

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-09

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین، ارکان پارلیمنٹ اور پالیسی سازوں نے آئندہ بجٹ 2026-27 کی تیاری کے تناظر میں حکومت پر زور دیا ہے کہ بچوں کی تعلیم، صحت، غذائیت اور تحفظ سے متعلق سماجی شعبوں میں سرمایہ کاری کو ترجیح دی جائے کیونکہ..... [more >>](#)

### Nutrition crisis is increasing due to wheat-based diet

Source: [Ali Imran Chatha](#), [Nazrana Times](#), 2026-03-20

Experts demand immediate shift from calorie-centric diet to nutrition-centric system. Change in nutrition system difficult without strong national framework and incentives to farmers: Expert Islamabad (20 March 2026) Ali Imran Chatha Experts said that improving the food system in Pakistan is not possible without a comprehensive national framework. Rapid urbanization, population growth, declin..... [more >>](#)

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Experts demand immediate shift from calorie-centric diet to nutrition-centric system Strong national infrastructure and incentives to farmers Transformation of fertilizer system difficult without experts: Expert Islamabad (March 20, 2026) Experts said improving the fertilizer system in Pakistan is not possible without a comprehensive national framework. Rapid urbanization, population gr..... [more >>](#)

پاکستان کا غذائی نظام: کیلوریز کی فراوانی کے باوجود غذائیت کی کمی چیلنج بن گئی، ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-20

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ تیزی سے بڑھتی ہوئی آبادی، شہری پھیلاؤ، زرعی پیداوار میں کمی اور قابل کاشت زمین کے سکڑنے جیسے سنگین چیلنجز کے باعث پاکستان کا غذائی نظام ایک نازک موڑ پر کھڑا ہے، اور ایک جا..... [more >>](#)

### Experts call for Pakistan food system overhaul

Source: [DNA](#), [Daily Islamabad Post](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD, MAR 20 /DNA/ – Pakistan's food system transformation is elusive sans a comprehensive national food system framework amid emerging challenges, including rapid urbanization, population growth, declining agricultural productivity, inefficient agricultural value chain, and shrinking cultivable land that are key barriers hindering the agrarian nation's progress to achieving..... [more >>](#)

### Call to shift from calorie sufficiency to nutrition-centric food

Source: [Rasheed Khalid, The News, International](#), 2026-03-23

Islamabad: Dr Babar Shahbaz from Agriculture University, Faisalabad, described Pakistan's situation as a "calorie abundance but nutrition deficit" paradox. Dr Shahbaz was addressing a consultation on "Integrated roadmap for sustainable food systems transformation in Pakistan" organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) as part of a nationwide series..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI Articles

### A battery policy worth its salt

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed, The News, International](#), 2026-03-02

Pakistan's decision to launch a National Lithium-Ion Battery Manufacturing Policy (2026–2031) is not a routine bureaucratic notification; it is a strategic signal. For the first time, storage is being treated as industrial architecture rather than as a technical appendix to the power sector. The endorsement of lithium iron phosphate (LFP) phased localisation targets, tariff rationalis..... [more >>](#)

### Attack on Iran: The Global Chessboard and Pakistan's Delicate Position

Source: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-01

If one were to suggest that the recent actions by Israel and the United States against Iran are rooted in strategies conceived as far back as 1974, during the first Islamic Summit Conference in Lahore, and that these plans gained real momentum only after Pakistan emerged as a nuclear power in 1998, it may at first sound startling. Yet, if approached not as an emotional assertion but as a thoughtfu..... [more >>](#)

ایران پر حملہ: عالمی طاقتوں کی شطرنج اور پاکستان کی نازک حیثیت

Source: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-07

ایران کے خلاف اسرائیل اور امریکہ کے حالیہ کارروائیوں پر اگر یہ کہا جائے کہ اس جنگ کی منصوبہ بندی 1974 میں لاہور میں ہونے والی پہلی اسلامی سربراہ کانفرنس کے بعد ہی شروع ہو گئی تھی مگر اسے مہمیز 1998 میں پاکستان کے ایٹمی طاقت بننے..... [more >>](#)

### A Nation One Blockade Away

Source: [Abid Rasheed, ChatZyr](#), 2026-03-04

Nations are not destroyed by enemy invasions alone; they often collapse under the weight of their own negligence. At times, it is shortsighted decisions that drag entire peoples toward ruin. Such decline does not occur overnight. It is born of years of indifference, politics driven by narrow interests, and the relegation of national security to a secondary concern. News of a potential closure or ..... [more >>](#)

آبنائے برمز کی بندش اور پاکستان

Source: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-05

ملک صرف دشمن کے حملے سے ہی تباہ نہیں ہوتے بلکہ اپنی غفلت کے بوجھ سے بھی بیٹھ جاتے ہیں.... کبھی کبھی عاقبت نا اندیشانہ فیصلے بھی قوموں کو لے ڈوبتے ہیں۔ ایسا برسوں پر محیط لاپرواہی، مفادات کی سیاست اور قومی سلامتی کو ثانوی س..... [more >>](#)

### High tobacco taxes alone not enough

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-05

Pakistan stands at a decisive moment in its struggle against tobacco use. As a signatory to the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), the country has committed itself to using price and tax measures to reduce tobacco consumption, as outlined in Article 6. The evidence supporting this approach is overwhelming: higher tobacco taxes are among the most effec..... [more >>](#)

### A Decisive Strategic Moment for the Islamic World and Pakistan

Source: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-07

The atmosphere in the Middle East today is heavy with the scent of gunpowder. The escalating tensions among Iran, Israel, and the United States have created a war-like environment whose consequences will not remain confined to the borders of a few states. Rather, they will affect the entire architecture of global politics, economics, and security. History repeatedly testifies that major wars are..... [more >>](#)

نئی عالمی بساط پر پاکستان کی حکمت عملی

Source: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-07

مشرق وسطیٰ کی فضا اس وقت بارود کی بو سے بوجھل ہے۔ ایران، اسرائیل اور امریکہ کے درمیان بڑھتی ہوئی کشیدگی نے ایک ایسی جنگی کیفیت کو جنم دے دیا ہے جس کے اثرات صرف چند ریاستوں کی سرحدوں تک محدود نہیں رہیں گے بلکہ عالمی سیاست، [more >>](#)

### The great grid exit

Source: [Sarim Zia, The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

A strange paradox has emerged in Pakistan's economy this February 2026. While the government celebrates a modest GDP recovery and the Pakistan Stock Exchange hits record highs, the national grid faces a silent, existential crisis as economic growth 'decouples' from grid demand. Data for early 2026 reveals that while the population expands and urban centres swell, grid electricity..... [more >>](#)

### Weaponisation of Outer Space in South Asia: Security Challenges for Pakistan

Source: [Brigadier Mohammad Yasin \(Retired\), The Destination](#), 2026-03-10

With millions of satellites in outer space, security dynamics have become increasingly complex. The space ecosystem now widely supports military planning for command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. The South Asian scenario of the outer space has become most important for Pakistan because India is operating a large constellation of satellites, which, apart from economic ..... [more >>](#)

### The hunger challenge

Source: [Dr Kashif Salik & Yahya Gulraiz, The News, International](#), 2026-03-10

The 2025 Global Hunger Index ranks Pakistan 106th out of 123 countries, with a score of 26.0, indicating a serious hunger situation. Nutrition International reports that around 37.5 million people in Pakistan are unable to meet basic nutritional needs. Thus, undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, and related health issues result in annual economic losses of about three per cent of GDP or \$7..... [more >>](#)

### Riding the oil shock

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed, The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

Wars in the Middle East have a persistent habit of spreading far beyond their geographic boundaries. They move through tankers, freight routes and financial markets, eventually landing on the balance sheets of distant economies. The recent US–Iran confrontation has triggered exactly such a moment. As tensions escalate across the Gulf, global oil prices have surged, pushing Brent crude toward..... [more >>](#)

### Trading through tensions

Source: [Atteq ur Rehman, The News, International](#), 2026-03-09

In a region where geography shapes economic outcomes, Pakistan's prosperity depends on transforming its borders from choke points into efficient corridors of secure, predictable, and commercially viable trade. Cross-border trade is the traditional method of producing and manufacturing goods and services among individuals, businesses, or other legal entities from different countries. Cross-b..... [more >>](#)

جنوبی ایشیا میں خلا کی عسکری دوڑ: پاکستان کی سلامتی کے تقاضے

Source: Brigadier Mohammad Yasin (Retired), [The Destination](#), 2026-03-10

خلا میں لاکھوں سیٹلائٹس کی موجودگی نے عالمی سلامتی کی حرکیات کو پہلے سے کہیں زیادہ پیچیدہ بنا دیا ہے۔ آج خلا کا نظام فوجی منصوبہ بندی کے لئے بھی وسیع پیمانے پر استعمال ہو رہا ہے۔ سیٹلائٹس کمانڈ اینڈ کنٹرول، انٹیلی جنس، نگ [more >>](#).....

### The Imperatives of Wisdom

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The tensions unfolding in the Middle East are not merely a war; they represent a grand contest spread across the chessboard of global politics. In this contest, major powers make decisions according to their own interests, while smaller and middle-sized states are often left to bear the consequences. For Pakistan, the most crucial lesson in this situation is to place its national interest and surv..... [more >>](#)

دانشمندی کے تقاضے

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مشرق وسطیٰ میں جاری کشیدگی صرف ایک جنگ نہیں بلکہ عالمی سیاست کی بساط پر بچھا ہوا ایک بڑا کھیل ہے۔ اس کھیل میں بڑی طاقتیں اپنے مفادات کے مطابق فیصلے کرتی ہیں اور اکثر چھوٹے یا درمیانے درجے کے ممالک کو ان کے نتائج بھگتنا پڑت [more >>](#).....

### War-driven energy insecurity

Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-09

“Volatility has become so extreme that suppliers are quoting prices valid for only an hour,” says Fahd Chinoy, CEO of Pakistan Cables, in an exclusive interview with Dawn last Friday. Constituting about 60 to 80 per cent of the cost of wire and cables, copper is an essential imported input. In the last six months, copper prices have surged from around \$10,000 per tonne to over \$13,0..... [more >>](#)

### Riding the oil shock

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### India-EU trade deal and services shift: strategic lessons for Pakistan

Source: Asif Javed, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-12

The recently concluded European Union-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA), finalized in early 2026 after nearly two decades of negotiations, represents a structural shift in global trade architecture, one that places the services sector at the core of export competitiveness. For Pakistan, this agreement is not merely an economic development between third parties; it is a strategic benchmark that high..... [more >>](#)

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### Oil, Power, and Currency: The Quiet War Reshaping the Global Economy | ChatZyr

Source: [Abid Rasheed, ChatZyr](#), 2026-03-15

News emerging from the gunpowder-laden skies of the Persian Gulf and the rapidly shifting regional landscape has sent a shiver through the financial nerves of the world. That tremor stems from an economic structure that for more than half a century has sustained global politics and the trade of energy. Recent tensions surrounding the Strait of Hormuz and the strategic signals coming out of Iran ha..... [more >>](#)

تیل، طاقت اور کرنسی: بدلتی عالمی معیشت

Source: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-15

خلیج فارس کی بارود سے بوجھل فضاوں سے آنے والی اطلاعات اور بدلتی صورتحال نے دنیا کے مالیاتی اعصاب میں کپکپی دوڑا دی ہے۔ اس کپکپی کی وجہ وہ معاشی ڈھانچہ ہے جو گزشتہ نصف صدی سے عالمی سیاست اور توانائی کی تجارت کو سہارا دیے ہوئے..... [more >>](#)

### Global freshwater bankruptcy

Source: [Naseer Memon, The News, International](#), 2026-03-15

Two recent reports have revealed alarming data on rapidly worsening water balance of the world. United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health has just released a startling report: Living Beyond our Hydrological Means in the Post-Crisis Era. Prior to this, World Bank had released a report: Continental Drying: A Threat to Our Commo..... [more >>](#)

ضرورت ، مجبوری اور وقت کے تقاضے

Source: [Abid Rasheed, The Destination](#), 2026-03-16

جنگوں اور جنگ جیسے حالات نے دنیا کے مسائل حل کرنے کے بجائے ہمیشہ ان میں اضافہ ہی کیا ہے...مسائل کی یہ پیداوار جنگوں کے بعد بھی جاری رہتی ہے اگر جنگوں سے مسائل حل ہوتے تو دو عالمی جنگوں کے ذریعے ”داد شجاعت“ پانے والے م..... [more >>](#)

### The \$1 billion pulse problem

Source: [Dua Mobeem & Khansa Naeem, The News, International](#), 2026-03-18

For millions of Pakistani households living below the poverty line, struggling with food inflation, malnutrition and limited dietary diversity, pulses remain an affordable source of protein and nutritional security. Despite their significance, the country relies heavily on imported pulses, with nearly 80 per cent of consumption being met through imports. That cost the economy close to \$1 billion ..... [more >>](#)

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### Reading Hemingway in a time of war

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-19

On February 28, I had just joined a Zoom meeting after landing and settling in a lounge at Doha airport, when phones around me began beeping and flashing emergency alerts, warning people to stay indoors. At first, many of us assumed it was a temporary disruption. That illusion did not last long. The messages kept coming: airport screens initially filled with delays, then cancellations and soon th..... [more >>](#)

### Punjab must reform its way out

Source: [Junaid Zahid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

Punjab, Pakistan's largest and most politically consequential province, is under pressure to do more with less. It must expand access to health and education, improve infrastructure, respond to climate shocks, support vulnerable households and keep development moving in a fragile economic environment. But behind every policy promise lies an increasingly uncomfortable truth: Punjab's fi..... [more >>](#)

### Talk slower

Source: [Brig \(Retd\) Mohammad Yasin](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

For a balanced comprehension, especially for senior citizens, the talking speed should be about 150 to 175 words per minute (WPM), that is about 2.5 words per second. This should be the standard. But, currently, the TV news anchors read the news at an overwhelming speed, resulting in a significant drop in comprehension. My strong suggestion would be that the reading or broadcasting speed of the n..... [more >>](#)

### From relief to rights

Source: [Dr Mohsin Ali Kazmi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

Pakistan's education system has long been affected by poverty, inequality, and disparities in public service access, resulting in millions of children, particularly girls, being out of school despite constitutional assurances. In the past decade, social protection measures have become increasingly important to tackle this issue, often linking ca..... [more >>](#)

### Pluriversal burden of tobacco

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

Tobacco in Pakistan sits at an intersection of commerce, public health, and national economics, a commodity that generates sizeable profits for manufacturers and excise revenues for the state, yet burdens individuals, families, public health systems, and the broader economy with costs that far outweigh what is gained financially. The story of tobacco..... [more >>](#)

### A fragile future

Source: [Naseer Memon](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-20

The global freshwater stock is exposed to a twin menace; it is declining as well as degrading. The 2025 global water monitoring report of the World Bank, Continental Drying: A threat to our common future, depicts a grim picture of the world's hydro future. The report lists Pakistan among the countries under drying conditions responsible for the h..... [more >>](#)

### Economics of rationing

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-23

The current geopolitical crises, especially the disruption in the Strait of Hormuz, offer a clear, real-time case study of the economics of rationing. The strait ordinarily carries about one-fifth of global oil and LNG trade and the present disruption has pushed crude oil high, creating a supply shock. In textbook economics, rationing occurs when prices fail to fully clear markets, either because..... [more >>](#)

**Hydro war crime**

Source: [Naseer Memon](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-24

WATER is as precious a commodity as oil for countries of the Middle East. In the absence of freshwater resources, the region relies heavily on expensive, desalinated water. During the current war in the Gulf, the protagonists have not only aimed projectiles at oil depots, they have also decimated two water purification plants. If more water plants are targeted, the fallout could be worse than the ..... [more >>](#)

**War in an age of climate crisis**

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### **Study on taxation: Salaried class pays 352pc higher tax than other sectors**

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ISLAMABAD: At a time when the IMF is currently undertaking the third review of \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF) for Pakistan, a study on taxation reveals that the salaried class paid 3.5 times more in taxes — 352% higher — than the combined contribution of exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors During the roundtable dialogue arranged by Germany's Friedrich Ebe..... [more >>](#)

### **Salaried class pays 352% more tax than other sectors: study**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Geo News](#), 2026-03-06

ISLAMABAD: As the International Monetary Fund (IMF) conducts the third review of Pakistan's \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF), a new taxation study has found that the salaried class paid 3.5 times more in taxes, or 352% more, than the combined contribution of exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors, The News reported. Speaking at a roundtable organised by Germany's Frie..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan's salaried class pays 352% more tax than traders, exporters combined: study**

Source: [Monitoring Desk](#), [Profit](#), 2026-03-06

A study on Pakistan's taxation system has found that the salaried class is paying significantly higher taxes than several other economic groups, contributing 3.5 times more than exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors combined, The News reported. The findings were presented during a roundtable organised by Germany's Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) for the launch of the ..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Muhammad Bilal](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2026-03-06

A new study has found that Pakistan's salaried class paid 352 percent more taxes than exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors combined, highlighting a growing imbalance in the country's tax system as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) conducts the third review of Pakistan's \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility program. The findings were presented during a roundtable..... [more >>](#)

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A new taxation study shows a significant imbalance in Pakistan's revenue system, revealing that the salaried class contributed 352% more in taxes than the combined payments of exporters, retailers, wholesalers and distributors, a trend experts say reflects systemic inequity rather than a one-off surge. The findings were unveiled on March 5, during a roundtable discussion held by Germany&r..... [more >>](#)

**تنخواہ دار طبقے نے تاجروں کے مجموعی ٹیکس کی نسبت 352 فیصد زیادہ ٹیکس دیا**Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [Daily Jang](#), 2026-03-06

اسلام آباد(مہتاب حیدر) ایسے وقت میں جب بین الاقوامی مالیاتی فنڈ پاکستان کے لیے 7 ارب ڈالر کے ایکسٹینڈڈ فنڈ فیسیلٹی پروگرام کا تیسرا جائزہ لے رہا ہے، ٹیکسیشن سے متعلق ایک نئی تحقیق میں انکشاف ہوا ہے کہ تنخواہ دار طبقے نے بر..... [more >>](#)

**Seminar News****Experts Seek Policy Reforms To Revive Pulses' Production & Strengthen Food System**Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 10th Mar, 2026) Pakistan's growing reliance on pulses imports is costing nearly US\$1billionannually, which is a stark reflection of declining domestic production and widening food and protein crises, experts warned at a seminar. The seminar, titled: 'Developing Competitive and Inclusive Value Chains of Pulses in Pakistan', was or..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan spends \$1b annually on Pulses' import**Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-10

ISLAMABAD, March 10 (SABAH): Pakistan's growing reliance on pulses import is costing nearly US\$1 billion annually, which is a stark reflection of declining domestic production and widening food and protein crises, experts warned at a seminar. The seminar, titled: 'Developing Competitive and Inclusive Value Chains of Pulses in Pakistan', organized by Sustainable Development Polic..... [more >>](#)

**Rising reliance on pulses' import eats away \$1 billion annually: experts**Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD: Expressing deep concern over Pakistan's rising import of pulses, experts at a seminar in Islamabad on Tuesday, called on the government to bring about urgent policy reforms and value chain development to revive the production of pulses and strengthen the country's food system. At a seminar on 'Developing Competitive and Inclusive Value Chains of Pulses in Pakistan & rsqu..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan spends \$1bn annually on pulses' import**Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-11

Islamabad: Pakistan's growing reliance on pulses import is costing nearly \$1 billion annually, which is a stark reflection of declining domestic production and widening food and protein crises, experts warned at a seminar. The seminar on "Developing competitive and inclusive value chains of pulses in Pakistan" was organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in co..... [more >>](#)

دالوں کی پیداوار میں کمی پاکستان کی معیشت پر سالانہ ایک ارب ڈالر کا درآمدی بوجھ ہے، ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-10

اسلام آباد( صباح نیوز) پاکستان میں دالوں کی ملکی پیداوار میں 37 فیصد کمی کے باعث غذائی اور پروٹین کے بحران کا خطرہ بڑھ گیا ہے۔ ملک کو ہر سال تقریباً ایک ارب ڈالر مالیت کی دالیں درآمد کرنا پڑ رہی ہیں۔ ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ..... [more >>](#)

### Tanveer highlights competitive value chain for pulses critical for food security

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain said that developing a competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, improving nutrition, and reducing Pakistan's reliance on imports, adding that even a 30 per cent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses import bill. He wa..... [more >>](#)

### Rana Tanveer speaks at SPDI seminar: 'Competitive, inclusive value chain for pulses critical for ensuring food security'

Source: [Hamza Habib](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-13

ISLAMABAD: A competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, and only a 30 percent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses imports. Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain stated this while speaking at a seminar, "Developing Competitive and Inclusive Value Chains of Pulses in ..... [more >>](#)

### Inclusive value chain for pulses key to food security, reduction in imports: Rana Tanveer

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-12

ISLAMABAD, Mar 12 (APP): Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain has said that developing a competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, improving nutrition and reducing Pakistan's reliance on imports, thus only a 30 per cent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses imports. .... [more >>](#)

### Inclusive value chain for pulses key to food security, reduction in imports: Rana Tanveer

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ISLAMABAD, March 12 (SABAH): Rana Tanveer Hussain, the Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, has said that developing a competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, improving nutrition and reducing Pakistan's reliance on imports, thus only a 30 per cent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [APP](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2026-03-13

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Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Nawa e Waqt](#), 2026-03-13

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) وفاقی وزیر برائے قومی غذائی تحفظ و تحقیق رانا تنویر حسین نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں دالوں کی مضبوط ویلیو چین کے ذریعے غذائی تحفظ بہتر بنائے، غذائیت میں اضافہ کرنے اور درآمدات پر انحصار میں کمی مم..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-12

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دالوں کی پیداوار میں اضافہ ناگزیر

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Source: APP, [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2026-03-12

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### Pulses critical for food security: minister

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-14

Islamabad: Rana Tanveer Hussain, Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, has said that developing a competitive and inclusive value chain for pulses is critical for ensuring food security, improving nutrition and reducing Pakistan's reliance on imports as only a 30 per cent improvement in the sector could significantly cut the country's pulses' imports. Mr Tanveer..... [more >>](#)

### Pulse production crisis

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-03-23

EDITORIAL: Despite being an agrarian economy, Pakistan is increasingly dependent on imported pulses, spending nearly USD 1 billion annually — a troubling indicator of deep structural weaknesses in the country's agricultural policies and practices. Pulses such as lentils, chickpeas and beans are a vital source of affordable nutrition for millions of low-income households. Yet a country..... [more >>](#)

### Experts propose construction of small dams to save rainwater

Source: APP, [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-31

ISLAMABAD, Mar 31 (APP): Experts at a seminar proposed construction of small dams in collaboration with Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) to address water management challenges, informing that around 35 million acre-feet of water flowed into the Arabian Sea during last year's monsoon. The seminar titled "Monsoon Outlook 2026 and Need for Timely Action", was organized..... [more >>](#)

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رواں سال مون سون شدید خطرناک ہو سکتا ہے: ماہرین کا انتباہ

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اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین نے بارش کے پانی کو محفوظ بنانے کے لئے چھوٹے ڈیموں کی تعمیر کی تجویز پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ گزشتہ سال کے مون سون کے دوران بحیرہ عرب میں جا گرنے والے تقریباً 35 ملین ایکڑ فٹ پانی کو موثر حکمت عملی [more >>](#)..... □

### Experts call for urgent shift from calorie sufficiency to nutrition-centric food system

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-20

ISLAMABAD, March 20 (SABAH): Pakistan's food system transformation is elusive sans a comprehensive national food system framework amid emerging challenges, including rapid urbanization, population growth, declining

agricultural productivity, inefficient agricultural value chain, and shrinking cultivable land that are key barriers hindering the agrarian nation's progress to achieving f..... [more >>](#)

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#### **Water management, population critical challenges for developing countries: Expert**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-26

ISLAMABAD, Mar 26 (APP): Dr Jose A. Puppim De Oliveira, a renowned Brazilian climate expert and the Chair in Climate Change Governance and Global Development at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, has said that water resource management and population explosion are critical emerging challenges for developing countries. He was speaking at a special ceremony hosted jointly by ..... [more >>](#)

#### **Water Management, Population Critical Challenges For Developing Countries: Expert**

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ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 26th Mar, 2026) Dr Jose A. Puppim De Oliveira, a renowned Brazilian climate expert and the Chair in Climate Change Governance and Global Development at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, has said that water resource management and population explosion are critical emerging challenges for developing countries. He was speaking at..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-26

اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز) برازیل کے موسمیاتی تبدیلی کے معروف ماہر ڈاکٹر جوزے اے پیم ڈی اولیویرا نے پاکستان اور عالمی تحقیقی اداروں کے درمیان موسمیاتی حکمرانی اور شہری تحقیق کے شعبوں میں تعاون کے وسیع امکانات پر زور دیتے ہوئے..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [Sufyan Paracha](#), [Daily Mudabbir](#), 2026-03-27

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#### **'Water mismanagement, population surge major threats'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-28

Islamabad: Dr Jose A Puppim de Oliveira, Chair in Climate Change Governance and Global Development, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, has said that water resource management and population explosion

are critical emerging challenges for developing countries. Dr Oliveira was speaking at a ceremony jointly hosted here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and In..... [more >>](#)

## Webinar News

### **Need stressed to transform waste sector into a strategic pillar of Pakistan's climate agenda under NDCs**

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-02

ISLAMABAD, March 02 (SABAH): Climate experts, policymakers and development practitioners have stressed the need to transform Pakistan's waste sector into a strategic pillar of its climate mitigation agenda under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by setting up robust data systems, lifecycle based emissions accounting, and formal integration of informal waste workers. The call w..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 2nd Mar, 2026) Climate experts, policymakers and development practitioners have stressed the need to transform Pakistan's waste sector into a strategic pillar of its climate mitigation agenda under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by setting up robust data systems, life-cycle based emissions accounting, and formal integration ..... [more >>](#)

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### **Need to transform waste sector into strategic pillar of climate agenda**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-03-04

Islamabad: Arif Goheer, Executive Director, Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC), has said the waste sector sits at the intersection of climate science, urban governance and sustainable development, yet remains 'one of the most under-recognised but high-impact mitigation opportunities' for Pakistan. Mr Goheer was addressing a webinar on "Waste sector emissions & bottom..... [more >>](#)

### **Call to embed climate adaptation within governance structures at grass roots level**

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-05

ISLAMABAD, Mar 05 (APP): Experts at a webinar on Thursday called for embedding climate adaptation within the governance structures at grass roots level, as Pakistan advances district-level adaptation planning under its National Adaptation Plan. The webinar, titled: "Strengthening Local-Led Climate Adaptation in Pakistan: Beyond Optics," was organized by Sustainable Development Policy I..... [more >>](#)

### Call To Embed Climate Adaptation Within Governance Structures At Grass Roots Level

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ISLAMABAD, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 5th Mar, 2026) Experts at a webinar on Thursday called for embedding climate adaptation within the governance structures at grass roots level, as Pakistan advances district-level adaptation planning under its National Adaptation Plan. The webinar, titled: "Strengthening Local-Led Climate Adaptation in Pakistan: Beyond Optics," was orga..... [more >>](#)

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### Advancing Climate Adaptation at District Level

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Peak Point](#), 2026-03-05

Experts at a webinar urged embedding climate adaptation within local governance as Pakistan moves to district-level planning under its National Adaptation Plan. Organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute in partnership with the NAP team and supported by UNEP and the Green Climate Fund, the discussion brought together federal and provincial officials, UN agencies and civil society to..... [more >>](#)

### Climate adaptation must translate into tangible results for farmers, vulnerable populations: Experts

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-08

ISLAMABAD, Mar 08 (APP): Experts at a webinar have proposed encouraging provincial challenge funds, reforming procurement rules to accommodate SMEs and tech entrepreneurs, and conducting joint studies to identify barriers to scaling successful local solutions, ensuring adaptation at the community level. They also called for embedding climate adaptation within the governance structures at grass r..... [more >>](#)

### Rising energy costs threat to industry, say experts

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-03-11

ISLAMABAD, Mar 11 (APP): Experts at a webinar called for a gradual shift from gas to electricity and renewable energy to safeguard long-term industrial competitiveness, as Pakistan's industrial sector is under severe pressure due to rising global energy costs prices, structural inefficiencies, and policy constraints. The webinar, titled "Rising Energy Costs and the Future of Sustainab..... [more >>](#)

### Rising Energy Costs Threat To Industry, Say Experts

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Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-03-11

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) عالمی توانائی بحران اور تیل و گیس کی بڑھتی قیمتوں نے پاکستان کے صنعتی شعبے کو شدید دباؤ میں ڈال دیا ہے۔ ماہرین نے خیردار کیا ہے کہ تیل کی ممکنہ بلند عالمی قیمتیں، ایل این جی کی فراہمی میں غیر یقینی صور..... [more >>](#)

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**Call to shift from gas to electricity and renewable energy**

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Islamabad: Syed Mohammed Osama Rizvi, Global Market and Product Strategist at Primary Vision, said the country's refining configuration is misaligned with demand. S Rizvi was addressing a webinar on "Rising energy costs and the future of sustainable industry in Pakistan" was organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). S Rizvi said most refineries still oper..... [more >>](#)

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