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Mission

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

Vision

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

About Newsletter

SDPI publishes this **Monthly E-newsletter** to keep researchers, practitioners, and policymakers informed about emerging issues, trends, and developments in the field of Information Technology and Telecommunications at the national, regional, and international levels.

This e-newsletter is an outcome of the public and private policy dialogues organised by SDPI's Study Group on emerging issues in the ITT field. It presents analysis, planning perspectives, and policy recommendations developed by SDPI's IT and Telecom team. The newsletter also consists of relevant references from news reports, commentaries, and Op-Eds published in leading national and international media outlets.

About Study Group on Information Technology and Telecommunications

SDPI's Study Group on Information Technology and Telecommunications brings together a multidisciplinary network of consultants, scientists, academics, economists, and policy practitioners who periodically convene to deliberate on emerging developments in the rapidly evolving domains of telecommunications, digital technologies, data processing, networking, mass media, and information systems. The Group serves as a platform for informed policy dialogue and evidence-based analysis on issues related to the generation, management, governance, and utilisation of information and communication technologies (ICTs).

The Study Group aims to strengthen awareness and informed decision-making among stakeholders from the public and private sectors by identifying opportunities for harnessing digital and information resources, addressing institutional and regulatory challenges, and anticipating technological transformations that may shape Pakistan's economy, governance systems, and society. Through its deliberations, the Group contributes to policy discourse on digital inclusion, innovation, connectivity, knowledge economies, and technology-driven development.

A key outcome of the Study Group's work is the development of policy and planning recommendations grounded in research, stakeholder consultations, and sectoral analysis. Over the past three decades, the Group has consistently contributed to national policy discussions on ICTs and telecommunications, with many of its recommendations informing government strategies, regulatory frameworks, and sectoral reforms. Its long-standing engagement has positioned the Study Group as an important knowledge and policy resource for advancing Pakistan's digital transformation agenda.

Media Sources

The e-newsletter draws upon reporting, analysis, and commentary published in leading national media outlets, including:

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

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Broadband Expansion and Fiber Optics

01 Govt to expand fibre-to-home coverage to 10m households: Shaza Fatima

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-18

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Wednesday said the government's target is to expand fibre-to-the-home coverage to 10 million household passes in the coming years, which would significantly improve access to reliable internet services. Addressing a community-centred connectivity policy forum titled "The Jhuggiwala St..... [more >>](#)

Cybersecurity and Information Security

02 January to May 2026; Kaspersky detects over 92,000 malware attacks disguised as AI services

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-05

ISLAMABAD: A global cybersecurity company on Thursday revealed that the company has detected over 92,000 attacks of malware and potentially unwanted applications disguised as popular Artificial Intelligence (AI) agents and AI services during January to May 2026. According to a report of the company released on Thursday, the cybercriminals exploited trusted brands to lure victims into download..... [more >>](#)

03 Fake AI apps become top malware lure, says report

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-07

ISLAMABAD: Cybercriminals launched more than 92,000 malware attacks worldwide disguised as popular artificial intelligence agents and services between January and May, according to data shared by the global cybersecurity company Kaspersky. Fake ChatGPT applications accounted for 49pc of all detected attacks, while Claude and Gemini each represented 18pc, as attackers expl..... [more >>](#)

04 Cyber fraud accounts for 40pc of cases: NCCIA official

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-11

KARACHI: Additional Director of the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) Karachi Zone Muhammad Tariq Nawaz said nearly 40 per cent of cybercrime cases involve financial fraud and stressed the need for stronger institutional coordination and greater public awareness to tackle the growing threat. He made the remarks during a visit to the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI)..... [more >>](#)

05 11 held for uploading, live streaming adult content

Source: [Mohammad Asghar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-13

RAWALPINDI: The National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) has been asked by the police to investigate a case in which an eleven-member gang, including two foreigners, was arrested for allegedly uploading pornographic and obscene videos through live streaming on pornographic websites. Police also claimed to have recovered pistols and ammunition during the raid, a police spokesman said. Ac..... [more >>](#)

06 NCCIA signs MoU on cyber security

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-21

LAHORE: The National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) and a private university on Saturday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote academic and research collaboration in the field of cyber security. "The strategic partnership is aimed to strengthen cyber security education, innovation, and digital defence in Pakistan," NCCIA Punjab Director Muhammad Ali Waseem sa..... [more >>](#)

07 Ladies, beware of the screen bullies!

Source: [Yumna Zahid Ali](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-26

A friend called me the other day. She sounded a little strange. She told me she had searched my name online and found it sitting on some inappropriate websites, right next to my job title, as if somebody had planted it

there on purpose. Of course, somebody had. Let's replay the day of that "somebody" who did this. Flash through his morning: he woke up, he ate, and he had a whole wor..... [more >>](#)

08 Challenges to digital security

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-30

As the world races toward an interconnected, hyper-technological future, the digital frontier is expanding faster than the guardrails designed to protect it. Recent data released by Pakistan's National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency is an unsettling reminder of this discrepancy as it outlines over 77,000 cybercrime complaints logged in just the first five months of 2026. While over 58,000 ca..... [more >>](#)

Emerging Technologies 5G and 6G

09 Right-of-way reform critical for digital economy

Source: [Zeeshan Ahmad, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-21

KARACHI: Pakistan's latest telecom amendment has been pulled into a familiar panic cycle. A law meant to accelerate fibre, towers and 5G infrastructure is now being discussed as if it gives telecom companies the right to walk into private homes, install equipment and fine ordinary citizens Rs50 million for resistance. That reading is not supported by the policy intent, the ministry's clar..... [more >>](#)

Information Technology and Digital Innovation

10 Digital era turning endless scrolling platforms into a source of self-doubt and silent comparison

Source: [News Wire, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-07

ISLAMABAD - In a world of likes, followers and filtered perfection, social media has turned life into a constant competition where every scroll offers a glimpse into seemingly flawless lives and chasing these digital ideals, many find themselves caught in a cycle of comparison that allows insecurity and dissatisfaction to grow quietly behind the screens. Industry observers and communication expert..... [more >>](#)

11 Digital payments at cattle markets surge over sevenfold during Eidul Azha

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-06

KARACHI: The number of digital transactions recorded under the central bank's Go Cashless campaign increased more than sevenfold during Eidul Azha this year, reflecting the growing acceptance of digital payments in cattle markets, a statement said on Friday. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) launched a nationwide 'Go Cashless' campaign during Eidul Azha 2026. The volume of transa..... [more >>](#)

12 Social media content, monetisation lures youth into risky exploitation pathways

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2026-06-10

Instagram does not allow children under 13 to have accounts, but parents are allowed to run them — and many do so for daughters who aspire to be social media influencers. What often starts as a parent's effort to jump-start a child's modeling career, or win favors from clothing brands, can quickly descend into a dark underworld dominated by adult men, many of whom openly admit on..... [more >>](#)

13 'User Experience of Digital Payment Services'; SBP launches nationwide survey

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-11

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has launched a nationwide survey on "User Experience of Digital Payment Services" to obtain direct feedback from such users across Pakistan. Over the years, the SBP has undertaken wide-ranging policy, regulatory and digital payments infrastructure development initiatives to promote safe, reliable, efficient and inclusive digital payments e..... [more >>](#)

14 Govt plans digitalisation of Central Directorate of National Savings

Source: [Fatima S Attarwala, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-12

KARACHI: Forgoing its traditional model of requiring customers to physically visit National Savings Centres, the Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) is finally digitising its operations, says the Pakistan Economic Survey. The CDNS mobilises household savings and serves as the retail arm for government-backed savings products, including the National Savings Schemes (NSS), which are..... [more >>](#)

15 E-passport

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-21

Pakistan's decision to phase out machine-readable passports in favour of fully biometric e-passports is a long-overdue administrative reform. The move, announced by Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, promises stronger security against forgery and quicker immigration through e-gates. These are welcome changes that should have been implemented years ago. Yet while the transition modernises the pass..... [more >>](#)

16 IT ministry sheds light on ROW provisions in telecom bill

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-06-21

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of IT and Telecommunication on Saturday clarified that the Right of Way (ROW) provisions in the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organisation) (Amendment) Bill 2026 do not permit telecom operators to enter individual private property without the owner's permission or due legal process, and do not authorise the compulsory acquisition of private land. In a statement issu..... [more >>](#)

17 SAP reaffirms commitment to Pakistan's digital transformation, AI-driven growth

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-20

ISLAMABAD - SAP, a global leader in enterprise applications and Business AI, has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Pakistan's digital transformation and economic growth during a visit by Augusta Spinelli, Regional President, SAP Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). A key highlight of the visit was a meeting between Augusta Spinelli and the Federal Information Technology and Telecom..... [more >>](#)

18 Companies told to adopt digital risk protection services

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-20

ISLAMABAD: A leading cybersecurity company Friday warned Pakistani companies to hire digital risk protection services to avoid "infostealer infections" attacks used to steal corporate data. A new research by Kaspersky Digital Footprint (DFI) has discovered that more than one-third of infostealer infections start when users run files directly from temporary browser folders, showing..... [more >>](#)

19 The robots are not waiting

Source: [Javed Hassan, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-20

"The inhabited world is run by whoever holds the instruments of production. When those instruments move, power moves with them." - adapted from Ibn Khaldun, Muqaddimah (14th century) In 2024, China installed nearly 290,000 new industrial robots, accounting for roughly 54 percent of all robot installations worldwide. The total stock of robots in Chinese factories has crossed two mi..... [more >>](#)

20 Pensioner's verification process from home digitized: Aurangzeb

Source: [NNI, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-21

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb has announced that the government has introduced a new digital system featuring facial recognition for pensioners, allowing them to complete their verification process from home and avoid tiring visits to banks. Addressing the National Assembly session Saturday, the Federal Minister shared details about the budget, noting that this re..... [more >>](#)

21 Inter Boards Coordination Commission introduces online payment platform

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-22

ISLAMABAD: The Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC) has launched IBCC ePay, a secure digital platform enabling applicants worldwide to pay fees using online visa and MasterCard. The initiative has been introduced to facilitate overseas Pakistanis, international students, and foreign applicants seeking equivalence services from IBCC. Through IBCC ePay, applicants can now make online payments..... [more >>](#)

22 Insurance in digital age: Redefining customer access and convenience

Source: [Yasir Ali, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-22

Pakistan's financial services landscape is undergoing a profound transformation. Over the past decade, digital innovation has reshaped how consumers interact with banks, retailers, healthcare providers, and government services. Today, that same transformation is increasingly influencing the insurance sector, creating new opportunities to improve accessibility, efficiency, and customer experi..... [more >>](#)

23 Electronic payments reach 3.7b transactions

Source: [Shazia Tasneem Farooqi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-28

KARACHI: Pakistan's electronic payments landscape continued to expand during the third quarter of FY26, with retail payments through the banking system reaching 3.7 billion transactions during January-March 2026, up 9% from the previous quarter, according to the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) latest Payment Systems Quarterly Review. Compared with the previous quarter, retail payment volu..... [more >>](#)

24 SIMs on expired identity cards likely to be blocked: PTA

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-29

LAHORE: Pakistan Telecommunication Autho-riety has launched a public awareness campaign regarding mobile SIMs registered on invalid, cancelled or expired identity cards and directed users to update their documents in a timely manner. According to PTA, mobile numbers that are linked to inactive cancelled or expired computerised national identity cards of the National Database and Registration A..... [more >>](#)

25 IT ministry unveils draft data governance policy

Source: [Kalbe Ali, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-30

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication has released the draft Data Governance Policy 2026 for public consultation, declaring government data a strategic national asset to be held in trust for the people and governed to ensure sovereignty, public value, citizen empowerment and lawful use. The draft policy, placed on the ministry's website for public..... [more >>](#)

IT and Telecom Policy, governance and Regulations**26 UAE bans social media access for children under 15**

Source: [Reuters, The News, International](#), 2026-06-19

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) banned social media access for children under 15, becoming the first Arab nation to impose social media-related restrictions over concerns about online platforms' growing impact on children. Under a resolution approved on Thursday, children under 15 will be prohibited from creating, using or operating personal social media accounts. The ban means they will not..... [more >>](#)

27 UK PM announces ban on social media for under-16s

Source: [AFP, The News, International](#), 2026-06-19

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Monday announced a forthcoming total ban on social media for children under 16, saying that such platforms are "making children unhappy". Starmer said that the government "will ban access to social media for all children under the age of 16", warning that these platforms are "exposing them to content that is dangerous" and &qu..... [more >>](#)

28 Legislative Haste

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-21

The IT Ministry's clarification that proposed amendments to the telecom law do not mandate the acquisition of private land is a necessary retreat from a potentially disastrous policy. By refining the language to avoid the forced seizure of property, the government has avoided a direct collision with the citizens' most basic property rights. In its original form, the proposed law was a..... [more >>](#)

Mobile & Wireless Communications

- 29 Afghanistan's Taliban government imposes smartphone ban on government officials**
Source: [Reuters](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-26
KABUL: Afghanistan's Taliban government has ordered a nationwide ban on civil servants' smartphone use, a military court order showed, prompting warnings from rights activists that the move could further restrict access to information. The court order seen by Reuters states that smartphone use by "all officials of the military and civilian institutions, including judges" w..... [more >>](#)
- 30 Online trading in Pakistan: How XM is financially stabilising you in 2026**
Source: [Sponsored Content](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-05
There is a number sitting in Pakistan's economic data that does not get enough attention. Pakistani freelancers earned over \$557 million in foreign exchange in just the first half of fiscal year 2025-26, a 58% jump from the same period a year prior. Behind that number are millions of young Pakistanis who taught themselves valuable skills, online trading, freelancing, trading courses and fou..... [more >>](#)
- 31 Mobile gender gap narrows sharply, falls to 27pc**
Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-19
KARACHI: Pakistan recorded the largest improvement among surveyed countries in narrowing its mobile ownership gender gap, which fell from 37 per cent in 2024 to 27 per cent in 2025, according to the GSMA Mobile Gender Gap Report 2026 launched at an event hosted by the Telecom Operators' Association (TOA), according to a statement on Thursday. The report found the mobile internet gender gap [more >>](#)

Telecommunications and Connectivity

- 32 Internet outage halts domicile services**
Source: [Qaiser Sherazi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-08
RAWALPINDI: A prolonged internet outage at the domicile issuance branch located within the District Courts complex in Rawalpindi has left thousands of students, job seekers and members of the public facing serious difficulties, with no new domiciles reportedly issued during the past month. Sources said the branch's internet and biometric verification system has remained non-functional for [more >>](#)
- 33 Internet service provider ordered to pay Rs50,000 in compensation for 'deficiency in services'**
Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-20
A consumer court has ordered an internet service provider to pay Rs50,000 in compensation to a citizen over "deficiency in services". Khaleeq Ahmed, a lawyer, filed a complaint in the consumer protection court (South), naming an internet service provider and its associated brand as defendants. Judge Abdul Ahad Memon ruled that the complainant is entitled to a compensation of Rs50,000 [more >>](#)
- 34 'Exploitative' telecom bill deferred**
Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-21
ISLAMABAD: The much-touted bill aimed at advancing fibreisation across the country has run into trouble after the Senate Standing Committee on IT and Telecom deferred it, while criticism on social media has targeted the IT minister and sections of the telecom sector over what critics describe as an 'exploitative law'. Concerns about the intentions behind the Pakistan Telecommunicati..... [more >>](#)
- 35 Lawmakers urged to adopt balanced approach to proposed RoW reforms**
Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-21
ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan moves forward with plans to strengthen its digital infrastructure and prepare for the rollout of 5G services, industry experts have urged lawmakers to adopt a balanced approach to the ongoing

debate surrounding the proposed Right of Way (RoW) reforms. Kamal Ahmed, Secretary General of the Telecom Operators Association said Pakistan's telecom sector has long faced [more >>](#)

36 Wrong signals

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#), 2026-06-26

Pakistan's telecom sector urgently needs reform. Expanding fibre-optic networks, improving connectivity and streamlining right-of-way procedures are essential if the country is to meet the demands of a digital economy. The Telecommunication Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, was ostensibly designed to achieve these objectives. Instead, it has become embroiled in controversy because of pr..... [more >>](#)

37 PTA amendment bill 2026: Panel submits interim report on Right of Way provisions

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2026-06-25

ISLAMABAD: The committee constituted by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to review the Right of Way provisions incorporated in the Pakistan Telecommunication Reorganization (Amendment) Bill, 2026, has submitted its interim report. According to the Ministry of Law and Justice announcement on Wednesday, the committee conducted a detailed review of the proposed amendments contained in the Bill as well [more >>](#)

Artificial Intelligence**38**

پاکستان کا مصنوعی ذہانت کا تضاد: ہنر کی برآمد، انحصار کی درآمد

Source: [Brigadier Mohammad Yasin \(Retired\), The Destination](#), 2026-06-29

گزشتہ چند مہینوں میں امریکہ نے تقریباً 80 ہزار نوکریاں ختم کی ہیں۔ اسی طرح سویڈن، نیدرلینڈز اور آسٹریلیا نے بھی اسی نوعیت کے اقدامات کئے ہیں۔ ان میں سے تقریباً 50 فیصد نوکریاں ٹیکنالوجی کے شعبے سے متعلق تھیں۔ گزشتہ ایک سال..... [more >>](#)

39 The AI Bubble

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

The growing alarm among companies over soaring AI bills is a classic manifestation of the hype cycle colliding with financial reality. By rushing into the adoption of generative AI without a clear understanding of the cost-to-benefit ratio, businesses have discovered that the promised efficiency is often offset by astronomical operational expenses. This is a key consequence of how new technology i..... [more >>](#)

40 AI cult

Source: [David S D'amato, The News, International](#), 2026-06-02

Earlier this month, researchers at the University of California San Diego published a study offering "the first empirical evidence that a modern artificial intelligence system can pass the Turing test." Famously named for Alan Turing, the English mathematician and World War II codebreaker, the test is designed to determine whether a computer can exhibit human intelligence such as to ma..... [more >>](#)

41 AI era challenges discussed at IUBS

Source: [Afshan S. Khan, The News, International](#), 2026-06-02

ISLAMABAD: Iqra University Business School (IUBS) hosted the pre-conference welcome dinner for the 13th NBEAC Deans and Directors Conference 2026, bringing together deans, directors, professors, researchers and academic leaders from business schools across Pakistan. Welcoming the participants, Dean Faculty of Business Administration, Dr. Muhammad Azam, reaffirmed Iqra University's commitmen..... [more >>](#)

42 82pc Pakistanis use AI shopping, finds Visa study

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-10

KARACHI: While embracing artificial intelligence as part of their shopping journeys, 82 per cent in Pakistan have used AI tools to assist with shopping, including comparing prices (56pc), finding gift ideas (47pc), and checking reviews or product ratings (53pc). Around 93pc feel new technologies, including AI-powered tools, are making online shopping faster and easier than before. AI is also in..... [more >>](#)

43 Pakistan's AI checklist

Source: [Asad Baig](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-12

OLD science fiction had a simple trick. When something had to sound impossibly advanced, writers added the word 'quantum' to it. Quantum engine. Quantum lock. Quantum field. Nobody knew exactly what it meant, but everyone understood that the future had arrived. Artificial intelligence now performs a similar function in policy language. Add AI as a prefix to any ordinary state reform..... [more >>](#)

44 The real threat of AI is not AI

Source: [M Zeb Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-13

In universities across the world, faculty members are busy redesigning curricula for the age of AI. New programmes are emerging, assessment methods are being rethought, and educators are under pressure to ensure that graduates possess the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly automated economy. These are important conversations. Yet, after years of teaching university students and observing t..... [more >>](#)

45 Punjab's Digital Leap

Source: [Muhammad Ahmad Saad](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-22

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a futuristic concept confined to research laboratories and science-fiction narratives. It has emerged as one of the most transformative technologies of the 21st century, reshaping economies, governance systems, education, healthcare, agriculture and industry. Nations that embraced AI early are already benefiting from increased productivity, innovation and [more >>](#)

46 The future is not paperwork

Source: [Bilal Bin Saqib](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-24

This week, I stood in front of a room of Pakistan's newest civil servants, the probationary officers of the 54th Common Training Programme, the men and women who will run our districts, our ministries, and our public financial system, and I asked for a show of hands. How many had used ChatGPT, Gemini, or Claude in the last twenty-four hours? Almost every hand went up. Then I asked the quest..... [more >>](#)

47 Rogue Intelligence

Source: [Iman Shahbaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-25

There was a time when the decline of the United Nations was debated in academic seminars and diplomatic circles. Today, that debate has largely ended. The world has seen enough. The institution that was created to prevent war, protect civilians and uphold international law has been reduced to a stage where statements are delivered, resolutions are passed, and atrocities continue regardless. Pak..... [more >>](#)

48 Why the world needs humanities

Source: [Dr H M Zahid Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-28

As the world witnesses the marvels of artificial intelligence (AI), there appears to be a paradox at its core. The revolutionary language models, such as ChatGPT, have been developed with the help of the human language, drawing upon centuries of books, literature, journalism and everyday communication. However, teaching and studying of the same langua..... [more >>](#)

49 The expanding AI debate

Source: [Gulalai Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-06-30

This was bound to happen. The most significant, if not the most influential, voice in the Christian world has spoken on AI and the word he chose was strong. Disarm! The Pope's intervention on artificial intelligence is not a theological footnote in all conversations happening around AI the world over. It actually signifies that the debate over AI has moved beyond corporate boardrooms and co..... [more >>](#)

50 Pakistan's AI trust challenge: Can it be fixed?

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-06-30

ISLAMABAD - Artificial Intelligence is rapidly transforming life in Pakistan, making work, education and communication more accessible. But the same technology is also eroding one of society's most valuable assets: trust. AI-generated deep-fakes, manipulated voices and fabricated images are making it increasingly difficult to distinguish fact from fiction. In a country with around 110 millio..... [more >>](#)

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