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**Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**

**Pakistan, China highlight policy initiatives for green transformation**
Source: Inp, Daily Times, 2022-01-27
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Source: Farooq Hassan, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-27
Covid-19 has upended the supply chain! Time for a revisit. In the 1960s, it was called the “Purchase Department”. In the 1980s, it was renamed “Procurement Department”. Later, a fancy nomenclature emerged: “Supply Chain”. The Japanese introduced the “Just-in-Time” inventory. Warehouses in Advanced Corporates kept only one week&rsqu... more >>

**Regional connectivity challenges**
Source: Saleem Qamar Butt, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-29
In pursuit of their geo-economic and geo-strategic security interests, the two global superpowers, namely the US and China, seem to have locked horns on the domination of the global commons i.e. land, sea and air lines of communications, outer space and cyberspaces. The phenomenon of guarding respective spheres of influence by the big three, including Russia, involves most of the other countries w... more >>

**China & America trade conflict**

**China-Iran deal**
Source: Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-18
THE China-Iran strategic deal that has recently taken effect is more than just a long-term bilateral agreement between Beijing and Tehran. It is also a powerful symbolic gesture between the two states designed to send a signal to the US-led Western bloc. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian recently announced that the deal had entered the implementation stage after a visit to China. Th... more >>

**‘US actions on Xinjiang merely a bid to pressurise China’**
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-21
ISLAMABAD: The Western world is trying to exert political pressure on China through various strategies in a bid to achieve their foreign policy objectives, speakers at a webinar organised by the Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), said on Thursday. They were of the opinion that legislation that is being created to counter human rights violations in Xinjiang, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Tibet, should also b... more >>

**‘Naqvi was no victim of US-China geopolitical rivalry’**
Source: Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-27
KARACHI: The main reason for Abraaj Group’s failure to sell K-Electric Ltd to Shanghai Electric Power for many years has been its unwillingness to be transparent with the government about the transaction structure, said Simon Clark, a Wall Street Journal investigative reporter, who first wrote about the financial irregularities at the Dubai-based private equity firm that led to its eventual ... more >>
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Great achievements and historical experience
Source: Nong Rong, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-19
The Centennial Journey of the Communist Party of China The Communist Party of China (CPC) has become the world’s largest ruling party with global influence. Imagine how it developed from a party of 50 members to more than 95 million today. For anyone who wants to know the secrets, one should study the Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee carefully, at which the &ldqu..... more >>

Poverty alleviation; PM reiterates his fondness for ‘Chinese model’
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-30
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan Saturday, while expressing his eagerness to attend the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022 during his upcoming visit to China, said that the time-tested ties between the two countries had grown strongly over a period of time. During an interaction with the Chinese media, the prime minister said both countries had bonds of friendship spanning over a period of 70 y..... more >>

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Karot power project connected to national grid
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Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

Pak-China strategic partnership ensures regional progress: Alvi
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-16
ISLAMABAD - President Dr Arif Alvi has said that the new global order was emerging but these changes in the world order should not be of any kind of interference in each other’s affairs. The president said that Pakistan and China think alike. “In the face of these changes, any global changes should be based upon principles rather than hegemony,” President Alvi remarked while tal..... more >>

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PM’s upcoming China visit comes under intense focus
Source: NNI, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-27
ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa and Director General (DG) ISI Lieutenant General Nadeem Anjum Wednesday called on Prime Minister Imran Khan. The COAS, DG ISI gave a briefing to PM Imran on the professional capabilities of the Pak Army. They also briefed the Prime Minister on the prevailing security situation in the country. PM Khan also held consultations..... more >>

Pakistan prepared for fruitful talks with China: FM
ISLAMABAD - Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said that Pakistan is prepared for fruitful talks with China during Prime Minister Imran Khan’s upcoming visit to Beijing. He said that besides attending the Beijing Olympic ceremony as a solidarity gesture, the visit of Prime Minister Imran to China would encompass discussions on advancing joint ventures and pacing up progress on the Ch..... more >>

PM Imran’s China visit to reinforce strategic ties: FO
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-29
ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office on Friday said that Prime Minister Imran Khan’s upcoming visit to China would reinforce the strategic ties between the two countries. Speaking at the weekly media briefing, FO Spokesman Asim Iftikhar said: “The visit will reinforce the all weather strategic cooperative partnership between our two countries, and further advance the objective of building a ..... more >>

Pak-China relationship has grown stronger with time: PM Imran
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-29
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan, expressing his eagerness to attend Beijing Winter Olympics 2022 during his upcoming visit to China on Saturday, said that the time-tested ties between the two countries had grown strongly over time. During a conversation with Chinese media, the premier said that both the countries had a bond of friendship spanning over 70 years, which was further cemented by the China-Paki..... more >>

Pakistan’s tilt towards China
Source: Kamran Yousaf, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
Prime Minister Imran Khan is set to undertake a visit to China this week. This will be his fourth visit to the country. He will primarily attend the opening ceremony of Winter Olympics in Beijing. The ceremony has foreign policy significance since the US and other western countries have boycotted it accusing China of human rights violations. But Pakistan’s decision to attend the ceremony is..... more >>

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China and Pakistan: A shared future
Source: Nong Rong, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
On February 4, when 1.4 billion Chinese people celebrate the Chinese Spring Festival, the main torch of Beijing’s Winter Olympic Games will be lit in the ‘Bird’s Nest’, and it will be the first city ever to host both summer and winter Olympic Games. In his New Year address, President Xi Jinping said, "We will spare no effort to present a great Games to the wor..... more >>

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PM Khan to express solidarity with China as countries boycott Winter Olympics: FM
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-31
MULTAN - Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said Sunday that Prime Minister Imran Khan would visit China to express solidarity with Chinese government for Winter Olympics as some countries boycotted the mega event. Qureshi said that during the visit, PM Imran Khan would meet Chinese President Xi Jinping. The both sides wanted to promote trade ties further. Similarly, China has very clear vi..... more >>

Definite investment plan; Sindh govt asked to provide info about Chinese cos
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-17
ISLAMABAD: Board of Investment (BoI) on Sunday clarified that it has also sent a letter to Sindh government seeking information of potential Chinese companies (that have approached the concerned Federal Ministries/ provincial departments in the recent past with a definite investment plan). The information has been solicited by BoI in its letter of January 13, 2022 from fifteen Federal Minist..... more >>

China eyes cooperation with Pakistan’s furniture industry
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-19
ISLAMABAD: “The furniture industry is one of the pillar industries in Dezhou, Shandong province, China. Pakistan is China's all-weather strategic partner with a population of more than 200 million. It is highly complementary to China in the furniture industry," Pakistan’s Embassy in China Commercial Counsellor Badaruz Zaman said on Tuesday. Speaking at the online Dezhou F..... more >>
**Pakistan to pay Dasu attack Chinese victims**
Move aimed at removing major irritant in bilateral relations  
*Source: Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-01-19  
*ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has decided to compensate the 36 Chinese nationals, who died and were injured in a terrorist attack last year -- aimed at removing a major irritant in bilateral relations. A total of 10 Chinese national lost their lives and another 26 were hurt in a suicide attack on a bus that was carrying them to the work site of the Dasu Hydropower Project in July last year. The government..... more >>*

**Chinese killed, injured in Dasu terror attack; Ministry suggests 5 financial compensation options**  
*Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2022-01-19  
*ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) has proposed five options of financial compensation and goodwill package for Chinese nationals who were killed and injured in a terrorist attack on Dasu Hydropower Project (DHPP) last year, sources to Minister for Water Resources told Business Recorder. The proposals have been formulated jointly by the Inter Ministerial Committee comprising secret..... more >>

**China resumes work on Dasu Hydropower Project**  
*Source: Anadolu Agency, The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-01-20  
*ISTANBUL: China on Thursday said the work on Dasu Hydropower Project in Pakistan has resumed. The confirmation comes days after Islamabad decided to compensate the victims of a terror attack on the dam last July in which 10 Chinese nationals died while 28 others were injured. “The Dasu Hydropower Project in Pakistan has resumed work,” said Zhao Lijian, spokesperson for China’s F..... more >>

**Exports to China surge 69pc to $3.6bn in 2021**  
*Source: APP, Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-01-23  
*BEIJING: Exports to China increased 68.9 per cent in 2021 to $3.58 billion while total trade between the two countries stood at $27.82bn, according to data released by the General Administration of Customs (GACC) of China. Exports to China crossed $365.35 million in December 2021, up 17pc from a year ago when it totalled $312.33m, China’s Economic Net (CEN) has reported. The country’..... more >>

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**China’s problems provide opportunities for Pakistan**  
*Source: Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-01-25  
*Pakistan is now placed firmly in China’s orbit. This has happened after Washington very deliberately turned its back towards Islamabad. After the inexplicable decision taken by the Biden administration in Washington to isolate Pakistan, it was inevitable that Islamabad would draw closer to Beijing. As discussed in an earlier article in this space, the sudden American pullout from Afghanistan..... more >>

**Live-stream selling boosts goods demand**  
*Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-01-25  
*BEIJING: Live-stream selling boosted sales of Pakistani goods in the Chinese market and Pakistan could learn from the successful model of e-commerce in China, noted Badaruz Zaman, Commercial Counsellor of Pakistani Embassy in China. According to China’s leading short-form video platform Kuaihou, live-stream selling of Pakistani products, featured by Zaman during the 2022 Online Lunar Year..... more >>
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<td>Gilgit-Shandoor Road; Ningxia Communications wins contract</td>
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<td>BEIJING: Ningxia Communications Construction Co. Ltd has won the construction contract of Package-2 of Gilgit-Shandoor Road, which is a part of Gilgit-Shandur-Chitral Road, proving an alternative route to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Overseas Division of Ningxia Communications Construction Co. Ltd has received Letter of Acceptance for Construction of Packag..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>Aquatic exports to China hit $153 million</td>
<td>China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-26</td>
<td>BEIJING: According to Chinese customs, China's import of major aquatic products from Pakistan (HS Code 03) reached $153 million in 2021, up 9.8% year-on-year. From fish to shrimp and lobsters, China is the largest destination for Pakistan's aquatic exports. “Fishery is a big and emerging industry of Pakistan,” said NARC Islamabad Director of Animal Sciences Institute Dr ..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-26</td>
<td>LAHORE The Punjab Government and a Chinese company have entered into an agreement for the Rapid Mass Transit System in Lahore. The Chinese company Noranko will invest $1.7 billion for the execution of the RMTS, said Lahore Transport Company Chairman Khawaja Ahmed Hassan. Taking to TheNation on Monday, Hassan assured that the first phase of the project, which would be 27 km long, starting from Shahd..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-27</td>
<td>ISLAMABAD: State-run Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has confirmed that one of its petrol cargos in October 2020 was imported under the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA) but the origin of cargo was not known to it when it awarded the tender. “In October 2020, a cargo was imported which incidentally came under the CPFTA arrangement,” said the PSO in response to a Dawn report on Tues..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>FM Qureshi briefed on Chinese assistance for PAF’s modernisation project</td>
<td>Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-28</td>
<td>ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Air Force on Thursday briefed Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on the Chinese assistance for its modernisation project during his visit to PAF headquarters. The briefing took place ahead of Prime Minister Imran Khan’s trip to China from Feb 3 to 5 during which the two sides are expected to review the entire gamut of ties and bilateral cooperation in various sect..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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Chinese machinery giant contributes to wind power construction
Source: China Economic Net, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-01-31
BEIJING: China’s machinery giant, Zoomlion Heavy Industry Science and Technology has made another contribution to Pakistan’s wind power construction as its crane completed lifting of the largest wind turbine in Pakistan. Zoomlion’s ZCC5800 crane lifted largest wind turbine (2.5 megawatts) having weight of nearly 90 tons at a central height of 90 meters. The mobile crane..... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

CPEC phase-II much broader
Source: AFP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-01-18
BEIJING: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) phase-II is much broader in scope and focuses on relocation of industries, agriculture sector modernisation, cooperation in science and technology, job creation and socio-economic wellbeing of people, said Pakistan's Ambassador to China Moinul Haque. In an interview with the Global Times on Monday, the ambassador said that the two sides ..... more >>

Indonesia offers coal for CPEC power projects
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-01-19
ISLAMABAD: The Indonesian coal industry is well refined and it can provide coal to Pakistan for power projects being developed under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), said Indonesian Ambassador to Pakistan Adam M Tugio. In a meeting with prominent businessmen in Lahore on Tuesday, the ambassador said that his country could also provide coal to the domestic large-scale manufacturing se..... more >>

FDI jumps 20pc to $1.056bln in July-Dec FY2022
KARACHI: Pakistan’s foreign direct investment increased 20 percent to $1.056 billion in the first half of this fiscal year with China being the top investor, central bank data showed on Tuesday. In December, FDI flows stood at $218.7 million, compared with $169.4 million in the same month of the last fiscal year. The direct investment rose 29 percent year-on-year. The figures issued by ..... more >>

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COAS, Chinese envoy discuss CPEC, regional security
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-20
ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong met Chief of the Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Wednesday to discuss the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), regional security, measures to enhance bilateral cooperation and other matters of mutual interest, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement. The meeting, held at Pakistan Army's General Headquarters, came ahe.... more >>

China expresses satisfaction over progress on CPEC
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-20
ISLAMABAD - Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong called on Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa at General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi on Wednesday. “During the meeting, matters of mutual interest, regional security situation and measures to further enhance bilateral cooperation were discussed,” says a press release issued by the Inter-Services Public Relati.... more >>

CPEC progressing well despite all odds, says FO
Source: Baqir Sajjad Syed, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-22
ISLAMABAD: Dispelling the impression of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) getting bogged down, the Foreign Office said on Friday the economic venture was progressing well despite all odds. “I would like to share a roundup of major achievements in CPEC, which has continued to move forward as a flagship of the Belt and Road Initiative despite the Covid-19 pandemic,” sa.... more >>

CPEC’s Karot HPP enters commissioning phase; connected to national grid
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Gwadar’s multiple mega projects under CPEC to be completed in 2022
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-24
ISLAMABAD - The multiple mega projects of Gwadar under the game changer China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are expected to be completed during the current year that would benefit the local masses of the port city. The mega projects to be completed in 2022 included Pakistan-China friendship hospital, Gwadar Eastbay Expressway, provision of water to Gwadar city, linking Gwadar to the natio.... more >>

Hakla-DI Khan Motorway: A milestone achievement on western route of CPEC
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-24
ISLAMABAD - The completion of Hakla-DI Khan Motorway has proved a milestone achievement on the Western Route of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for providing fast connectivity to locals as well as paving way for preparing the shortest route for logistics moving to and from the Chinese province of Xinjiang to Gwadar Port. Soon after taking the charge, the incumbent government had ple.... more >>
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<td>President Xi Jinping delivered a virtual keynote address at World Economic Forum (WEF) 2022 as his first multilateral event of the New Year. This was the third time that President Xi made an important contribution towards an overall global dialogue on multilateralism. Earlier in 2017, President spoke about China’s vision and policy towards globalisation. Then in 2021, about the Chinese model..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>Work on various road projects of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) western route is in full swing and the projects are expected to be completed within three years, according to official sources. As per details, on the CPEC Western Route, the completed projects on the western alignment of CPEC include the 297km Hakla-D I Khan Motorway, the 235km Quetta-Sohrab road, the 449km Surab-Hoshab..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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China provides opportunities for women’s economic participation
Source: Inp, Daily Times, 2022-01-25
China is providing numerous opportunities and opening new venues for women’s economic participation within Pakistan, says a report published by Gwadar Pro on Monday. The report says, “We must take the necessary steps to tap this potential for our women. We should learn from China where almost 70% of women are participating in the Chinese economy. China drafted and implemented egalita..... more >>

Chinese varsity, Aitchison sign MoU
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-27
OUR STAFF REPORTER LAHORE - A 25-member delegation from Honder University of Inner Mongolia in China visited Aitchison College Lahore and signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Monday. The MoU was signed between both the educational institutions to promote Chinese language in Pakistan. The delegation was headed by University President Mr Yushu Zhao. It is pertinent to mention that more than 520 A..... more >>

Pak, Chinese experts discuss initiatives on environment
Source: INP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-27
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China have held an online conference where experts from both sides discussed a number of advanced policy initiatives and shared suggestions to counter common threats to environment with a shared approach vis-à-vis learning from the successful Chinese model. The conference “China’s Green Transformation: Efforts to Mitigate Common Challenges with a Shar..... more >>

Pakistani medical student heals 'souls' in China
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-28
BEIJING: Dr Fazal Rahim, a master's student on burn and plastic surgery at Ningxia Medical University, Yinchuan, China has so far treated hundred of burned patients. Hailing from Upper Dir Wari, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Fazal will graduate and become a doctor in a hospital or a PhD candidate half a year later. He still remembers the first time when he came to China, which was then a strange and f..... more >>

China's support sought for agri plan
Source: Amin Ahmed, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-20
ISLAMABAD: National Food Security Minister Syed Fakhr Imam on Wednesday annexed much of the success of the government’s Agricultural Transformation Plan (ATP) to the collaboration of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences and said the move would be a game-changer for Pakistan. “We need to exchange expertise on mechanisation, new variety development and germplasm. By seeking assi..... more >>
Helpless in Shimshal
The people of Shimshal – especially women – face numerous problems including lack of communication, transportation, and access to quality healthcare, education, and potable tap water. Healthcare, education, communication, electricity, water, and economic opportunities are the basic human rights guaranteed by the constitution of Pakistan as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Two years on: Policy assessment
The Omicron variant’s rapid spread can be gauged from the numbers provided by the World Health Organisation (WHO). According to the WHO, new global Covid-19 infections increased by 55 percent to over 15 million during the second week of January 2022, a record high. Week-on-week, deaths reported on account of Covid-19 have increased by 43,000. The availability of various approved vaccines, an...

Responses to gender-based violence
Source: Zahra Khalid, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-21
Gender is an immeasurable, complex and intersectional social reality in Pakistan, one that the state is still struggling to fully understand. Violence against women in the country is similar to a pandemic. Unfortunately, framing the status of women in this country is difficult because of inequality, education and legal systems, but also they restrict women from having rights immortalised on paper.

Pak-Afghan relations
When the Taliban took control of Kabul on August 15, some experts were of the view that the situation along Pakistan’s western border was likely to improve. The new rulers of Afghanistan had expressed their resolve to not allow the Afghan soil to be used against any other country. They had said they wanted friendly relations with all the neighbouring countries. Everyone was shocked therefore.

Business gaps
Pakistan has been gradually reducing the regulatory requirements for businesses operating in various geographical jurisdictions. Still there is plenty of room for improvement in this regard. Anecdotally, the lack of coordination between federating units and departments and policy inconsistencies have led to a difficult business regulatory environment in Pakistan and creation of negative competi...

The security roadmap
The challenges that Pakistan faces are diverse and both chronic as well as acute. But no matter the nature and type of these challenges, there seems to be one common strand among them: most of them have their origins in the policies that Pakistan has pursued over the last many decades. In other words, these challenges are ‘policy led’ and can be avoided – provided the right sets.
Getting climate smart
In Pakistan nearly 20 million people are homeless. Many live in poverty, in slums and informal settlements, near shrines, under bridges and flyovers, one sidewalks and road dividers. Pakistan is Asia’s fastest-urbanising country, where 40 million people will live in metropolitan centres and towns by 2023. This is a vast and rapid shift from rural to urban areas. In addition, Pakistan’s..... more >>

PM urged to explain ‘increase’ in tax payment
Source: Sohail Sarfaz, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-17
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan should voluntarily announce the reason for a considerable increase in his tax payment during the tax year 2019 against the tax paid in the tax year 2018, says noted tax lawyer Waheed Shahzad Butt. Speaking as a guest in “Paisa Bolta Hai” with Anjum Ibrahim on Aaj News, here on Sunday, Butt stated that the prime minister has paid tax of Rs9,854,..... more >>

IPR violations causing revenue loss
Source: Usman Hanif, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-19
KARACHI: Violation of intellectual property rights (IPRs) is a major reason behind low foreign direct investment in Pakistan as well as meagre spending on research, development and innovation in businesses, said Prime Minister’s Economic Advisory Council member Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri. Speaking to The Express Tribune on Tuesday, he said that IPR violation in the textile and garments sector, ..... more >>

Kissan Card Scheme to be extended So far, 700,000 cards have been distributed in Punjab
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-20
ISLAMABAD: The Agriculture Transformation Plan will ensure a prosperous future for the farmers, remarked Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Syed Fakhar Imam. Chairing the 16th meeting of the National Coordination Committee of Agriculture Transformation Plan on Wednesday, Imam stressed the need for ensuring extensive outreach of the Kissan Card Scheme. He was briefed that ap..... more >>

Struggling with AI
Source: APP, BOL News, 2022-01-23
Farmers of Southern Punjab are facing challenges in effectively applying Artificial Intelligence (AI) to increase crop cultivation, which has resulted in a decline in the overall crop yield and has added to the rising commodity prices in the country. Agriculture is a major industry in Pakistan which contributes around 20 per cent to the overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country and empl..... more >>

Indicators show Pak economy performing well amid challenges
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ISLAMABAD, Jan 25 (APP): Notwithstanding the global economic shocks caused due to Covid-19 pandemic, the county’s economy has performed well as is clearly demonstrated by several macroeconomic indicators. The overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, during the fiscal year 2020-21 was recorded at 5.37 percent, the second highest growth in last 14 years, according to National Accounts Com..... more >>

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**Macro Economic Advisory Group lauds govt efforts for economic stability**

Source: Our Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2022-01-28

ISLAMABAD - Macro Economic Advisory Group on Thursday commended the efforts undertaken by the current government for economic stability on both fiscal as well as monetary fronts. Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Shaukat Tarin presided over the meeting of Macro Economic Advisory Group at Finance Division. Former Governor SBP Dr Ishrat Hussain, Adviser to CM Punjab Dr Salman Shah, Gover.....  more >>

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