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PCJCCI for regional connectivity to create ‘Information Silk Road’
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-09
LAHORE: Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has urged the government to take a lead in developing “Information Silk Road” for having maximum benefits out of the economic corridor to be constructed by China in the Asia-Pacific region, this was stated by Wang Zihai, President PCJCCI in a statement on Tuesday here at PCJCCI premises. He said the roads and r..... more >>

Pakistan eyes instrumental role in bringing US, China closer: PM
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-08
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Ready to defuse China-US ‘cold war’, says Imran
Source: Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-09
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Tuesday his country was ready to act as mediator between China and the United States in what he called a “cold war” between the two world powers. “Pakistan has good ties with both China and the United States and wants to play the same ‘instrumental role of the 70s’ which had brought the two countries closer,” the pri..... more >>

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Pakistan as honest broker
Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-10
Pakistan has redefined its foreign policy outlook by proposing to play the role of an honest broker as the world slides towards bipolarity. Prime Minister Imran Khan, who has been an ardent supporter of a political solution in Afghanistan and never wants the world to plunge into a new Cold War, believes that Islamabad can help bridge the gap between the United States and China. This is an earnest ..... more >>
China Study Centre: E-Newsletter

China’s defence spending grew by nearly 10pc in 2021
ISLAMABAD: Tokyo based journal “Nikkei Asia” has claimed that China’s defence spending in 2021 expanded by nearly 10pc, reaching US$207 billion, and the country is forecast to have at least 1,000 nuclear warheads by 2030, according to a US analysis. The military spending in Asia rose 2.8pc in 2021 versus the previous year, compared with an inflation-adjusted decline of 1.8pc w..... more >>

Delicate balancing act
Source: Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Dawn, Islamabad , 2022-02-22
A QUESTION is often being tossed around in policy discussions across the country: can Pakistan manage to balance its relations with the US and China? Let us first see why is this question being asked. The evolving geopolitics, particularly the US-China competition, is increasingly looking like a new Cold War. If this competition intensifies further, there are growing concerns that the world might ..... more >>

China accuses US of raising tensions on Ukraine issue
Source: AFP, Dawn, Islamabad , 2022-02-23
China on Wednesday accused the United States of “raising tensions” and “creating panic” over the Ukraine crisis, shortly after Washington announced sanctions against Moscow and said it would continue to supply weapons to Ukraine against a Russian invasion. Beijing has trod a cautious line on Ukraine as Moscow has massed thousands of troops on the borders, and criticised the..... more >>

China and the US — a new cold war
Source: Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-02-28
During his four years in office (2017-2021) President Donald Trump presided over a sharp turn in the United States approach to China. He abandoned the 45-year-old foreign policy which aimed to persuade Beijing to become more like the West. That attempt was given up; and although Trump entertained President Xi Jinping at his Mara Largo estate in the state of Florida and called him “my friend&..... more >>

Economic Growth & Governance

Pakistan, China ink framework pact on industrial cooperation
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Multi-billion dollar deals agreed with Chinese firms
Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday held meetings with a number of representatives of major Chinese companies, paving the way for billions of dollars worth of Chinese investment into the country. As per the official handout, China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC), a subsidiary of Sinomach, will set up Pakistan-China Agricultural Science and Technology Transferring Centre on government-to..... more >>

Eminent economist says PM’s China visit is of immense economic significance
Source: Inp, Daily Times , 2022-02-07
Eminent economist Dr Ashfaq Hussain says China’s sincerity and loyalty to Pakistan is above board, as it is at Pakistan’s beck and call for any kind of support and assistance in any sector. WealthPK quoting his TV’s interview
stated on Sunday that the renowned economist said during the last three years, he had been advising that Pakistan should not frustrate its Chinese friends [....

Time for us to reciprocate China’s spirit?
Source: Imtiaz Gul, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-10
A day before PM Imran Khan’s take-off for Beijing, Chinese Ambassador in Pakistan Nong Rong set the tone for the four-day visit that ended on Feb 6. Recalling President Xi Jinping’s phone talk with PM Imran on 26 Oct 2021, the ambassador wrote in his curtain-raising article: “The world is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century, with more sources of turbulence and risks a.....

China’s paradigm of international relations
Source: Dr Maqsudul Hasan Nuri, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-13
The recent visit of PM Imran Khan to China on the occasion of opening of winter Olympics in Beijing shall hopefully highlight on appraising Pak-China relations, exchanging views on mutual perspectives on regional and global developments, especially the Afghan situation, and further fortifying the CPEC collaboration. With one-sixth of the world population and the second biggest global economy .....  

Following China’s model
Source: Najm us Saqib, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-02-14
Careful thinking followed by timely actions sometimes brings forth desirable results. In human relations, reaction to certain untoward action is mostly driven by the desire of settling scores rather than rationalising the cause and effect process objectively. Unfortunately, international relations do not provide any amenable space to any emotionalism or knee-jerk reactions particularly when it com.....

Getting to know China
Source: Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-21
Since Pakistan has been firmly placed in the Chinese orbit, Islamabad’s policymakers would do well to study where China is today and where it is likely to go not only in the near future but also in a few decades ahead. To follow China, Islamabad should read Rush Doshi’s well-received book titled The Long Game: China’s Grand Strategy to Displace American Order. In the author’.....

China’s economic development full of resilience and great potential
Source: Li Bijian, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-26
In 2021, facing complex domestics and international landscapes and all kinds of risks and challenges, China has been in the lead position in both economic development and Covid-19 response through concerted efforts across China, keeping economic performance within an appropriate range. The major tasks and targets of 2021 were completed. We have made new progress in building a new development paradigm.....

Chinese firms bring advanced technologies in Pakistan’s power sector
Source:inp, Daily Times, 2022-02-03
The massive energy projects executed by Chinese firms not only ended power outages in Pakistan, but also introduced the most advanced technologies in the country’s power sector. According to a Gwadar Pro’s report on Tuesday, these include the underground hydropower projects as well as the ultra supercritical coal-fired power plants. In 2018, China Gezhouba Group Corp. (CGGC) complete.....
Chinese to develop modern tech ecosystems in Pakistan
Source: INP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-02-07
ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan’s China visit has provided an opportunity for Pakistan to enhance and undertake the development of a modern tech ecosystem across the country. According to Gwadar Pro, one of the top outcomes of Premier Khan’s visit to China is the signing of an agreement between Pakistan’s Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) and Zhongguancun Science..... more >>

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PM’s China trip to draw investment in power sector
Source: Zafar Bhutta, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan’s upcoming visit to China is likely to help enhance investment in the power sector, revive Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) and accelerate the relocation of industries to the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The primary aim of the visit is to seek $3 billion in loan to stabilise Pakistan’s dwindling foreign..... more >>

How PM can make his China visit successful
Prime Minister Imran Khan will be leaving for China to attend opening ceremony of Beijing Winter Olympics. Chinese leadership has scheduled meetings with Prime Minister of Pakistan to discuss bilateral relation. Government is busy to formulate comprehensive agenda for fruitful interaction. On January 26, the PM held meeting with top civil and military leadership to deliberate on possible agenda fo..... more >>

IK’s visit to China proves ‘uniqueness’ of Pak-China ties
Source: Prof Lin Minwang, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
On January 13, Pakistan’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson announced that Prime Minister Imran Khan would visit China to attend the opening ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022. At a time when many western political forces are trying to politicise this sporting event, Pakistan’s prompt and clear stance of supporting Beijing Winter Olympics shows a critical attitude toward the..... more >>

Khan’s Beijing visit and Pak-US relations
Source: Imtiaz Gul, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
Prime Minister Imran Khan’s Beijing visit will most likely take the Sino-Pakistan relations to new levels. And there is a whole context to it. Over a year into President Biden’s presidency, the Chinese leadership has anxiously watched how his administration has continued to snub Pakistan in the context of bilateral relations, literally downgraded official contacts — as of now &m..... more >>

PM Imran departs for four-day visit to China
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan departed on Thursday for a four-day visit to China with a delegation of ministers accompanying him. According to sources, the premier is set to attend the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics, hold meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and with those interested in investing in Pakistan. He will also meet investor delegatio..... more >>

Visit to China ‘very important’ for Pakistan’s economy: Tarin
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin on Monday stated that Prime Minister Imran Khan’s visit to China was economically and politically “very important” for the country. The visit, which is not officially a bilateral one, is also
being used as an opportunity by Islamabad to discuss some pressing bilateral issues, including the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Prior to the..... more >>

**PM fine-tunes his China visit agenda**

Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-02-03

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan Wednesday held consultations with industrialists and businessmen before his visit to China. The prime minister during the meeting said on Wednesday that the government is pursuing a long-term policy to promote industries and to increase exports and it was important to consult with the business community before visiting China. The government will discuss en..... more >>

**PM's visit to take Pakistan-China ties to new heights: FO**

Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-02-03

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office hoped that Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to China from February 3-6, 2022, will renew the bilateral commitment to taking the iron-clad partnership between the two countries to new heights and add impetus to cooperation across multiple domains. In a statement, the Foreign Office said that after receiving the special invitation of the Chinese leadership, Prim..... more >>

**Beijing Winter Olympics Unveiling New China**

Source: Shakeel Ramay, Daily Times , 2022-02-02

Beijing Winter Olympics will commence on 4 February with a huge pump and show. Malicious propaganda and threats of diplomatic boycott could not deter the confidence and resolve of Chinese nations to organize a successful event. President Xi Jinping put all horses in motion to make it successful venture. He led the preparations from beginning and kept inspecting the progress incessantly. President ..... more >>

**PM Imran lands in Beijing on four-day official visit**

Source: Agencies, Dawn, Islamabad , 2022-02-04

BEIJING: Prime Minister Imran Khan arrived here on Thursday on a four-day official visit during which he will join other world leaders attending the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics scheduled to be held on Friday (today). Accompanied by a high-level delegation, including federal cabinet members, the prime minister will also meet the Chinese leadership. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmoo..... more >>

**Chinese company to work with Sindh govt for solid waste management system**


ISLAMABAD: Chinese company GANSU has made best offer for new Solid Waste Management system in Pakistan. All details from this company have been determined in accordance with the prevailing international regulations, Gwadar Pro reported on Thursday. The report says, one of the major challenges facing developing countries, including Pakistan in providing local amenities is the provision of prope..... more >>

**Pakistan, China ink framework pact on industrial cooperation**


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<td>BEIJING - Prime Minister Imran Khan held wide-ranging talks with his Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang in Beijing on Saturday. In a tweet, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Chaudhary Fawad Hussain said that Kashmir and Afghanistan were important topics of discussion during the meeting. He said China has always played an important role as Pakistan's political, eco...more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>Amir Wasim, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
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### Bilateral cooperation reviewed; PM discusses global issues with Xi
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BEIJING, China: Prime Minister Imran Khan and Chinese President Xi Jinping Sunday reviewed the entire gamut of Pakistan-China bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest in a warm and cordial atmosphere. Both leaders held a meeting at the Great Hall of People. This was the first meeting of the two leaders since the Prime Minister’s visit to..... more >>

### Qureshi holds meeting with Chinese FM
Source: Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-07
BEIJING: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi held a meeting with State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi today in Beijing. The Foreign Minister is accompanying the Prime Minister on a visit to China to attend the 24th Olympic Winter Games. The Foreign Minister congratulated his Chinese counterpart on the successful hosting of the Winter Olympics and conveyed his best wishes on the Chi..... more >>

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### Pakistan, China to back each other’s core interests
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-02-07
Islamabad expresses commitment to One-China Policy, announces support for China on Taiwan, South China Sea, Hong Kong, Xinjiang, Tibet | Beijing says Kashmir issue should be peacefully resolved based on UN Charter | China, Pakistan reaffirm support to CPEC’s high-quality development ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China in a joint statement on Sunday agreed that a peaceful, stable, united, safe ..... more >>

### FM Qureshi, Wang Yi discuss regional, Afghan humanitarian situation
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-02-07
BEIJING - Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and State Councillor and Foreign MinisterWang YiSunday discussed the evolving situation in the region and beyond, particularly the grave humanitarian situation in Afghanistan. The foreign minister held a meeting with his Chinese counterpart. The foreign minister is accompanying the Prime Minister on a visit to China to attend the 24th Olympic Win..... more >>

### Pak-China Relations and US
Pakistan-China relationship is anchored on the principles of mutual respects, win-win cooperation and acknowledgement of each other’s concerns and interests. It is not rhetoric but a time-tested fact. China and Pakistan have always proved themselves dependable friends. There are many distinguish characteristics which make China-Pakistan relationship unique in comparison with the West. Wester..... more >>
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<td>ISLAMABAD - Portal for Pakistani students and professionals in Beijing has been established, Gwadar Pro reported on Monday. It is an initiative of the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing that is the first kind of web portal for students’ engagement, communication, and a space for sharing research ideas and success stories. It is learned that the portal seeks to build a committed cadre of princ.....</td>
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<td>BEIJING: There are triple significance of China-Pakistan joint statement, issued at the end of recent PM Imran Khan’s visit to Beijing, says a report carried by China Economic Net (CEN) on Wednesday. According to Cheng Xizhong, Visiting Professor at Southwest University of Political Science and Law, the first, the strategic mutual trust and cooperation between the two countries has been f.....</td>
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<td>Munir Ahmed, Daily Times</td>
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<td>A well-worded joint statement is out after Prime Minister Imran Khan’s meeting with President Xi Jinping, and the Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang. Once again, many hopes for the people of Pakistan, and many more promises by the visiting premier and eight of his top ministers. Brush aside the hopes of immediate cash aid or loan. Sorry, China is not known for cash grants but partnership-base.....</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: China-Pakistan JV steel manufacturer set to restart production, it was reported on Saturday. The report says, Alhaj Asia Star Steel Co. is prepared to resume production after overcoming initial difficulties, Zubair Khan, deputy chairman of the firm, told Gwadar Pro. Alhaj Steel is the largest private-sector joint venture in steel industry between HEBEI Xingang Iron &amp; Steel Group.....</td>
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<td>Pakistan lauds China’s sports diplomacy for shared future</td>
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<td>Speakers including those from Pakistan at a webinar lauded China’s Sports Diplomacy for shared future, according to a report carried by Gwadar Pro on Thursday. The webinar on “Beijing Winter Olympics: Sports Diplomacy for Shared Future” was organized by Friends of BRI Forum. It was noted that China has ignited peace, development, and shared prosperity through sports diplomacy du.....</td>
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### Function arranged to mark Chinese New Year


PESHAWAR: China Window - the Chinese Cultural and Information Centre arranged a colourful function to mark the Chinese New Year. KP Additional Chief Secretary Shahab Ali Shah inaugurated the celebrations while newly elected Mayor of Peshawar, Zubair Ali, cut the New Year’s cake. A number of people from different walks of life and children were in attendance. Speaking at the gathering, the a.....  

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### Beijing was once Lahore

**Source:** Muhammad Ali Falak, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-02-16

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### 'Chinese Consulate keen to find new avenues of Pak-China relations'

**Source:** Our Correspondent, *The News, International*, 2022-02-20

LAHORE: Acting Chinese Consul General Lahore Peng Zhengwu said that Chinese Consulate Lahore is diversifying cooperation with Institute of International Relations and Media Research (IIRMR) to find new avenues of Pak-China relations. He expressed these views during the online concluding ceremony of Digital Poster Competition held under the auspices of IIRMR, Chinese Consulate Lahore and China.....

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### PM Imran’s visit to Russia has great significance, says Chinese expert

**Source:** APP, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-02-21

BEIJING: Prime Minister Imran Khan’s upcoming official visit to Russia is historic and of great strategic significance, said Cheng Xizhong, visiting professor of Southwest University of Political Science and Law and Senior Fellow of the Charhar Institute. “It is particularly noteworthy that with a gap of 23 years, Russia has invited the Pakistani leader to visit Moscow, which reflected.....

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### Pak-China trade

#### Chinese firms introduce new tech in power sector

**Source:** China Economic Net, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-02-03

ISLAMABAD: Massive energy projects, executed by Chinese firms in Pakistan, not only ended power outages in the country but also introduced the most advanced technologies in the power sector. These include the underground hydropower projects as well as the ultra-critical coal-fired power plants. In 2018, China Gezhouba Group Corp (CGGC) completed the construction of first-ever underground powerh.....

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### Pakistan to look at joint ventures as PM leaves for China today

**Source:** Our Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2022-02-03

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan Wednesday said the government was promoting small and medium businesses to improve the financial conditions of middle and poor segments of the society. He said the government was also implementing a long-term policy to promote industries and boost exports. The prime minister expressed these views during a meeting with the delegation of prominent industri.....

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### Minister says 100,000 tons of phosphate urea to be imported from China

**Source:** Recorder Report, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2022-02-04

PESHAWAR: Federal Minister for Food Security and Research, Syed Fakhar Imam has said that 100,000 ton phosphate urea would be imported from China in next few weeks. He was talking to media here on Thursday at
Agriculture Institute (ARI) Tarnab before briefing on the Prime Minister’s National Agriculture Emergency Programme and progress on Agriculture Transformation Plan. He said th..... more >>

**Pakistan, China to sign agreement on industrial cooperation today**
Source: Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-02-04
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China will sign framework agreement on industrial cooperation (IC) under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) today. Pakistan and China have agreed to elevate the MoU on industrial cooperation into a framework agreement. The Industrial Cooperation Framework Agreement is focusing on SEZs development and B2B joint ventures as core elements. “The framework agre..... more >>

**Accord signed with China for industrial cooperation**
Source: Amin Ahmed, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-05
• Framework will facilitate global investment, industries relocation to special economic zones • PM meets Chinese corporate leaders, NDRC chairman • Imran says CPEC delivering tangible benefits • Chinese firms ready to set up $3.5bn Gwadar reprocessing park, $350m textile cluster near Lahore ISLAMABAD / BEIJING: Pakistan’s Board of Investment (BoI) and China’..... more >>

**PM invites Chinese firms to invest in SEZs**
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-05
BEIJING: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday invited the Chinese companies to invest in Pakistan and benefit from the business-friendly policies of the government. The prime minister, who held a series of meetings with the executives of Chinese State-owned and private corporate sectors, said Pakistan was offering conducive environment for investment in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under the ..... more >>

**Sesamum seeds worth $120m exported to China in 2021**
Source: APP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-06
BEIJING: Pakistan’s export of sesamum seeds to China achieved a historical figure of $120.44 million in 2021. China imported 92,516.55 tonnes in 2021 and was one of the main destinations for sesamum seeds exports from Pakistan, while in 2020 it was only 38,000 kilograms, according to the official data from the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China. Niger..... more >>

**Energy sector; PM holds online meeting with Chinese officials**
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-06
BEIJING: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Saturday held an online meeting with Chairman China Energy and Engineering Corporation Dr Song Hailiang and Chairman Power China Dr Ding Yanzhang. The meeting was about increasing investment in Pakistan’s energy sector including renewable energy and improvement in irrigation infrastructure, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. Foreign Minis..... more >>

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<td><strong>‘Pak-China Industrial Agreement’ a major breakthrough: Dawood</strong></td>
<td>APP, <em>Business Recorder, Islamabad</em>, 2022-02-10</td>
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RSEZ: Chinese investors want more incentives
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-11
ISLAMABAD: Chinese investors have reportedly expressed dissatisfaction at the incentives offered for investment in Pakistan’s flagship project, i.e., Rashakai Special Economic Zone (RSEZ), well informed sources told Business Recorder. This “unpleasant” scenario has been shared by the Chinese embassy in Pakistan with different concerned Ministries including CPEC Authority a f.... more >>

PCJCC chief for vigorously tapping Chinese market
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-18
LAHORE: Wang Zihai, President Pak China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCC) said that China was a huge consumer market with increasing buying power, and there was a greater demand of all kinds of Pakistani commodities in China. Local exporters should vigorously tap the Chinese market by producing high-quality products and establishing good brands, stated by President PCJCCI during a th..... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R & CPEC

Overdue receivables, rising coal rates; IPPs under CPEC may default, warns CPECA
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-01
ISLAMABAD: The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (CPECA) has urged the Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guaranteed (CPPA-G) to pay overdue receivables of IPPs established under CPEC, warning that the plants may go in default because of rising prices of coal in international market, well informed sources told Business Recorder. The issues of CPEC projects are amongst the key agendas of..... more >>

Working on CPEC projects: 11,225 security personnel deployed in Punjab for protecting Chinese nationals
LAHORE: Punjab home department has deployed 11,225 security personnel in the province for protecting Chinese nationals working on different projects. These security personnel from army, Rangers, Special Protection Unit (SPU), Special Branch representatives, police, departmental security, PS GS were deployed for the protection of 3355 Chinese nationals working on CPEC projects and non-CPEC proje..... more >>

China Pakistan Economic Corridor; PML-N accuses PM of causing $40bn damage to country
Source: Ali Hussain, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-02
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) secretary general Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday accused Prime Minister Imran Khan of destroying the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and causing $40 billion losses to the country by delaying the construction of nine industrial corporations/special economic zones (SEZs). Talking to the media, the PML-N leader alleged that besides the country&rsqu..... more >>

Pakistan to build 17 IB offices along CPEC route
Source: Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-02-02
ISLAMABAD - To further boost the security of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Pakistan will seek Chinese grant for the construction of 17 regional offices for Intelligence Bureau (IB) along the corridor route, it is learnt reliably here yesterday. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs 2126.864 million and the government will seek Chinese assistance in this regard, the official s..... more >>

Govt hoping PM Imran’s China trip can reinvigorate CPEC
Source: Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
ISLAMABAD: The government hopes that Prime Minister Imran Khan’s four-day trip to China, which starts on Thursday (today), will reinvigorate the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. “Twenty-one different
sectors have been identified to be discussed with the Chinese leadership," Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry toldDawnon Wednesday after attending a serie..... more >>

Without structural reforms, CPEC won’t yield results, says ADB
Source: Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan can harness its strategic geopolitical potential, improve regional and international economic connectivity and become an economic hub for Asia if the $60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is implemented successfully, but without structural reforms the country will not be able to achieve optimal benefits. This was stated by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in a fr..... more >>

ADB proposes measures to maximise CPEC benefits
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
MANILA: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has proposed certain policy actions to fully explore the potential benefits of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and raise income from exports and enhance fiscal capacity of the government. A case study on Economic Corridor Development (ECD) in Pakistan released by the ADB on Wednesday proposed to utilise the transport infrastructure built under the..... more >>

CPEC-IPPs contracts; Pakistan seeks renegotiation with China
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is set to float proposals to Chinese government for renegotiation on contracts of power projects established under CPEC on the pattern of other IPPs or to purchase 1200-MW electricity from Pakistan for onward supply to Afghanistan, well informed sources in CPEC Authority told Business Recorder. These proposals will be presented to Chinese top leadership during the visit of..... more >>

ADB pitches 4-pronged policy action to fully capitalise on CPEC
ISLAMABAD: Asian Development Bank (ADB) has strongly recommended Pakistan to undertake structural reforms, broaden tax base, utilise transport infrastructure, and expedite the development of nine Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to make the most of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The report titled Economic Corridor Development (EDC) in Pakistan, released by the ADB on Wednesday, also high..... more >>

OPEC+ backs another modest oil output hike
London: Top oil-producing countries led by Saudi Arabia and Russia announced another modest increase in output on Wednesday despite soaring crude prices and geopolitical tensions rattling the markets. The 23-nation OPEC+ group said in a statement that it will increase production by 400,000 barrels per day in March, the same amount as in previous months. The group, which includes the 13 members..... more >>

Chinese firms bring advanced technologies in Pakistan’s power sector
Source: Inp, Daily Times, 2022-02-03
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Joint Working Group on CPEC’s security urged to meet regularly
Source: Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-04
ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary committee on Thursday noted that most of the burden of security was being shouldered by the army and said that police and other stakeholders should also play their role in dispensation of security mechanism. The National Assembly’s Parliamentary Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which held its meeting in camera, appreciated the sacrifices rende..... more >>

Pakistan and South Asia
Source: Ali Imran Atta, Daily Times, 2022-02-04
Pakistan is a part of one of the most problematic regions in the world, namely South Asia. The region has been marred with bilateral conflicts and multilateral distrust for quite a long now. The regional conflicts in South Asia have led to the profound involvement of global players in the region as well. The global powers indulge in South Asian politics in the pursuit of their respective political..... more >>

PM Imran’s China trip to give fresh fillip to CPEC
Source: Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-04
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China are scheduled to sign a five-year Industrial Cooperation Framework Agreement to re-energise the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Moreover, Islamabad would also seek rollover of $4 billion Chinese loans and increase in size of $4.5 billion trade finance facility. The broad-based discussions will be held in Beijing as Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday bega..... more >>

CPEC delivering tangible benefits to people of Pakistan, China: PM Imran
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-04
BEIJING: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday held a virtual meeting with China’s National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) chairperson He Lifeng to review the progress of ongoing China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects and discussed preparations for future initiatives. The premier was accompanied by cabinet ministers and senior officials for the meeting while He Lifeng was ..... more >>

Panel for enhanced role of provinces in CPEC security regime
Source: Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-04
ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentary Committee on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has recommended to the Ministry of Interior that the dashboard on security should be linked with the provinces to bridge the gaps in the security regime of the CPEC. The committee also recommended ensuring foolproof security to enhance the confidence of the investors and the overall security milieu in the co..... more >>

Pakistan moves to address China’s Gwadar concerns
Source: Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-05
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has agreed to include the much-delayed Gwadar power plant in its highest priority schemes for clearance of electricity purchase dues in a bid to address the biggest concern of China. The step will also help provide electricity to the crown of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor – Gwadar – that faces 12 to 16 hours a day load shedding and whatever electricity is being..... more >>
**China says it’s ‘firmly’ committed to CPEC progress**
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-05
BUEIJNG: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday terming the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) of strategic significance for both the countries said the project was delivering tangible benefits. The prime minister expressed these views in a virtual meeting with He Lifeng, Chairman of China’s National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and Vice Chairman of the Chinese People’s.... more >>

**Industrial cooperation under CPEC; Pakistan, China ink framework agreement**
Source: Staff Reporter, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-05
ISLAMABAD: The Board of Investment (BOI), Pakistan, and the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), China, have signed the much-anticipated Framework Agreement on Industrial Cooperation under the CPEC on Friday. Prime Minister, Imran Khan, held a one-on-one meeting with the Chairman, NDRC, He Lifeng, at Beijing on Friday to deliberate on the progress of the CPEC projects, which was..... more >>

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**We will restart CPEC after coming to power: Fazl**
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-06
DI KHAN: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has said that his party will restart work on China-PakistanEconomic Corridor (CPEC) once his party is voted to power. Fazl also removed the inauguration plank of the Halka-DI Khan Motorway constructed under CPEC and held a large rally at Yark Interchange. He was addressing the rally at Yark Interchange in DI Khan in connecti..... more >>

**ADB tells it like it is**
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-06
Everything the ADB (Asian Development Bank) report has said about the need for structural reforms to shift the economy to an export-led growth trajectory, and also to reap maximum benefits from CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor), has been known to everybody in Islamabad for a long time. And it is indeed ironic that the “Economic Corridor Development in Pakistan: Concept, Framework, and..... more >>

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**Stocks seen upbeat amid Chinese support bets**
Stocks are expected to be buoyant next week amid bets that Prime Minister Imran Khan is likely to bring home some meaningful economic support from China, while strong earnings announcements may also prove buying triggers, traders said. The market closed at 45,910 points, gaining 832 points (up by 1.85 percent) week-on-week. Average volumes hit 289 million shares, up 54 percent week-on-week, whi..... more >>
CPEC stalled under PTI govt, says Shahid Khaqan Abbasi
Source: Mohammad Hussain Khan, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-02-08
HYDERABAD: Former prime minister and PML-N’s senior vice president Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has said that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is currently stalled and dismissed PTI government’s claim that the project was a debt burden. Speaking to journalists at the residence of PML-N leader Anwar Soomro on Sunday before leaving for Sanghar, Mr Abbasi said CPEC projects were plan...... more >>

Imran Khan, Xi Jinping agree to ‘fast-track’ CPEC second phase
Source: *App, Daily Times*, 2022-02-07
Prime Minister Imran Khan Sunday said he had a great meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping and they agreed to further enhance strategic and economic relations of Pakistan and China and to fast-track the second phase of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). In a tweet on social media platform Twitter, he said, “Had a great meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping today. We agreed to ..... more >>

Pakistan, China pledge to maintain defence cooperation momentum
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China agreed on Sunday to continue the momentum in defence cooperation at various levels between the armed forces of the two countries. They underscored that stronger defence and security cooperation between Pakistan and China was an important factor of peace and stability in the region. Both sides also reiterated their support on issues concerning each other’s co..... more >>

CPEC under renewed China focus
Source: *Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2022-02-07
ISLAMABAD: Expressing strong determination to safeguard CPEC from all threats and negative propaganda, Pakistan and China have agreed to task the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) to strengthen cooperation across all areas including in the fields of trade, infrastructure, industrial development, agriculture modernization, scientific and technological cooperation and socio-economic wellbeing of loc..... more >>

Shifting order
For the last two decades, the global order has been witnessing a transition. The actors responsible for shaping the new order barely have any areas of common interest and have more in conflict. Consequently, the incompatibility of mutual interests between these global players has resulted in contestation and competition. In this regard, one of the defining features of the emerging global order ..... more >>

China, Pakistan to enhance scientific cooperation
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Monday signed a letter of intent (LoI) to enhance scientific and technological exchanges between industries, technological enterprises, research and development centers (R&D) and academic institutions in the two countries. Pakistan’s Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) and Zhongguancun Belt And Road Industrial Promotion Association (ZBRA) of Chin..... more >>

Stronger ties
The visit by Prime Minister Imran Khan and eight of his ministers to Beijing was a trip intended to mark Pakistan's support and appreciation for the Winter Olympics 2022 which are continuing at Beijing. But during the visit the prime minister had time to meet China’s President Xi Jinping and the premier of the country, after which the two sides issued a joint statement. The statement is ..... more >>
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CPEC entered into next phase after PM’s China visit: Awan

Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2022-02-08

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on CDA Affairs Ali Nawaz Awan Monday said China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has entered into next phase after successful visit of Prime Minster Imran Khan to China.

In a news release, the SAPM termed recent visit of the premier a welcoming step which would further strengthen bilateral relations between both the friendly countries. He said Pakist..... more >>

China, Pakistan to discuss extension of CPEC with Afghanistan

Source: Inp, Daily Times, 2022-02-08

While agreeing to pursue closer cooperation on Afghanistan in future, China and Pakistan have shown readiness to discuss with Kabul the extension of CPEC to Afghanistan. According to Gwadar Pro on Monday, this was decided during the three-day visit of Prime Minister Imran to Beijing at the invitation of the Chinese leadership. Besides attending the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games 2022..... more >>

CPEC concerns

Source: Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-08

PRIME MINISTER Imran Khan has concluded a four-day visit to China at a time when ties with Beijing are poised at a delicate juncture. Mr Khan had important meetings with the Chinese leadership including President Xi Jinping, and according to an official press release, he discussed a wide range of issues with him. Although the main reason for the prime minister's visit was to witness the openi..... more >>

China-Pakistan relations to get closer and stronger: PM

Source: App, Daily Times, 2022-02-08

Prime Minister, Imran Khan has said that China-Pakistan ties would get stronger and stronger in the future, because of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which connects Pakistan and China and is part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of President Xi Jinping. *CPEC is not just going to connect us, not just about road connectivity, but about cooperation, industrialization, agricultur..... more >>

Cementing CPEC-II

Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-08

It was a new turn of leaf in Sino-Pak relations as their respective leadership huddled to foment the phase-two format of CPEC. Prime Minister Imran Khan's four-day visit to Beijing came at an opportune moment, and it simply demonstrated the importance of China in Pakistan's foreign policy. At a time, when the United States had bid adieu to the region, after a contested two decades of m..... more >>

SAPM explains China’s approach to 2nd phase of CPEC

Source: Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-08

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on CPEC Affairs, Khalid Mansoor said that China has given the assurance of high quality and expeditious development of multi-billion-dollar second phase of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project during the visit of Prime Minister Imran Khan to Beijing. Addressing a news conference here on Monday, the Special Assistant to the PM said that ..... more >>

ECC to consider extension of Saindak lease to Chinese contractors

Source: Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-09

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet will take up today an 11-point agenda that includes the extension of lease to Chinese contractors of the Saindak copper-gold project and the revival of tax concessions to Chinese power producers as part of the efforts to attract investment to the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). To be presided over by ..... more >>
Who will fight for the people?
Pakistan is a country locked in a state of siege. We have problems with virtually all our neighbours: ones that affect the security and safety of our own country. On the other hand, we have a government which insists on continuing to focus on corruption, even though it has had little success in recovering the money it had promised to recover, ignoring the plight of these people locked in a state o..... more >>

West’s suspicion about CPEC, Gwadar projects ‘makes no sense’: PM Imran
Source: Dawn | APP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-11
Prime Minister Imran Khan has dismissed Western countries’ suspicion of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the Gwadar port, adding that the projects were a great opportunity for regional development. He expressed the views during an interview with Dr Eric Li, the director of the advisory committee of the China Institute at Fudan University. The interview, which was filmed during ..... more >>

FO rejects Indian propaganda against CPEC
Source: Baqir Sajjad Syed, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-11
ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office on Thursday rejected Indian comments on Pakistan-China joint statement as “unwarranted and preposterous” and recalled that Delhi had been plotting against China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). In a statement, FO spokesman Asim Iftikhar said: “Pakistan categorically rejects the unwarranted and preposterous comments made by the spokesperson fo..... more >>

Industrial-academia linkages under CPEC
Source: Ahsan Munir, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-02-11
Pakistan and China signed the Framework Agreement on industrial cooperation under the CPEC—a multi-billion-dollar initiative, following the Prime Minister’s recent tour to Beijing. The signing of the framework agreement has been hailed by the government as a significant outcome of the Prime Minister’s visit and a top agenda from the Chinese side as a testimony to their interest i.... more >>

Raising suspicion on CPEC project makes no sense: PM
Source: News Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-02-11
LAHORE - Prime Minister Imran Khan has invited other countries to join and invest in China Pakistan Economic Corridor project, emphasizing the government's foremost priority is geo-economics and to uplift the economy. In an interview with Director of the Advisory Committee of China Institute of Fudan University Dr Eric Li, he said raising suspicion on the corridor project makes no sense. He sa..... more >>

PM Imran dismisses West’s suspicion about CPEC
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The Abj ect Failure of China Visit
Source: Hina Butt, Daily Times, 2022-02-09
If you go by the government’s spin doctors, you’d be forgiven for believing that the prime minister accomplished some sort of miracle during his four-day visit to China, while the fact is that despite all the boasts and raised expectations, all that was achieved was a few photo-ops and nothing more: no tangible programs, no quantifiable deals, and definitely, not the $3 billion in fres..... more >>
China, Pakistan welcome other nations to CPEC
Source: APP, Dawn, Islamabad , 2022-02-12
BEIJING: Appreciating Prime Minister Imran Khan’s remarks on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Beijing said both China and Pakistan would welcome all countries and international organisations to participate in the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) on the basis of consensus. “We appreciate the remarks made by Prime Minister Imran Khan,” Chinese For..... more >>

CPEC project keeps children fed
Source: News Desk, The Economist , 2022-02-12
Hundreds of children belonging to lessprivileged families in the scenic Kaghan Valley are being fed on a daily basis at the under-construction Suki Kinari hydropower project along the Kunhar River. The Suki Kinari dam project, one of the key initiatives of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), is estimated to generate 884 megawatts of electricity, which will benefit 13 million households. ..... more >>

Celebrating radio
Despite there being other entertainment and news options, including the internet, TV channels and social media, radio remains a reliable and accessible medium for broadcasting news, providing information and entertainment. The 2022 edition of World Radio Day is thus devoted to Radio and Trust. Proclaimed in 2011 by the member states of the UNESCO and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly..... more >>

PM says recent visit to China gave impetus to bilateral ties, CPEC projects
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-02-13
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday said that his recent visit to China and bilateral meetings with the Chinese leadership further strengthened diplomatic ties between the two countries and will accelerate work on the ongoing projects of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). During an interaction with former ambassadors and think tanks in Islamabad, the prime minister stated th..... more >>

India’s comments on Pak-China joint statement ‘preposterous’: FO
Source: App, Daily Times , 2022-02-11
Pakistan Thursday categorically rejected the “unwarranted and preposterous comments” made by the spokesperson for the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) about the joint statement issued by Pakistan and China on February 6. According to a statement issued by the Foreign Office, Pakistan also strongly rejects India’s persistent propaganda against the China-Pakistan Economic ..... more >>

Beijing 2022 to promote winter games in Pakistan: experts
Source: Inp, Daily Times , 2022-02-12
Beijing Olympics 2022 will promote winter games in Pakistan, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday, quoting experts. The report says, the Beijing Olympic Winter Games have drawn the attention of Pakistani youth to winter sports activities and the country’s high-altitude sport as experts and tourism promoters foresee the bright future for Pakistani athletes in the upcoming international winter games..... more >>

CPEC – a hope for boosting tea plantation
Source: Dr Muhammad Khurshid, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2022-02-14
ISLAMABAD: Pakistanis have proved to be real tea lovers not only in drinking it regularly two to three times a day, but also offer it to the visiting guests as the best source of hospitality. Pakistan is now ranked among the top tea importing and consuming countries with total tea imports valuing at $590 million. The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) reported that Pakistan..... more >>
### Pakistan’s Future with IMF and CPEC
International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a $1 Billion tranche after completing its 6th review. For the approval of this latest assessment, it took several months and so many harsh unpopular measures by the government to satisfy IMF conditions. Now it paved the way to get more foreign exchange from the issuance of bonds and some grants from other international financial institutions. With th.....  [more >>](#)

### Investments pouring into GB thanks to CPEC
Source: Inp, *Daily Times*, 2022-02-15
The economic benefits of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are beginning to emerge in a big way as overseas Pakistanis are pouring investment into Gilgit-Baltistan to cash in on the lucrative opportunities in the untapped sectors, said speakers at a webinar on Gilgit-Baltistan Invest Conference. According to Gwadar Pro, the webinar entitled “Roadshow Webinar, USA, Canada, and European .....  [more >>](#)

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### CPEC:Bol, NDRC ink agreement on industrial cooperation
KARACHI: The Board of Investment (BOI), Pakistan, and the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), China, have signed the much-anticipated Framework Agreement on Industrial Cooperation under the CPEC on Friday. The agreement that holds a paramount significance for CPEC Phase II and its future course of action has been inked between BOI and NDRC, the lead agencies on CPEC Industrial .....  [more >>](#)

### Clean, Green Gwadar project starts showing positive results
Islamabad: The ongoing Clean and Green Gwadar project has started showing its positive impacts on the natural environment of the coastal line and port city of the country. According to the details, the climate change ministry collaborated with the Chinese officials who were working on the multi-billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to make it environment-friendly. It was then decide.....  [more >>](#)

### The Infallible Bonds
Source: Malik Muhammad Ashraf, *Daily Times*, 2022-02-16
Ever since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China in 1951, they have always been on the upward curve without seeing any hiccups. It is indeed a unique relationship that has now been transformed into infallible bonds between the two countries. It is an enviable synthesis of unchangeable geographical realities, inseparable long-term strategic, economic, and political in.....  [more >>](#)

### The Quick Sands of South Asia
Source: Brig Mehboob Qadir, *Daily Times*, 2022-02-17
The avid Indo-US desire to see a separated Balochistan reminds one of the sad fate of the “independent” Kurdistan. They conspired, cajoled Kurds to revolt against Ottoman suzerainty, funded, armed, supported their separatist struggle to the hilt and sheltered wanted Kurds in their countries. They tried every trick in their diplomatic tool kit but made a terrible mess and failed .....  [more >>](#)
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<td>ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CCoCPEC), Thursday, approved several development projects including realignment of KKH from Thakot to Raikot, provision of utilities for CPEC Special Economic Zones (SEZ), implementation plan for vacation of Pakistan Coast Guards (PCG) and Pakistan Navy (PN) land at Shamba Ismail, Gwadar and establishment of CPEC Business and In..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td><strong>Pakistan at 75: A Symbol of Resilience with a Tough Battle Ahead</strong></td>
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<td>The Islamic Republic of Pakistan stands tall at 75 after its independence from British India on 14 August 1947 facing a tougher battle ahead. Pakistan is now the fifth largest country with 220 million people of which nearly 65% are below the age of 35. In view of its immense strategic relevance in the region, Pakistan has large standing armed forces, with nuclear capability to maintain cross-domain..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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The Digital Economy
Source: Dr Hasnain Javed, Daily Times, 2022-02-18
The economy and society are undergoing profound changes as a result of digitalisation. It fuels entrepreneurial innovation, regional economic growth, and productivity. Additionally, it has consequences for economic growth, the labour market, and political engagement. And it imposes new educational and training requirements – not just in the realm of information and communication technologies. more >>

NAB recovers Rs584 bn in four years: chairman
ISLAMABAD: National Accountability Bureau has recovered Rs584 billion from corrupt elements during four years ranging from Oct 2017 to Dec 2021. It was stated by Chairman NAB Justice (Retd) Javed Iqbal in a statement issued on Sunday. Terming the recovery of looted money as success, he said that it reflected the commitment of the officers to fulfill their national duty to eradicate corruption from..... more >>

Research, Development & Capacity Building

Pakistan, China agree to promote high-quality science, technical exchanges
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-08
ISLAMABAD: The Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) of Pakistan and the Zhongguancun Belt And Road Industrial Promotion Association of China (ZBRA) have signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) at a virtual ceremony to promote high-quality science and technological exchanges between China and Pakistan. The LoI was signed by Zhang Xiaodong, President ZBRA, and Amer Hashmi, Chairman of STZA in the..... more >>

Lessons from China
Prime Minister Imran Khan met the Chinese prime minister last week and requested him for a strong collaboration between the Pak University of Engineering and Emerging Technologies being established in land behind the PM House and China’s Tsinghua University and Beijing University. This new university is likely to add to the growing list of excellent academic institutions that are being estab..... more >>

Pak-China Industrial Cooperation Framework and Beyond
Source: Syed Wajahat Ali, Daily Times, 2022-02-15
There is a consensus that Pakistan’s economy needs FDI to bounce back. Clouded in geo-strategic storms and political instability, however, attracting FDI towards Pakistan is a tough row to hoe. Nevertheless, China’s massive economic explosion outwards is a tide of time, if surfed intelligently, it can galvanize the industrial transformation in Pakistan. The challenge is to collaborate..... more >>

Pakistan, China step up joint cotton research
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-02-19
BEIJING: As global climate change is intensifying, the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSDC) and Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) are working together to establish a model through the study of the changes in climate characteristics and the corresponding changes in cotton and wheat production varieties, and to put forward breeding suggestions for climate change for the next 30-50 ye..... more >>
**Technology & Innovation**

‘Pakistan seeks tech cooperation with China’
Source: Kalbe Ali, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-02-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan seeks cooperation in the technological sector with China, not only to promote enterprises but improve the academic side too. The Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) of Pakistan and the Zhongguancun Belt And Road Industrial Promotion Association of China (ZBRA) signed a letter of intent (LoI) at a virtual ceremony for promotion of science and technological exchanges between..... more >>

Pakistan, China for strengthening tech cooperation
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-02-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China are aiming to deepen two-way cooperation in areas of academics, research and development, industries and technological advancements. In this regard, Zhongguancun Belt and Road Industrial Promotion Association (ZBRA) of China and Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) have signed a letter of intent to promote the exchange of “high-quality” science and..... more >>

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Climate change and the NSP

Pakistan’s recently launched National Security Policy (NSP) should be commended for recognising climate change as a vital factor in human security and articulating the goal of a “climate resilient Pakistan that prioritises climate adaptation, sustainable water management, and disaster preparedness”. Sadly, this comprehensive security blueprint does not see the need to strengthen..... more >>

Removing the smokescreen

Advertisements for goods and services are a proxy to measure their demand in a society. A few decades ago, the walls of major cities in Pakistan were covered with advertisements from ‘spiritual’ actors who claimed to help one “conquer” one’s love through their magic. With the penetration of cellular phone services increasing, people no longer rely on magic to find th..... more >>

Hope for businesses

Businesses in Pakistan faced some ‘unforeseeable circumstances’ due to the disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. This unfortunate reality calls for tough discussions regarding business operations. The country needs a timely debate on a significant reduction in regulatory costs for businesses. Financial support and facilitation provided by the government amid the pandemic were n..... more >>

Not many women in STEM

February 11 is observed as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Since 2015, the day is marked to advocate greater diversity and inclusion of women and girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to raise awareness about the implicit biases and gender stereotypes faced by girls and women in these fields. Ensuring the full participation of women..... more >>
Humanitarian Catastrophe in Afghanistan: Are the Taliban Responsible?
Source: Nudrat Fatima, Daily Times, 2022-02-23
Afghanistan has been in economic upheaval since August 2021, when international aid payments worth billions of dollars were halted, and the Afghan Central Bank’s assets were frozen. Subsequently, the country has entered an economic crisis. This, according to many, resulted in the prevailing food insecurity in the country. The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) predicted that..... more >>

Doing business in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
A debate on significantly reducing regulatory costs for new businesses is timely. The financial support and facilitation provided by the government amidst the Covid-19 pandemic was not sufficient for all sectors. The evolving situation in Afghanistan is bound to impact the business climate in Pakistan, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa which could see both an influx of refugees and a deterioration..... more >>

Graduating from the FATF
Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-28
The FATF plenary meeting is in progress and once again all eyes are set on whether Pakistan would get graduated to the FATF’s ‘white list’ or stay on its ‘grey list’. The Indian media, however, like always, is running stories that Pakistan might be downgraded to the FATF’s ‘black list’. Before we explain what it means to be on one of these lists and..... more >>

SDPI News

Renowned environmentalist Dr MA Khwaja dies
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Services of Dr Khwaja lauded
Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, executive director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), on behalf of board, management and staff has condoled the death of Dr Mahmood A Khwaja, senior advisor, SDPI. Dr Khwaja was a renowned environmental scientists of Pakistan died of Covid and cardiac arrest at a local hospital last week. He had been on the boards of global scientific forums where h..... more >>
### Renowned scientist Dr Mahmood passes away
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### With autonomy come challenges
Source: Jawaid Bokhari, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-02-15
After a long, long wait, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has received autonomy with its struggle for operational freedom apparently not over. Given the fierce controversy with which autonomy has come about, it is generally believed that the SBP would face difficult challenges in making independent decisions. The question is being asked now is ‘how ready is SBP to deliver on its new role, par..... [more >]

### Russia tour not to affect US, Europe exports: Razak Dawood
Source: Khalid Hasnain, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-02-26
LAHORE: Adviser to the Prime Minister on Commerce and Investment Abdul Razak Dawood claims PM Imran Khan’s visit to Moscow in the middle of the Russia-Ukraine conflict will not impact Pakistan’s exports to Europe and the US, though economists feel the timing of the tour may have sent a wrong signal to the West, but it will have little to no impact on the country’s exports. &l..... [more >]
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**SBP’s digital banking initiative positive step**
Source: News Desk, Pakistan Observer, 2022-02-03
The State Bank of Pakistan’s latest initiative to introduce a licensing and regulatory framework to set up digital banks is a good step to promote digital financial services in Pakistan, WealthPK reported on Wednesday quoting economic experts. “If implemented in letter and spirit, the measure can significantly improve financial inclusion in Pakistan,” Dr Sajid Amin Javed, a seni..... more >>

**Over Rs4.1bn subsidy disbursed among farmers in Punjab, meeting told**
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-02-03
ISLAMABAD: Over Rs4.1 billion subsidy has been distributed among farmers under the Kissan Card scheme in Punjab. A meeting of the National Coordination Committee (NCC) of Agriculture Transformation Plan (ATP), which was presided over by Minister for National Food Security and Research Syed Fakhar Imam informed that 780,000 Kissan cards had been distributed among farmers and Rs4.1 billion had ..... more >>

**Govt distributes Rs640 billion interest-free loans to farmers**
ISLAMABAD: The government, under its flagship Agriculture Transformation Plan (ATP), disbursed around Rs640.6 billion interest-free loans to near 3.4 million farmers in all provinces while 0.88 million Kissan cards were distributed in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, officials informed on Wednesday. A meeting of National Coordination Committee (NCC) of the Agriculture Transformation Plan was held..... more >>

**‘India dumping millions of tonnes of rock, loose soil in Jhelum’**
ISLAMABAD: Environmental expert asks Prime Minister Imran Khan to take notice of the trans-boundary environmental hazards of India’s strategic Zojila and Z-Morh tunnels, following the dumping of 17.345 million tonnes of rocks, loose soil, and silt in Jhelum River. India has made substantial advancements on its strategic project, 14.2km Zojila tunnel and 6.5km Z-Morh tunnel currently under c..... more >>

**The vicious debt trap Govt forced to borrow to repay old debt**
Source: Hamza Habib, BOL News, 2022-02-07
ISLAMABAD: With the overall debt liabilities of $5.5 trillion, including the externaldebt of over $127 billion, Pakistan’s economy remains stuck in a vicious cycle. The government is being forced to borrow from every possible quarter just to meet the debt repayment liabilities and finance the budgetary gap. Experts believe that the government should revisit and revise its debt management str..... more >>

**Animal rights**
It is high time that we addressed the issue of the increasing instances of animal cruelty in Pakistan. Stray animals, animals in zoos, and even wild animals are not safe anymore. They are tortured for entertainment. Many stray dogs are poisoned or killed to reduce the number of strays on roads. According to the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), more than 50,000 stray dogs are killed..... more >>

**Macroeconomic Advisory Group Expresses Satisfaction Over Govt’s Economic Policies**
Source: ProPK Staff, ProPakistani.com, 2022-02-18
The Macroeconomic Advisory Group, in its meeting on Friday, showed satisfaction with the initiatives taken by the government to achieve economic stability. Chaired by Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Shaukat Tarin,
the Macroeconomic Advisory Group endorsed the government’s efforts to deal with the impact of rising prices on the general population. All the members shared contentment.  

**Minimum wage hike, petrol ration card mulled**  
**Source:** Mehtab Haider, *The News, International*, 2022-02-19  
ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Finance in consultation with Macro Advisory Group is working on five major proposals for finalising targeted subsidies in view of mounting inflation, including raising minimum wages from Rs20,000-25,000 and pushing private firms to jack up salaries by 20-25 percent. Other proposals are related to increasing salaries for government employees by 25 percent, provision of petro.....  

**IPRI holds seminar on Pak-Gulf relations**  
**Source:** Staff Reporter, *BOL News*, 2022-02-24  
ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) on Thursday held a seminar on ‘Changing Foreign Policy Dynamics of Gulf in View of Abrahamic Accords: Impact on Pak-Gulf Relations’. The distinguished panel of speakers consisted of former Ambassador to the UAE Ghulam Dastagir; Qatar University Associate Professor and Kashmir Civitas Secretary General, Dr Farhan Mujahid Chak; S.....  

**PM Imran’s Tour to Russia will Not Affect the US, Europe Trades, Says Abdul Razak Dawood**  
**Source:** Dawn Report, *TopWireNews*, 2022-02-26  
Renowned economists doubted the time of the PM’s visit to Russia, signaling a wrong gesture to the West. But Abdul Razak Dawood refuted all rumors of analysts. ‘Whenever such a situation develops and creates trade-related problems, you need to understand how we can benefit. But I don’t think this situation will affect our exports (to Europe and the US). Mr. Dawood said. The PM ad.....  

**Webinar News**  
**Afghan humanitarian crisis may pose security threat to Pakistan**  
**Source:** News Desk, *Pakistan Observer*, 2022-02-05  
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**Afghan Humanitarian Crisis Can Be Security Threat To Pakistan: Experts**  
**Source:** APP, *Urdu Point*, 2022-02-04  
ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 4th Feb, 2022 ): Experts at a webinar called upon the world to resolve the current humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan immediately, which, they said, was lingering on with each passing day and could cause security threat to Pakistan. Addressing the webinar on 'The Afghanistan Impact - Security Threats to Pakistan Confirmation', organized by Sustai.....  

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SBP failed to engage public on autonomy controversy: economists
Source: Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-02-08
LAHORE: The country's leading economists believe the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has not responded effectively to wide-ranging discussions around its supposed loss of autonomy. They also blame the central bank for not doing a good enough job in countering the controversy surrounding this or engaging with the public in the run-up to the changes in the SBP act. They emphasised the need of se..... more >>

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SBP may continue with house refinancing scheme
Source: INP, Daily Times, 2022-02-14
The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) is likely to continue with the house refinancing scheme, WealthPK reported on Sunday quoting economic experts. The report says, granting ‘autonomy’ to the SBP was a major roadblock to the resumption of the International Monetary Fund’s Extended Fund Facility to enable Pakistan to shore up its foreign exchange position. However, the government man..... more >>
‘SNGPL working on renewable energy sources’
Islamabad: Syama Nadeem, Parliamentary Secretary and Convener of SDG-7, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination, has said that a bill regarding a comprehensive renewable energy policy will soon be tabled in the National Assembly. Syama was addressing a webinar on ‘Role of women in energy and climate talks of Pakistan’ organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute. Syama sai..... more >>

State Bank of Pakistan faces Difficulties as a Result of Newfound Autonomy
Source: TopWireNews, TopWireNews, 2022-02-14
Provision of self-rule policy to SBP seems to put the bank under pressure taking decisions without government help. Is it SBP that can manage inflation? Is SBP ready to control exchange rates on market demand? These questions were highlighted in the webinar organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute on February 7. The State Bank of Pakistan will build its capacity after becoming in..... more >>

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This was the crux of the thoughts shared by experts from the education and development sectors during a webinar on ‘Role of Languages in Learning & Cognitive Development’ organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in commemoration of International Mother Languages Day. Joint Education Advisor, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MOFEPT), Rafi..... more >>

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**Whistle Blowing Termed Vital To Curb Unethical Practices In Higher Education Institutions**
Source: APP, UrduPoint, 2022-02-27
ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 27th Feb, 2022 ) : Whistle blowing in higher education institutions is vital to protect public interest, curb unethical practices at various levels, improve the over enroll standards of higher education and create a best learning environment for the students and teachers. Experts from prominent national and international academic institutions said this while..... more >>

**’Whistle-blowing in HEIs vital to curb unethical practices’**
Dr. Mahboob was addressing the ‘International Conference on contemporary issues and challenges of whistle-blowing in higher education institutions (HEIs),’ organised here by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Prof Mahboob said that we need to come up with a mechanism where whistle-blowers can report matters and get protection under the law of the land, he added. Dr. Raz..... more >>