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- Urdu Point
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**Economic Growth & Governance**

**Hoping for a Chinese rescue**
Source: Afshan Subohi, [Dawn Islamabad](https://dawn.com), 2022-05-30
Desperate times call for drastic measures. By increasing petroleum prices the government hopes to dodge sovereign default, salvage the International Monetary Fund (IMF) deal and leverage the support of multilateral financial institutions and friendly nations to stabilise the economy. A Chinese package is said to be in the works. The government acknowledged that the petroleum price hike will spin ..... more >>

**Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs**

**PM Shehbaz assures Chinese premier of ‘enhanced security’ for nationals**
Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](https://express.com.pk), 2022-05-16
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif assured Chinese Premier on Monday that his government was determined to take all necessary measures for the enhanced security and safety of all Chinese nationals working in Pakistan. A communique issued by the office of the prime minister stated that the premier held a comprehensive telephonic conversation with H.E. Mr Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Cou..... more >>

**Chinese PM presses Shehbaz to punish Karachi university blast culprits**
Source: Baqir Sajjad Syed, [Dawn, Islamabad](https://dawn.com), 2022-05-17
ISLAMABAD: China’s Prime Minister Li Keqiang on Monday repeated his government’s demand for punishment for those involved in the attack on Chinese teachers at Karachi University and asked for enhancement of security for Chinese institutions and citizens in Pakistan. Li Keqiang was speaking to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who had “requested” for the telephone conversation, ..... more >>

**Pakistan can leverage Chinese technology to make lower priced solar panels**
Pakistan can take an initiative to manufacture low cost solar panels locally in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) built under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework. According to a renewable energy expert and consultant in Pakistan, China is the leader in solar technology right now. Pakistan should work with China to manufacture solar panels in Pakistan inside the SEZs, China Economic ..... more >>

**New Chinese envoy assumes charge**
Source: Staff Reporter, [Dawn, Islamabad](https://dawn.com), 2022-05-20
LAHORE: Zhao Shiren on Thursday assumed the charge as the Chinese consul general in Lahore. Upon assuming the charge, Mr Shiren vowed to further improve relations between China and Pakistan and play a role in bolstering China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He replaced Long Dingbin who completed his four-year tenure in January, 2021. ..... more >>

**PM underlines significance of China in Pakistan’s foreign policy**
ISLAMABAD: A delegation led by Cheng Guoping, China’s External Security Commissioner, called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday, said a press release. The prime minister underlined the significance of China in Pakistan’s foreign policy and reaffirmed the Government’s resolve to further deepen the Pakistan-China All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership. Th..... more >>
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A terrorist's characterisation justifying his or her act of terror under the grab of whatsoever compulsion rings alarm bells about the exacerbation of fifth generation warfare, conducted primarily through media engineering and other kinds of tools and techniques of misinformation. Pakistan seems to have been embroiled in a heinous gambit of fifth generation war, as some international media o... more >>
**PM highlights dynamism in Sino-Pak ties**  
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-05-22  
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Saturday reiterated that the iron-clad ties between Pakistan and China would reach new acme of bilateral cooperation, trust and affinities. In a message on 71st anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Pakistan and China, the prime minister felicitated Chinese President Xi Jinping, the governments and the people of the two c..... more >>

**‘Iron brotherhood’ resolve reiterated**  
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Saturday reiterated its commitment to further deepen the “iron brotherhood” with China and elevate the growing partnership to newer heights. This resolve was reiterated by Foreign Secretary Sohail Mahmood, while addressing a cake-cutting ceremony to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China. ..... more >>

**Relationship is based on mutual respect: Aurangzeb**  
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb on Saturday said Pakistan-China relations are based on mutual respect. During her visit to the Chinese Embassy on the occasion of the 71st Anniversary of the establishment of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations on the special instructions of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, she said that the Pakistan-China friendship starte..... more >>

**Pak-China friendship significant among comity of nations: CM**  
LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Hamza Shahbaz in his message on the completion of 71 years of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations has said that the long standing friendship of Pakistan and China is of special significance among the comity of nations. CM Hamza said exemplary agreements were being made during the tenure of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif. Hamza Shahbaz maintaine..... more >>

**China-Pakistan relations: new dimensions**  
On the occasion of the 71st anniversary of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China both the nations deserve congratulations. These two brotherly countries have stood by each other at all times. In particular China has not only been heavily involved in Pakistan’s reconstruction projects but also its engineers and workers have sacrificed their lives, for that act of bravery the Paki..... more >>

**China firmly supports Pakistan in defending national sovereignty, achieving stability, says envoy**  
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-05-22  
ISLAMABAD: Chinese Charge d’ Affaires to Pakistan, Ms Pang Chunxue on Saturday said that China always regarded its ties with Pakistan as a priority in its diplomacy and it would firmly support Pakistan in defending national sovereignty and security, maintaining unity, achieving stability, development and prosperity. She made these remarks while addressing a cake-cutting ceremony to cele..... more >>

**Govt finalises three Chinese firms for revival of PSM**  
ISLAMABAD: The government has finalised three Chinese companies as pre-qualified bidders who will contest for winning stakes of up to 74 percent in loss-making Pakistan Steel Mills Corporation (PSMC) to revive the country’s largest non-functional industrial unit. On Thursday, Federal Minister for Privatisation Mir Abid Hussain Bhayo held meetings with pre-qualified bidders here while Chairm..... more >>
Crucial China Trip
The foreign policy overture tour continues for Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari as the foreign office attempts to make amends for the missteps made in recent times, especially when it comes to key international actors. Following his visit to the US, the Foreign Minister is undertaking his maiden trip to China. Though the FM has made visits to the US and Saudi Arabia since assuming office,..... more >>

PM Felicitates Chinese President On 71st Anniversary Of Establishment Of Pak-China Diplomatic Ties
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has congratulated Chinese President Xi Jinping, the governments and the peoples of the two countries on the 71st anniversary of the establishment of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations. In his message on the occasion, he said China and Pakistan are the names of two brothers. The Prime Minister said the leadership and peoples of the two countries have nurtured this e..... more >>

Pakistan Determined To Not Allow Anyone To Dent Pak-China Ties: FM
Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has expressed Pakistan’s determination of not allowing anyone to dent Pakistan-China relations. Speaking at a joint news conference, along with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in Guangzhou today, he said Pakistan and China enjoy unique and time-tested iron brotherhood. He said bilateral relations between the two countries are based on solidarity, trus..... more >>

FM Bilawal hopeful China ties will deepen in many areas
Source: Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-05-23
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Sunday reiterated commitment to cementing bilateral relations in the fields of defence, trade, economy, investment, health, agriculture, science and technology and CPEC to the mutual benefit of the two counties. The two sides made these commitments at a meeting of Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi during the former’..... more >>

Pakistan, China term terrorism ‘common enemy of humanity’
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2022-05-23
In the meeting of Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, the two leaders urged the regional countries and international community to fight terrorism together, while terming terrorism as the “common enemy of humanity.” “The two sides called on the regional countries and the international community to form synergy and fight terrorism in all it..... more >>

Pakistan, China agree to firm up strategic ties
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China Sunday agreed that amidst profound regional and international changes, the importance of China-Pakistan strategic relations has assumed even greater significance. “As All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partners, China and Pakistan share ironclad mutual trust and friendship, which is a source of peace, stability, and prosperity for the region and beyond,” s..... more >>

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### Ties with China
Irrespective of the hyperbole normally used while discussing ties between China and Pakistan, the two countries have remained steadfast in their friendship over the past seven decades. Both countries have a lot to offer to each other, especially Pakistan which can benefit from continued cooperation in sectors such as agriculture, economy, health, and investment. China is one of the leaders in scie.... more >>

### Pak-China friendship deeper than the sea, higher than the Himalayas: Senator Samina
Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri has congratulated Chinese President Xi Jinping, Nong Rong, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, the governments and peoples of the both countries on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan. In her congratulatory message, she said, “Pakistan was proud of its everlasting and strong friendship with Chi..... more >>

### Hard work key to unlocking true potential of Pak-China ties
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2022-05-24
Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari observed Monday that the “harder” Beijing and Islamabad work, the more both countries can “unlock the true economic potential of the Pakistan-China relationship”. “We feel that the harder we work, the more we can unlock the true economic potential of the Pakistan-China relationship,” Bilawal said in an interview with Chin..... more >>

### Chinese president stresses right to ‘subsistence and development’
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2022-05-26
The “right to subsistence and development” are “primary human rights” of the developing world, but attempts to impose rights models from outside could be “disastrous,” China’s president told the UN human rights chief on Wednesday. In a video chat, Xi Jinping told Michelle Bachelet that mutual respect and equality will form a basis to “actively condu..... more >>

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### Kohala power plant; Chinese firm reluctant to accord approval
ISLAMABAD: China Export & Credit Insurance, Sinosure, is reportedly reluctant to accord approval to 1124-MW Kohala Hydropower Project in AJ&K, a project of CPEC, owing to overdue payment of other CPEC projects in operation, sources close to Managing Director Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) told Business Recorder. The Government of Pakistan owes an amount of over Rs ..... more >>

### Chinese investors offered incentives in footwear industry
BEIJING: The labour cost of Pakistan’s footwear industry is almost one-fourth of that of China, which can be a big incentive for the Chinese investors. China is shifting its “sunset” industries, including footwear, clothing and toy manufacturing to other countries, and Pakistan is one of its most suitable destinations. Since 2018, the total import volume of China’..... more >>

### Sinovac ready to invest in Pakistan’s health sector
ISLAMABAD: Representatives of the Chinese company, Sinovac, have expressed an interest in forming partnerships for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases through investment in the health sector of Pakistan. A
delegation from the company, led by its General Manager Qiang Gao, assured Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday that they were ready to start projects in Pakistan. During t..... more >>

**Increasing FDI govt's top priority, PM tells Chinese businesspeople**

Source: PPI, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-05-18

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that increasing foreign direct investment in the country is one of the top most priorities of the government. He was talking to a delegation of Chinese company SINOVAC that called on him here in Islamabad on Tuesday led by its General Manager Qiang Gao. Highlighting the ideal friendship between China and Pakistan, the Prime Minister said ..... more >>

**Pakistan’s export of sesamum seeds to China up 102%**

Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-05-17

Pakistan’s export of sesamum seeds to China achieved a historical figure of $45.99 million, rising by 102.49 percent in the first quarter of 2022, said Badar U Zaman, Commercial Counsellor of the Pakistani Embassy. Badar U Zaman told China Economic Net (CEN) that according to the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China (GACC), China imported around 30,923 t..... more >>

**Buner’s stone industry may attract Chinese investors**

Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-05-18

While China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has opened new horizons for industrial investment between the two countries, the marble and granite sector of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has great potential to attract Chinese and other foreign investors, says a report published by Gwadar Pro on Tuesday. One such opportunity for the local and non-local investors is Buner Marble City (BMC). Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ..... more >>

**Paki pine nuts exports to China up $25m in first quarter**

Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-05-18

Pakistani Pine nuts exports to China in the first three months of this year achieved a historical figure of $25.13m, according to the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC). Data showed that in the first three months of 2022, China imported 2,299.21 tons of Pakistani pine nuts and was one of the main destinations of Pakistani pine nuts. Overall, China has imported 7,780.32 tons of pine..... more >>

**PCJCCI president for technological advancement in Pakistan**


LAHORE: President Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) Wang Zihai pledged to spur the pace of technological advancement in Pakistan through Chinese cooperation during a think tank session held at PCJCCI premises here the other day. He said that the technological advancement for human resource development is the prime agenda of PCJCCI, after the successful working of ..... more >>

**Pakistan’s dried fruits have a huge market in China**

Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-05-19

To tap the numerous potential of Pakistan’s dried fruits export, the Consulate General of Pakistan in Shanghai in collaboration with the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, held a webinar on the export of dried fruits and nuts from Pakistan to China, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. On the occasion, Hussain Haider, Consul General of Pakistan in Shanghai, highlighted that exports of nu..... more >>
| **Chinese firm to make EVs**  
Source: A Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-05-20 |
| ISLAMABAD: A Chinese automobile company — Gauss Auto Group — has announced plans to establish a plant in the special economic zone to produce electric vehicles with the intention of exporting them to other countries. The Chinese company, registered in Silicon Valley, California and operating in Shanghai, will enter into a joint venture with AKD Group Holdings Limited and set up the pl..... **more >>** |

| **Plan to set up Pak-China Technology Gateway**  
| LAHORE: Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) President Wang Zihai has pledged that after the successful working of Pakistan-China Knowledge Portal, an online Pakistan-China Technology Gateway will be established soon. Speaking at a think tank session held at the PCJCCI premises, he maintained that technological advancement for human resources development is the prime ag..... **more >>** |

| **Sindh, Chinese officials agree to evolve foolproof security mechanism**  
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| **China contributes to upgrading socio-economic life in Gwadar**  
| GWADAR: China has granted more than 5 billion RMB (renminbi – official currency of China) in Gwadar for several socio-economic projects during the last seven years to upgrade the living conditions of the local people under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The grant is dedicated to New Gwadar International Airport (NGIA), East Bay Expressway, 300-bed China-Pakistan Friends..... **more >>** |

| **Pakistani mangoes set to enter Chinese market next week**  
| BEIJING: The first consignment of Pakistani mangoes of present season will be transported by air cargo service in Kunming, capital city of China’s South-Western Yunnan province. The shipment comprising 3-4 tons of “Sindhi” variety of mangoes is likely to arrive on May 28 as per the tentative schedule of the airline, Adnan Hafeez, director of Imperial Ventures (Pvt) Ltd., sa..... **more >>** |

| **MoU signed for Chinese investment in Gwadar**  
| ISLAMABAD: With a view to enhancing business-to-business cooperation between Islamabad and Beijing, a Chinese entrepreneur will make an initial investment of $50 million in Gwadar for setting up of an end-to-end supply chain facility for export of seafood to China. A high-tech processing facility with technology transfer will be set up in the industrial zone of Gwadar for the export of fish from ..... **more >>** |

| **Chinese firm to invest $50m in Gwadar, Karachi**  
| ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have joined hands to develop agriculture, power and logistics sectors in Gwadar and Karachi. In that regard, Optima Integration Group of China and Asia Pak Investments of Pakistan have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to invest $50 million in the first phase. The agreement, facilitated by the Board of Investment, would create more than 100 jobs in Gwadar ..... **more >>** |
China delivers first batch of 120 Higer buses
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Chinese IPPs face default risk
Source: Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-05-25
ISLAMABAD: Power projects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) face further risk of default on the upcoming debt repayments, as their outstanding dues have jumped above Rs340 billion amid Pakistan’s back-pedaling on fulfilling its contractual obligations. Owing to the gravity of the situation, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is expected to hold a meeting to find solutions to the ch..... more >>

Auto sector to see golden age
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-05-26
BEIJING: As for the automotive industry, Pakistan is about to see a golden age of development. Chinese brands including BAIC Motor, Changan Auto and SAIC Motor have set up their assembly plants in Pakistan, said Pakistan’s Honorary Investment Counsellor in China Philip Jian. Other brands like GWM, BYD and Geely are also likely to open plants in Pakistan, he said in an interview with China ..... more >>

Chinese firms can invest $6b in ARE
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-05-26
ISLAMABAD: The world needs more and more energy but natural energy sources are dwindling, therefore Pakistan is coming up with new ways to meet its growing needs – via free wind and sun! Pakistan is planning to generate 10,000 megawatts of alternative renewable energy (ARE) by 2030 with an investment of over $6 billion, for which bidding will take place later this year. Alternative Energy ..... more >>

Sericulture to boost farmers’ income
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-05-27
LAHORE: “We’ve earned Rs70,000 in a month. However, if I work elsewhere, even with my kids, I can’t earn that much,” said Muhammad Aslam, a silkworm farmer in Punjab’s Changa Manga. Aslam’s income came from raising silkworms. It took 45 days from buying silkworm eggs to hatching, silking and selling cocoons. “As there are five in our family, we can ra..... more >>

China proposes RMB circulation system
Source: Irshad Ansari, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-05-27
ISLAMABAD: China has proposed to Pakistan to set up a renminbi (RMB) capital circulation system to promote trade and other transactions in the Chinese currency. In this regard, it has been suggested that the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) hold talks with the Bank of China. The government has asked the finance ministry and the central bank to review the proposal of the Chinese authorities and take ..... more >>
**Pak-China red chilli farms achieving bumper harvest**
MULTAN: Six model farms under Pakistan-China Red Chilli Contract Farming Project are achieving a bumper harvest in southern Punjab and northern Sindh, with an estimated yield of 700 tons of dried chillies. According to China Machinery Engineering Corporation’s (CMEC) agricultural project leader in Pakistan Dai Bao, crops in the six model farms with a total area of nearly 300 acres began be..... [more >>](https://www.app.com.pk)

**Chinese firms’ 'woes' invoke 'Shehbaz speed'**
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is reportedly proactively engaged in the resolution of issues facing the Chinese companies including those working in power sector projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), well informed sources told Business Recorder. Prime Minister Office, sources said, has convened a preparatory meeting on Monday (today) with all the concerned Ministries. P..... [more >>](https://www.businessrecorder.com.pk)

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**Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC**

### Second phase of CPEC: what is needed
Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](https://www.app.com.pk), 2022-05-16
ISLAMABAD: The current government comprises the political parties that consider themselves the champion of Pakistan-China relationship. Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) takes pride in attributing Pak-China friendship to the founder of the party. Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) claims a major role in providing policy guidelines for economic cooperation in the late 1990s, especially during the visit..... [more >>](https://www.app.com.pk)

### CPEC helping Pakistan achieve SDG-2030 agenda
Source: [Agencies, Daily Times](https://www.dailytimes.com.pk), 2022-05-16
The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has been contributing to the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs) 2030 Agenda in Pakistan. Although it is expected that CPEC will empower Pakistan to move forward economically, it also has a high potential to achieve a number of SDGs. Three out of 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Agenda 2030 are highly relevant to t..... [more >>](https://www.dailytimes.com.pk)

### Li, Shehbaz agree to fast-track CPEC projects
Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](https://www.app.com.pk), 2022-05-17
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China Li Keqiang on Monday shared the view that Pakistan-China all-weather strategic cooperative partnership must continue to serve the vital interests of the peoples of the two countries, as well as the broader interests of peace and stability amidst the evolving regional and global..... [more >>](https://www.app.com.pk)

### Every Province To Take Full Benefit Of CPEC: Ahsan
Source: [INP, The Nation, Islamabad](https://www.thenation.com.pk), 2022-05-17
ISLAMABAD – Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal has said that CPEC has a portfolio of projects in different provinces in Pakistan, depending upon their requirements and their areas of competency and
every province will develop its own cluster of industries. “We are also working to provide clean drinking water to people of Gwadar and also a power generation station."

### All provinces to develop industrial clusters under CPEC: Ahsan Iqbal

**Source:** Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-05-17  
The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has a portfolio of projects in different provinces in Pakistan, depending upon their requirements and their areas of competency. In addition, based on different comparative advantages, every province will develop its own cluster of industries, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said in an exclusive interview.

### Shehbaz proposes including Turkey in CPEC

**Source:** Imran Ayub | Shazia Hasan, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-05-21  
KARACHI: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has proposed turning the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) into a “trilateral arrangement” between China, Pakistan and Turkey so that all three nations could benefit from its potential. He made the remarks while addressing a launching ceremony on Friday at Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works for the third Milgem corvette built by Turkey.

### ASEAN states envoys briefed about CPEC

**Source:** Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-05-21  
ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Friday hosted a briefing on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for resident diplomatic missions of ASEAN member countries. Chaired by the Additional Secretary (Asia-Pacific), Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, the panel included senior officials of the ministry, CPEC Authority, and the Board of Investment (BOI). In her briefing, the additional secretary.

### Chinese working in CPEC, non-CPEC projects; Sindh govt, Chinese team agree to evolve foolproof security plan

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### Ahsan says Gwadar completely neglected in last four years

**Source:** Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-05-22  
LAHORE: Federal Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal on Saturday said that Gwadar, the gateway of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, has been completely neglected in the last four years. He was talking to the media after his meeting with the Vice-Chancellor Government College University Lahore Asghar Zaidi. He said that due to negligence the depth of the port was decreased from 18 meters to.

### Pak-China vocational training opportunities to be tapped

**Source:** Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-05-20  
“There is a strong need from both Pakistan and China to cooperate in vocational education. Much progress has been made, and it’s just the start,” said Syed Javed Hassan, Chairman National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC). He told China Economic Net (CEN) in an interview that China has provided hundreds of Pakistani schools with vocational training and tech.
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Seven development projects under various modalities, worth $1.44 billion, are under implementation process in Gwadar. Advisor Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Jawad Akhtar Khokhar said this while addressing a two-day media conclave and roundtable conference titled ‘CSR Initiatives in Gwadar (The Gateway to CPEC)’ co-organised by the Institut..... more >>

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ISLAMABAD: Managing Director, Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) Shah Jahan Mirza is reportedly facing the ire of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif due to his ignorance about commitment of Rs 100 billion made with the Chinese power sector projects established under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), well informed sources in Prime Minister Office told Business Recorder. The unpl..... more >>

### The SEZs are a game-changer
The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) by China – which CPEC is part of – has a lot of potential to provide required economic stability and sustainability. The Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under CPEC, if implemented in letter and spirit, are key to progress. Economically Pakistan is in a greater mess than ever before. Foreign direct investment (FDI), which is key to economic growth and d..... more >>

### Pak-China plus movement urged for the region
Islamabad : Devcom-Pakistan bilateral webinar pinpointed multiple severe threats to the energy sector, economic security, geopolitical defence, and food shortage. The experts urged collective vision, absolute wisdom, and integrated efforts to protect the greater South and West Asia. Geopolitical analyst, Munir Ahmed announced the launch of the Pak-China Friendship and CPEC Awards to identify, re..... more >>
### Research, Development & Capacity Building

**B2B agricultural cooperation Chinese company signs MoU with Pak firm**  
**Source:** Israr Khan, *The News, International*, 2022-05-24  
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Asia Pak Investment -- a company owned by son of the former ISPR DG Lt-Gen (retd) Asim Saleem Bajwa -- inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China's Optima Integration Group on Monday to strengthen B2B agricultural cooperation between the two nations. The MoU was signed under the auspices of the Board of Investment (BoI). Board of Investment Chairman Chaudhry.....  
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**Chinese scholarships for water conservancy professionals**  
Islamabad: The Ministry of Water Resources and the Ministry of Education, China have jointly implemented the 'Chinese Government Scholarship on Senior Water Conservancy Professional' to select government officials across the world responsible for water conservancy policy to pursue their master's degree in China at Hohai University. Under the Scholarships programme, the government.....  
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### Technology, Trade & Innovation

**Pakistan can leverage Chinese technology to make lower priced solar panels**  
**Source:** Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2022-05-16  
Pakistan can take an initiative to manufacture low cost solar panels locally in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) built under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework. According to a renewable energy expert and consultant in Pakistan, China is the leader in solar technology right now. Pakistan should work with China to manufacture solar panels in Pakistan inside the SEZs, China Economic .....  
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“Vulnerability to climate change varies substantially among ecosystems and people and within regions. It is driven by patterns of intersecting socio-economic development, unsustainable ocean and land use, marginalisation, historical and ongoing patterns of inequity such as colonialism and governance. Between 3.3 and 3.6 billion people live in co.... more >>

**Guest editorial: Many policies, few outcomes**

Climate change affects every aspect of our lives, from food security to health to energy to disaster vulnerabilities – the list goes on. It affects our economic decision-making when the federal government has to decide the fate of fossil fuel subsidies amidst sizzling heatwaves; it affects interprovincial relations when the provincial government..... more >>

**Trade deal stands for peace, Union, and Development**

Pakistan’s trading ties with India were indeed the most pressing need and advantageous to both countries while legitimating political and human rights scrutinizy. But both states must look for a lasting peaceful resolution. On 14 January, Pakistan launched its first-ever National Security Policy (NSP) 2022-2026. The public version is stated to be a citizen-centric policy framework, placing e..... more >>

**Time for a new beginning?**

Now that Pakistan has appointed a trade minister in its high commission in New Delhi after a gap of five years, the spotlight is back on reviving bilateral trade. Can this be a new dawn for India-Pakistan trade? A new beginning in trade relations has huge potential for both the nations as well as for the sub-continent, which is currently reeling und..... more >>

**Apocalypse now?**

After exhibiting some tentativeness, the new government has resolved to stay on and will be presenting the annual budget on June 10. Negotiation with the International Monetary Fund will continue in Doha over the next week. In the first round of talks, the IMF has made it clear that it will not release more funds unless and until subsidies on petrole..... more >>

**The state of the economy**

The good news is that, as per the national accounts committee’s numbers, the provisional GDP growth rate for the current fiscal year (2021-22) is 5.97 per cent. The bad news is that, despite this healthy growth, Pakistan is once again facing the menace of twin deficits – dollars deficit (current account deficit, CAD) and rupee deficit (fiscal deficit). This is not the first time that ..... more >>
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**Pakistan experts foresee new wave of inflation as USD crosses 200 mark against local currency**
Source: Xinhua, China.org.cn, 2022-05-20
ISLAMABAD, May 20 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani experts are foreseeing a new wave of inflation after the U.S. dollar touched an all-time high against the local currency by zooming past 200 rupees. According to the Forex Association of Pakistan, the U.S. dollar traded at 200.50 rupees on Friday, continuing its upward trend after crossing the 200 mark on Thursday. The experts believed that multiple factor..... more >>

**PD&SI Ministry to hold Turnaround Conference**
Source: Latifur Rehman, BOL News, 2022-05-20
KARACHI: The Ministry of Planning and Development and Special Initiatives (PD&SI) will hold the Turnaround Pakistan Conference on May 28, a statement said. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif will address the conference, with the aim to chalk out an urgent plan of action to turnaround the economy in light of vision 2025. PD&SI Minister Professor Ahsan Iqbal will present a plan encompassin..... more >>

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**Continuing oil subsidy wrong: experts**
ISLAMABAD: Leading economists and businesspersons believe the government’s decision of continuing fuel subsidy is wrong as it would increase inflation. They were speaking in Geo News programme, Naya Pakistan, hosted by Shehzad Lqbal who arranged a panel discussion on Sunday. The panel included industrialist Arif Habib, economists Dr Akbar Zaidi, Yusuf Nazar, Muhammad Suhail, Dr Khaqan Naje..... more >>

**Pakistan requires Rs1.4tr in subsidies to keep POL prices unchanged**
ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has estimated that Pakistan requires Rs1,416 billion in subsidies for keeping the POL prices unchanged on an annual basis at the prevalent existing prices in the international market, so Islamabad will have to reverse fuel subsidies for achieving fiscal prudence. On electricity, the government requires subsidy of Rs139 billion on per annum basis. T..... more >>

**Q&A with IDA Delegate Rayan Kahn from Pakistan**
Each month the International Dark-Sky Association features an IDA Advocate from the worldwide network of volunteers who are working to protect the night in a feature called ‘Monthly Star.’ This month we're highlighting the work of Rayan Kahn from Pakistan with a Q&A. This month, we sat down for a Q&A with IDA Delegate Rayan Kahn from Karachi, Pakistan. We chatted about t..... more >>

Webinar News

**63rd meeting of SDPI’s Study Group on ICT: Expert speaks about cybersecurity challenges**
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