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

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

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Launched in August 2018, China Study Centre is a broader initiative of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) to bridge the research-policy gap on the issues of global relevance such as trade, technologies, climate change, tourism, business, finance and Pakistan-China relations. The Centre strives to foster research, knowledge and expertise on China, profoundly relevant to our engagement with China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

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Subjects Covered

- Pak-China Foreign Relations
- CPEC
- Regional integration under China’s Belt & Road (B&R)
- Business, innovation & entrepreneurship
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- Capacity building, learning and development
- Economic growth & governance
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- SDPI’s events, visits, publications
### Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

#### The G7 largesse
As the saying goes, one side is appreciable, and the other is condemnable. This confirms the politics of bickering that is going on in the West — and that too with the expressed intention to counter the surging Chinese influence in the world affairs. The resolve of the leaders of the Group of Seven countries to come up with a befitting response to the Beijing-led multi-billion dollar Belt an..... more >>

#### President Xi’s commitment to peace and prosperity
President Xi Jinping’s speech at the BRICS Business Forum can be summarised as a sincere proposal and commitment to sustainable peace and prosperity. It is not for the first time that President Xi urged the world to work for peace and prosperity. It is a constant feature of President Xi’s talks and actions. He never let any moment to slip away without highlighting the importance of pe..... more >>

### Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

#### Chinese nationals in Islamabad told to inform police about their movement
Source: Munawer Azeem, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-06-16
ISLAMABAD: Chinese nationals in the capital have been asked to inform police prior to their movement, sources told Dawn on Wednesday. This decision was taken in a meeting held to review the performance of the recently-established District Foreign Security Cell in the capital police for the security of foreigners, especially Chinese nationals. Officials of the capital police told Dawn that during the..... more >>

#### Pakistan seeks collaboration with China to tap its bamboo potential
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2022-06-16
Pakistan looks to collaboration with China to further tap its bamboo potential, says a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Wednesday. Pakistan has only four or five uses of bamboo, but in a bamboo-producing county in China, there are over 200 uses of it”, said Dr. Raja Muhammad Omer, Deputy Inspector General of Forests, Forestry Wing, Ministry of Climate Change. He told CEN in an..... more >>

#### Pakistani, Chinese institutions sign MoU to further boost agricultural cooperation
Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2022-06-17
Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) and Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (YAAS) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote agricultural cooperation between Pakistan and China at an online ceremony held in Beijing and Kunming. Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque, and President of YAAS, Dr. Jihua Wang signed the MoU. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Moin ul H..... more >>

#### Need stressed for China and Pakistan to promote joint degree programs
A group of high-level talents with strict professional and cultural training is critical for the construction of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). China and Pakistan should strengthen cooperation and promote joint degrees to meet the needs of the two countries. This was stated by Prof. Tan Biyou from China’s Hunan Normal University, according to Gwadar Pro, on Tuesday. On the 2nd Sou..... more >>
Chinese CG visits PCJCCI
LAHORE: Zhao Shireen, Consul General China visited Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) yesterday. Ehsan Choudhry, Senior Vice President PCJCCI, Sarfaraz Butt, Vice President PCJCCI, Salahuddin Hanif, Secretary General PCJCCI welcomed him along with other executive members of PCJCCI. The visit was followed by a press conference which was attended by many top notch business..... more >>

Baqir Sajjad Syed Published June 30, 2022 - Updated about 2 hours ago 21
Source: Baqir Sajjad Syed, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-06-30
ISLAMABAD: High-ranking Chinese politician Yang Jiechi on Wednesday pledged to help in reviving ties with longstanding ally Pakistan as he opened his two-day trip to Islamabad with a meeting with Army Chief Gen Qamar Bajwa. “He assured to play his role for further improvement in diplomatic cooperation with Pakistan at all levels,” the ISPR said after Mr Yang met Gen Bajwa at the..... more >>

China’s affection for Pakistan has limitations too
Source: Imtiaz Gul, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-06-30
Once again China stepped forward to bail Pakistan out. It underscored its time-tested friendship by providing a near interest free loan worth $2.3 billion to Pakistan for its balance-of-payments support, well ahead of the grueling, demand-loaded deal with the IMF. To underscore the “all-weather partnership”, General Zhang Youxia, Deputy Chairman of China’s Military Commission, r..... more >>

Bilawal reaffirms staunch support to One-China policy
ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Wednesday received the high-level Chinese delegation at the Foreign Office led by Yang Jiechi, Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Director of the Central Commission on Foreign Affairs of the CPC. Director Yang was accompanied by Vice Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Commerce, Vice Ch..... more >>

Pakistan values China’s role in global and regional affairs, says COAS
Source: NNI, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-06-30
RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Genral Qamar Javed Bajwa said on Wednesday that Pakistan values China’s role in global and regional affairs and we look forward to enhance our strategic partnership. According to a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the COAS said this in his meeting with Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Com..... more >>

CPC leader Yang arrives on two-day visit
ISLAMABAD: Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Director of the Central Commission on Foreign Affairs of the CPC Yang Jiechi arrived on a two-day visit to Pakistan, here Wednesday. During the visit from June 29-30, Director Yang will hold talks with Foreign Minister Bilawal Butto-Zardari and call on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Foreign ..... more >>

Pakistan not invited to dialogue held in China
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has been ignored by China as not being invited for the High Level Dialogue on Global Development (HLGD) concluded a day earlier in Beijing. The event was hosted by Chinese President Xi Jinping and among others India, Iran, Egypt, Fiji, Algeria, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and two CAS were the participants of the dialogue. Russian President Putin also attended it...... more >>
**Pakistan ambassador visits ByteDance; discusses promotion of Pak products in China**  
**Source:** News Desk, **Daily Times**, 2022-06-26  
Pakistan's Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque paid a visit to ByteDance and discussed steps to enhance cooperation and strengthen Pakistan Pavilion on Douyin for promoting Pakistani products in the Chinese market. The ambassador was received by the company's Department of China Public Affairs and Strategy. He was briefed about the business operation of the company and its various prod..... *more >>*

**China: Leading the BRICS**  
**Source:** Muhammad Asif Noor, **Daily Times**, 2022-06-27  
China is hosting a series of hybrid events, both online and offline, being the Chair of BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) including a High-Level Dialogue, a Business Forum and a Summit this week. BRICS is an important economic block of developing states which represent 16 per cent of the global trade and 41 per cent population across the two continents and make joint efforts for mutua..... *more >>*

**PIA to start flights between Islamabad and Chengdu from July 6**  
**Source:** News Desk, **Daily Times**, 2022-06-29  
The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) will start direct weekly passenger flights between Islamabad and Chengdu, China from July 6, Gwadar Pro reported on Tuesday quoting a statement of the national flag carrier. Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan, China, is the third destination other than Beijing for which PIA recently got operating licences from the Civil Aviation Administration of China ..... *more >>*

**Pakistan offers incentives, foolproof security to Chinese investors**  
**Source:** News Desk, **Daily Times**, 2022-06-30  
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif Wednesday said that China Pakistan Economic Corridor and the growing economic linkages had deepened the roots of the abiding friendship between the peoples of Pakistan and China. "Atop this unshakeable foundation, the Pakistan-China partnership would continue to play its valuable role as a factor of peace and stability in the region and beyond," the prime..... *more >>*

**Pakistan, China ink MoU to boost agri-cooperation**  
**Source:** China Economic Net, **The Express Tribune, Islamabad**, 2022-06-18  
KUNMING: China's Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (YAAS) and Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote agricultural cooperation between China and Pakistan at an online signing ceremony held in Kunming and Beijing on Friday. Addressing the ceremony, Dr Wang Jihua, President of YAAS, noted that years of collaboration between YA..... *more >>*

**$2.3bn Chinese loan expected ‘within couple of days’, says Miftah**  
**Source:** Khaleeq Kiani, **Dawn, Islamabad**, 2022-06-23  
ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said on Wednesday that Chinese banks had signed an agreement for about a $2.3 billion loan that would flow into Pakistan's account within a couple of days. Since February, Pakistan has been seeking a rollover of loans expiring very shortly to support the fast-depleting foreign exchange reserves of the State Bank of Pakistan that stood at $8.99bn as ..... *more >>*

**KCR expansion not possible without Chinese help: railways minister**  
**Source:** Shazia Hasan, **Dawn, Islamabad**, 2022-06-24  
KARACHI: The Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) project is not likely to be expanded anytime soon, and will be operated within the limitations of existing infrastructure, Federal Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique admitted on
Thursday. Speaking to mediapersons at an informal interaction, which turned into a media talk, at the City Station on Thursday evening, the minister said the government only had 12 t.... more >>

China deposits $2.3 billion to boost SBP reserves
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-06-24
China has deposited $2.3 billion in State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to boost Pakistan's sliding foreign exchange reserves, Finance Minister Miftah Ismail announced on Friday. "I am pleased to announce that Chinese consortium loan of RMB 15 billion (roughly $2.3 billion) has been credited into SBP account today, increasing our foreign exchange reserves," he wrote on his official Twi..... more >>

Sale of over 66pc KES Power stake in K-Electric; Shanghai Electric must get the green light within three months, PM tells Khaqan
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-06-24
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has directed the task force on KE headed by former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi to resolve all outstanding issues of KE within three months, aimed at giving green signal for sale of over 66 percent shares of KES Power to Chinese firm M/s Shanghai Electric Power, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. A high-level delegation of KE comprisi..... more >>

Chinese CG visits LCCI; 'Collaboration in various sectors can take trade to new heights'
LAHORE: Consul General of China, Zhao Shiren has said that the collaboration in various sectors of economy between the private sectors of Pakistan and China can bring trade to the new heights. The Consulate will fully cooperate for the exchange of trade delegations between the two countries, he added. He stated this while talking to the LCCI President Mian Nauman Kabir in the presence of Seni..... more >>

Pakistan’s exports to China up nearly 6pc in Jan-May
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2022-06-22
Pakistan's export to China crossed $1.605b in the first five months of 2022, up 5.42pc year on year, shows the official data from the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC). Badar uz Zaman, Commercial Counsellor at Pakistani Embassy in Beijing, said that despite the epidemic of COVID-19, bilateral trade has increased significantly. "The Pakist..... more >>

More Chinese investment in renewable energy likely
Source: China Economic Net / APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-06-26
ISLAMABAD: The introduction of a wholesale electricity market in Pakistan will attract more Chinese investment in the renewable energy sector of the country, an investment expert said. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on June 6 awarded market operator licence to Central Power Purchasing Agency-Guarantee (CPPA-G) under the Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTB..... more >>

China vows support for industrial growth
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-06-28
LAHORE: Newly-appointed Chinese Consul General Zhao Shiren has said that collaboration in various sectors of the economy between Punjab and China can push economic ties to new highs and vowed that the Chinese Consulate in Lahore will fully cooperate to accelerate business-to-business engagement for industrial growth. The consul general expressed these views while visiting the Punjab Board of Inve..... more >>
China’s firm wins M-8 section contract  
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-06-29
ISLAMABAD: The National Highway Authority (NHA) has declared a joint venture arrangement between two Pakistani firms and China’s Geological Engineering Complex (SPGEC) as the “most advantageous” bidder for the construction of a section of Ratodero-Gwadar Motorway (M-8) under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). SPGEC has offered to construct Package 2B of the 168km Awar..... more >>

China to help Pakistan maintain financial stability  
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-06-30
BEIJING: China will continue to support Pakistan in developing its economy, improving people’s livelihood and maintaining financial stability, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian. “China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic partners. China always supports Pakistan in developing its economy, improving people’s livelihood and maintaining financial stability..... more >>

Pakistan, China can promote tea production through joint ventures: experts  
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2022-06-29
Pakistan and China can promote tea on commercial scale through joint ventures, Gwadar Pro reported on Saturday, quoting experts. As potential suitable sites and land for tea cultivation are located alongside China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), therefore, China has a big role to play in promoting tea on a commercial scale through joint ventures and technical and financial support, experts said..... more >>

Pakistan offers incentives, foolproof security to Chinese investors  
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Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Gwadar’s development key to regional peace, prosperity: speakers  
Source: Iftikhar A. Khan, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-06-16
ISLAMABAD: Speakers on Wednesday noted that development of Gwadar port and progress on various associated projects will bring peace, prosperity, and connectivity to the region. Expressing views at a seminar on “Gwadar Port: Latest Developments and Prospects of Shared Prosperity” organised by the Centre for Belt and Road Initiative and China Studies - Institute of Peace and Diplomatic ..... more >>

IMF says didn’t ask Pakistan to renegotiate CPEC IPP deals  
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-06-17
ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary fund (IMF) has not asked Pakistan for renegotiating China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Independent Power Producers (IPP) contracts. In statement, Esther Perez Ruiz, IMF’s Resident Representative for Pakistan stated: “The IMF did not ask Pakistan to renegotiate CPEC IPP contracts. These claims are simply untrue. Rather, the IMF supports th..... more >>

Why does CPEC need support?  
Source: Durdana Najam, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-06-18
The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative [BRI], launched in 2015. The multibillion project reflects China’s economic progress which it wishes to share with its neighbours. Several
commentators refer to it as a ‘game changer’ due to its plan to connect up a vast arch of regional markets from China to South and West Asia, the.....  more >>

**CPEC IPPs; MoF urges Power Div to address issue of excess profitability**
ISLAMABAD: Finance Ministry has urged Power Division to address excess profitability by Independent Power Producers (IPPs) under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) at par with settlement with other IPPs, well informed sources told Business Recorder. Finance Ministry raised the issue of CPEC—IPPs, while offering comments on one of the summaries of Power Division regarding opening of R.....  more >>

**Strengthening CPEC**
In this crucial time when our country is facing economic instability, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) – with a massive $62 billion investment plan – can play a key role as a ‘game changer’ for the national economy, especially for the development and prosperity of Balochistan. The significance of this multi-billion-dollar corridor is, however, poorly understood......  more >>

**On CPEC revival**
Since coming to power two months ago, PM Shehbaz Sharif has repeatedly emphasized the importance of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Besides the new leadership expressing high-level political commitment to CPEC multiple occasions, several recent developments also point towards the new government’s intent to revive the stalled bilateral investment projects in energy, infrast.... more >>

**Pakistan can’t be a party to any new conflict, says Mushahid**
Source: Rizwan Shahzad, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-06-21
ISLAMABAD: Senate Defence Committee Chairman Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed said on Monday that Pakistan cannot be a party to any new conflict, confrontation and cold war as the post-pandemic world order calls for cooperation and connectivity. Speaking at a webinar hosted by the Pakistan-China Institute, he said that Pakistan was at a strategic location where huge transformations and transitions.....  more >>

**Call for exploring ways to boost agri development**
ISLAMABAD: China has made tremendous progress in the field of agriculture in the last few years, which has led to the significant increase in its agricultural output. Through CPEC, not only revival of agriculture sector in Pakistan can be ensured but also food security by bringing innovation in it. This was stated by CPEC Agriculture Cooperation Center Director Dr Muhammad Azam Khan. He was spea.....  more >>

**Central business district set up in Gwadar**
GWADAR: The government has established a ‘central business district’ over an area of 2,500 acres in the port city under the Gwadar Master Plan, while a 280km road network has also been constructed. The Director General of Gwadar Development Authority, Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Qambrani, disclosed this while speaking at the Gwadar National Conference held here on Thursday. He said that a 150-b.....  more >>
CPEC to help increase tax receipts
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-06-24
QUETTA: Balochistan Minister for Finance Sardar Abdur Rehman Khaifran said on Wednesday that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will enhance the provincial government’s tax collection. Speaking at a post-budget news conference, the minister predicted that the CPEC projects and development of mining sector would increase tax and non-tax revenue of the province in the future. &ld.... more >>

Seminar on Pak-China agriculture cooperation under CPEC held
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2022-06-21
A seminar on “Pak-China Agriculture Cooperation under CPEC” was jointly organized by the CPEC-Agriculture Cooperation Center, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi and the Asian Institute of Eco-civilization Research and Development (AIERD), to explore ways to boost agricultural development, and understand opportunities offered by agricultural cooperation under CPEC. Addressing ..... more >>

CPEC projects; China to work under vision of shared prosperity: official
ISLAMABAD: Pang-chunxue, Charge de Affaires of the Embassy of People’s Republic of China called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Miftah Ismail at the Finance Division Thursday, said a press release. Minister of State for Finance and Revenue, Dr Aisha Ghaus Pasha was also present in the meeting. Finance Minister Ismail extended a warm welcome to the guest and highlighted..... more >>

Pakistan’s economic future hinges on CPEC with Gwadar port its main component: PM Shehbaz
Source: Dawn.com, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-06-25
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday said Pakistan's economic future was linked to the success of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with Gwadar port as its "main component" and to achieve that end, the role of the Pakistan Navy was key. At the passing out parade of the 117th Midshipman and 25th Short Service Commission course at Pakistan Naval Academy in Karachi earli.... more >>

CPEC’s 720MW Karot hydropower plant put to final pre-commissioning test
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2022-06-23
The 720 megawatts Karot hydropower plant is now a week away from starting commercial operations after it was put to 168 hours long reliability run test (RTT) on Tuesday. According to Gwadar Pro, RTT is the last test before the commissioning of the project, a senior official of Karot Power Co. told Gwadar Pro. Karot Power is a special-purpose vehicle incorporated in Pakistan for executing the proje..... more >>

China, Pakistan to hold joint scientific research to build Green CPEC
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2022-06-25
Pakistan looks forwards to China-Pak joint scientific research for the building of Green China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Pakistani Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque made the remarks when met Huang Wenjiang, a Research Fellow of the Aerospace Information Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), and Zhou Jinfeng, Secretary-General of China Biodiversity Conservation ..... more >>

CPEC road projects; NHA to settle disputes with Chinese firms
Source: Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-06-27
ISLAMABAD: The National Highways Authority (NHA) Executive Board has approved to initiate an amicable settlement process of all the disputes between the Authority and Chinese companies for two projects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Sources revealed to Business Recorder that the Board meeting held with Capt (retired) Muhammad Khurram Agha, chairman NHA in the chair which d..... more >>
**PM’s visit to Gwadar**
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-06-29
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif’s recent trip to the port city of Gwadar in the restive Balochistan province galvanised different political parties, civil society members and rights groups, as well as relatives of the forcibly disappeared persons into action. Hundreds of people staged protest demonstrations to press their respective demands. Speaking at the Gwadar Business Centre, he assured t.....  more >>

**CPEC will Provide Long-Term Welfare for Local Residents**
Source: Qaiser Nawab, Daily Times, 2022-06-30
China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic partners. The two countries have formed a rock-solid friendship. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is, therefore, a landmark project of the co-construction of the “Belt and Road Initiative” by China and Pakistan, and an important manifestation of the ever-growing “Iron Friendship” between the two countries. The CPEC .....  more >>

**Regional Integration Under China’s B & R**

**First China-Pakistan ‘Belt and Road’ transportation and logistics conference held at NUST**
ISLAMABAD: Under the umbrella of a Shanghai Cooperation Organization the first China-Pakistan “Belt and Road” Transportation and Logistics conference was held in a hybrid mode. This forum was jointly initiated by the Shandong Jiaotong University, Kashgar University and National University of Sciences and Technology - Pakistan under the background of the rapid development of world logis.....  more >>

**SDPI s Events**

**SDPI Articles**

**Women’s role in ecosystem restoration**
Source: Ali Rehmat Shimshali, The High Asia Herald, 2022-06-20
Have you ever imagined progress of a society, or a nation without women? To answer this question, let us confine it to our homes. What troubles do we face in the absence of our moms and sisters? They are nuclou...  more >>

**Winning back the Fund – and the people**
The good news is that the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has formally recognized that Pakistan has completed its two action plans covering 34 action items. With this, Pakistan met all technical requirements to exit from the FATF’s list (grey list) of countries with serious deficiencies in anti-money laundering (AML) and counterterrorism financing (CTF) framework. Exit from the ‘gr...  more >>

**Guest Editorial: Finding a cure**
The start of Modern Industrial Age was based on a big push for investment in fossil fuels. The countries with high per capita availability and consumption of total primary energy supply (TPES) have a high human development index (HDI). Realising that fossil fuels contribute to climate change, the world is moving towards renewable energy. Compared to ...  more >>
Ensuring water security
During the past six months, Pakistan has experienced unusually hot and humid weather and unprecedented shortages of water in the Indus Basin canal system, disruption of all kinds of farming activities, reduced power generation by hydropower plants and drying up of drinking water sources in urban areas. Diminished canal flows also rekindled inter-provincial disputes over water allocations. Climat..... more >>

Inflation pressures weigh heavily on Asia
Source: Fu Bo, China Economic Net, 2022-06-30
Latest US Fed rate rise does not ease pain of soaring prices, economists say Hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic and rising oil and food prices, Asia is experiencing a wave of inflation that will hurt livelihoods and the economy, according to experts. The recent interest rate rise by the US Federal Reserve will likely exacerbate the situation, they said. Rajiv Biswas, Asia-Pacific chief economist..... more >>

Federal Budget 2022-23: Tough time ahead
Islamabad: Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, has said that the federal budget 2022-23 is presented at a time when Pakistan’s foreign exchange reserves are depleting drastically, credit rating has fallen and the government faces mounting pressure to improve economic indicators to further continue the IMF programme. Dr. Suleri was addressin..... more >>

Experts Seek Energy Sector Overhaul, Shift To Renewable Sources
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-06-22
ISLAMABAD – The experts at a seminar on Wednesday called for redesigning of energy sector immediately and shift to solar and wind power at household level so as to save the foreign reserves of the country which were now depleting to an alarming level. The seminar titled: ‘Energy Prices, Budget 2022-23, and IMF: Analysis and Perspective,’ was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (..... more >>

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Source: Ghulam Din, Technology Times, 2022-06-23
The seminar titled: ‘Energy Prices, Budget 2022-23, and IMF: Analysis and Perspective,’ was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), said a news release. Senior Economist and Public Policy Expert, Dr. Khaqan Najeeb asserted that Pakistan’s ability to complete the IMF’s 7th Review was crucial for securing $1 billion and ensuring its access to other credit. more >>

Academia-Industry Linkages Stressed To MSMEs Performance
Source: Faizan Hashmi, Urdu Point, 2022-06-28
ISLAMABAD, (Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 27th June 2022): Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized a webinar on "Role of academia-industry linkage in micro-small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) development in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" here on Monday. The panelists highlighted that how industry and academia could play important role to improve economic performance o..... more >>

Academia-Industry linkages stressed to MSMEs performance
Source: DNA, Daily Islamabad Post, 2022-06-27
Islamabad, JUN 27 /DNA/ – Developing strong industry-academia linkages could play important role to improve economic performance of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The panelists highlighted this aspect while sharing their opinions during the webinar ‘Role of academia-industry linkage in micro-small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) development in Khyber..... more >>

Academia – Industry Linkage Stressed For MSMEs Performance. Speakers Say
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