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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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To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for “China Study Centre - SDPI”

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| • Dawn | • The News | • The Express Tribune |
| • The Nation | • Business Recorder | • Daily Times |
| • Pakistan Observer | • Pakistan Today | • Urdu Point |
| • China Daily | |

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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).

With a large network of universities, government bodies, business and civil society organizations, the Centre aims to promote collaborations, capacity building and technology transfer based on lessons learnt and experiences of China, attributed to their scientific knowledge and policy instruments. This requires a deep insight into Chinese history, culture, and socio-economic contexts. Such an approach is essential to catalyze the active engagement with China to address the economic and development challenges towards achieving sustainable development.

Subjects Covered

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

**BRI: Chinese economic diplomacy in 21st century**  
Traveling from Shanghai to Beijing in an economy class from medium speed China rail services was my intentional decision to meet the common Chinese people and to know their perception regarding Chinese developmental expansion around the globe. I and my traveling colleague were the only two foreigners in the economy class cabin. Throughout the trip, I observed one thing that common Chinese people w...... [more >>](#)

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**Dimensions of the Budding China-Saudi Arabia Partnership**  
Source: Sabina Babar, *Daily Times*, 2022-12-12  
Xi Jinping will visit Riyadh for three summits: a China-Gulf (GCC) summit, a China-Arab summit, and a China-Saudi summit. These summits are critical to advance cooperation between China and the Gulf states. The China-Saudi summit is of particular importance because it seems to be heralding new opportunities for Saudi Arabia and China to strengthen their relationship. According to Helima Croft, ma...... [more >>](#)

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**Biden’s choices**  
XI Jinping and Joe Biden arrived in Bali for this week’s G20 summit buoyed by recent domestic successes. Their three hours of bilateral discussions on Monday may not have yielded any substantial results, but the extended and apparently amicable face-to-face encounter may help to decelerate rising Sino-US tensions. On the other hand, a key focus of the US president’s diplomacy in Southea...... [more >>](#)

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**Pakistan sees positivity in US-China talks**  
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan is happy that China and the United States have held a historic dialogue – a step towards averting a new cold war. Pakistan is very close to China and despite ups and downs in relationship - remains an ally of the US. The US has on a number of times, shown displeasure with Islamabad’s unique closeness to Beijing. Pakistan has repeated..... [more >>](#)

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**Xi-Biden summit**  
Source: Editorial, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-11-17  
THE recent one-on-one meeting between Xi Jinping and Joe Biden on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Bali reinforces the role personalised communication at the top level plays in global diplomacy. Though the Chinese and American leaders did not make any breakthroughs, the meeting did result in a significant climb-down in rhetoric from both sides. There were smiles and handshakes, as opposed to the..... [more >>](#)

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**Xi-Biden meeting**  
Earlier this year as US legislator Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan spiking tensions between China and the United States, President Biden promised to defend the self-ruled island. At his three-hour-long meeting with President Xi Jinping in Bali on Monday he did indicate that Washington was ready to defend the island “militarily” – only to be told by President Xi that Taiwan is the &ld...... [more >>](#)
The Xi-Biden summit
Source: Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-11-21
I had planned to write this week on the conclusions reached at Sharm al Sheikh’s climate summit in Egypt. I had expected that the meeting would have concluded over the weekend and some new goals would have been set by world leaders to deal with the worsening global warming situation. The meeting is in session as I write these lines; I will write about it when it ends and the governments atte..... more >>

No new Cold War?
In their one-on-one meeting on the sidelines of the G20 the US and Chinese leaders adopted a conciliating tone offering the assurance to all those anxiously awaiting the outcome that they would not let their tense relations to affect international stability. While President Joe Biden promised there will be no “new Cold War” with China, President Xi Jinping said “China-US relation..... more >>

China, US and the MOOTW strategy
Source: Shazia Anwer Cheema, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-11-23
A report titled ‘Military Operations Other Than War in China’s Foreign Policy’ published by America’s Stimson Center and authored by James Siebens and Ryan Lucas provided a detailed analysis of China’s military activities abroad. This extensive report gives us an exhaustive overview of aims and objectives and overt and covert future milestones. The report says that P..... more >>

Experts warn of US-China strategic competition
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-11-27
ISLAMABAD: Experts and intellectuals have cautioned that the evolving US China strategic competition will have serious implications over Pakistan’s foreign policy and would create new regional alliances. The speakers discussed various dimensions of the subject from the theoretical and practical perspective and suggested policy recommendation for Pakistan under the developing scenario. The ..... more >>

Beijing relies on Pakistan to project its might, Pentagon report notes
Source: Anwar Iqbal, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-12-01
WASHINGTON: China relies on Pakistan for projecting its military and economic might as Islamabad remains a key Beijing ally, says the US Department of Defence. The China Military Power 2022 report— released here on Tuesday — examines how China seeks to achieve its “national rejuvenation” objective by 2049 with the help of international partners, such as Pakistan. According..... more >>

America’s China moment
Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-12-02
The Pentagon seems to have admitted some bitter realities on the Asian mosaic of realpolitik. Its candid admission that Beijing and Islamabad are strategic partners has no two opinions. In a detailed report ‘The China Military Power 2022’, the Department of Defence goes on to state that China relies on Pakistan for projecting its military and economic might. This might be an overrated ..... more >>

Pakistan wants Turkiye to join CPEC: Cooperation for peace
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2022-11-26
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday suggested that Turkiye should join the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor to bring about regional prosperity, alleviate poverty and empower the people through better education and health
facilities. The prime minister, addressing a joint press stakeout along with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan here, said Pakistan had been “experiencing and enjoyi..... more >>

### Learning from China

**Source:** Dr Muhammad Ali Ehsan, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-12-04  
The current political situation in Pakistan represents both risks as well as opportunities. Superfluous, unnecessary and untidy politics has consumed us as a society; and politics, instead of being the art of the possible, has become a playing field in which mediocrity is ruling supreme. Direct pressures, bribery and blackmailing are the proffered tools being used to turn around and shape politica..... more >>

### China achieved over 10-fold rise in GDP in last four decades: speakers

**Source:** Recorder Report, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2022-12-11  
KARACHI: China has tremendously improved the living standard of its people during last three decades and alleviated poverty to a remarkable extent. These views were expressed by speakers at a ceremony for awarding the certificates recognizing the contribution made by friends in Pakistan, held at the Chinese Consulate Friday evening. They said China has achieved over tenfold increase in i..... more >>

### Pakistan looks forward to cooperating with China on banana cultivation

**Source:** Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2022-12-01  
Pakistan is looking forward to cooperate with China on banana cultivation, China Economic Net (CEN) reported it on Wednesday.” In China, banana has been cultivated since 2,000 years ago. China’s contribution to the international banana market is around 4.5%. However, Pakistan’s contribution is less than 0.5%. We are far behind. I think China and Pakistan can cooperate through c..... more >>

### Energy, Environment & Climate Change

### Big win for Bilawal’s ‘climate diplomacy’

**Source:** Dure Akram, *Daily Times*, 2022-11-21  
“What we seek is not charity, not alms, not aid—but justice.” Pakistan’s youngest foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had roared in September with a ferocity that forced many to walk down memory lane to the crowded jalsagahs of the ’70s. However, words, no matter how powerful remain just words unless and until they culminate in promising beginnings. What transpir..... more >>

### Xi promises security, energy cooperation at Saudi summits

**Source:** Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2022-12-10  
Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday touted close security and energy ties with Gulf nations during summit meetings in Saudi Arabia that have highlighted tensions with Washington. On the third and final day of his visit, Xi attended summits of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and a broader China-Arab leaders’ meeting. This is only Xi’s third journey outside China since..... more >>

### History, Language & Culture

### Governor, PCJCCI team discuss Pakistan-China food, cultural analogue

**Source:** Recorder Report, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2022-11-16  
LAHORE: A delegation of Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) conducted a meeting with Baligh Ur Rehman, Governor Punjab at Governor House, Lahore recently. The main agenda of meeting is to discuss Pak-China Food and Cultural Analogue to boost the cultural exchange between both countries. Moazzam Ali Ghurki, President PCJCC, Hamza Khalid, Vice President PCJCCI, Salahuddin ..... more >>
China’s cultural diplomacy  
Source: Yasir Habib Khan, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-12-14
Cultural diplomacy is the best form of public diplomacy and soft power that centres on the exchange of ideas, information, art, language, and other aspects of culture including tangible and intangible among nations and their peoples to foster mutual understanding. Through cultural diplomacy, consciously and subconsciously, the people of one nation integrate their minds and hearts with those ideas..... more >>

2022 China-Pakistan folk music concert to highlight ironclad friendship held  
Source: Our Correspondent, Daily Times, 2022-12-10
2022 China-Pakistan Folk Music Concert “Online” was broadcasted on Friday to promote China-Pakistan cultural exchanges and cooperation, China Cultural Center in Pakistan and Hebei Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism of China in collaboration with Pakistan National Council of Arts jointly produce a China-Pakistan Folk Music Concert to highlight the bilateral ironclad friendship..... more >>

China’s intangible cultural heritage exhibition launched  
LAHORE: China’s two-day “intangible cultural heritage exhibition” was launched here that was attended by a large number of art-lovers at Art Gallery, Alhamra Arts Council. According to Chinese diplomats, it is a first of its kind exhibition organised by the Chinese Consulate, Lahore and its theme is “Chinese Culture & Traditional Craftsmanship.” Pieces of Chinese..... more >>

Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs  

China welcomes verdict in Dasu attack case  
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-11-16
BEIJING: China appreciated Pakistan’s efforts to get to the bottom of last year’s terrorist attack in Dasu, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and bring the perpetrators to full justice, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Tuesday. Spokesperson Mao Ning told her regular media briefing at the International Press Centre (IPC) that Pakistan carried out the investigations in the July 14, 20..... more >>

CPEC energy firms’ relief aid for flood victims exceeds Rs115m  
Source: INP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-11-18
Islamabad: Amid the continuous inflow of financial assistance from the friendly states and international organizations for the flood-hit people in Pakistan, the CPEC energy enterprises have stepped forward to assist the local people and provided relief worth rs.115 million including food and supplies. According to Gwadar Pro on Thursday, China renewable energy engineering institute shar..... more >>

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Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-12-01
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Post-flood construction: China offers $112.33m grant  
Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-12-12  
ISLAMABAD: China has offered Pakistan, a cash grant worth US$112.33 million for post-flood reconstruction activities, besides sending the in-kind support worth of $14.06 million (100 million RMB). Besides the Chinese government grant and in-kind support, the additional support also came from China including 100 million RMB ($14.05 million) from the Chinese Army, 125 million RMB ($17.57 million) from the Chinese Army, and 300 million RMB ($41.15 million) from the Chinese Army. 

Pakistan, China agree to work together for disaster preparedness  
Source: [Amin Ahmed, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-16  
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have agreed to jointly increase the capacity of disaster preparedness and response to climate change. A team of experts from China Meteorological Administration (CMA) has conducted the post-disaster assessment work in Pakistan and decided to further reinforce cooperation with the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) for technical exchanges, according to a statement of the Chinese embassy here. 

Pine nut exports offer locals potential to get rich  
Source: [China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17  
BEIJING: The price of half a kilogramme of Pakistani pine nuts in China can be as high as RMB 140 (about Rs4,360), which is at the upper end of the so-called “chain of contempt” of nuts. Pakistani pine forests are found in valleys at an altitude of 2,000-3,350 metres in the mountainous western areas on the border with Afghanistan. Sulaiman Range in Balochistan, Sherani and Chitral. 

China to boost coop to tackle disasters in Pakistan  
Source: [INP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-17  
ISLAMABAD - China Meteorological Administration (CMA) will continue to cooperate with Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) on disaster preparedness, providing flood prevention suggestions, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Wednesday. Gao Ge, meteorological disaster risk management expert from CMA, is a member of the Chinese government’s expert team sent to Pakistan to conduct post-disaster assessment work in Pakistan and decided to further reinforce cooperation with the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) for technical exchanges, according to a statement of the Chinese embassy here. 

Oil refinery projects in Gwadar to bring socio-economic development  
Source: [App, Daily Times](#), 2022-11-18  
Gwadar, the engine room of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), is set to be the recipient of a $4.5 billion oil refinery as a Chinese firm has laid down a plan to build an oil refinery with an annual processing capacity of 8 million tons, according to the press release of the firm, the East Sea Group. The Chinese entry came at a time when uncertainty was brewing about the fate of oil ref... 

Chinese firm calls on $150m standby LLC  
Source: [Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-11-24  
KARACHI: China Power Hub Generation Company Ltd (CPHGC) served on Wednesday an “encashment notice” of $150 million on the bank that issued a standby letter of credit (SBLC) on behalf of the Hub Power Company Ltd (Hubco). Hubco and China Power International Holdings Ltd are joint-venture partners in the 1,320-megawatt power plant based on imported coal. Speaking to Dawn, Optimus Capita. 

Pakistan, China currency deal to boost investment in Gwadar  
Source: [Agencies, Daily Times](#), 2022-11-27  
With the implementation of new financial currency arrangement by converting Chinese currency “RMB” directly into Pakistan rupee without involving the US dollar, Chinese investors can save 0.5 million Pakistan rupee on every...
transaction of Rs. 10 million, said Liao Longtai, General Manager (GM) of Hangeng Trade Company in Gwadar. Talking to Gwadar Pro, he said “the new mechanism ..... more >>

**Pakistan receives first batch of high-speed rail coaches from China**

Source: INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-11-28

KARACHI: Pakistan Railways on Sunday received the first 46 out of 230 new high-speed passenger coaches from China. The new rail coaches reached Karachi port and will be transported to Lahore by the Karachi-Lahore main line 1 by end of this month, the authorities said. Pakistan and China’s CRRC Tangshan Locomotive & Rolling Stock Company inked an agreement in November 2021 for t..... more >>

**Upgradation of steel industry: Collaboration of Chinese EPC firms with local companies vital: expert**


ISLAMABAD: “The growing population demands strong infrastructural support and a severe shortage of housing in Pakistan will require massive upgradation of Pakistan’s steel industry where collaboration between Chinese EPC firms and local industry is extremely crucial”. This was stated by Dr Hassan Daud Butt during the meeting with General Manager Lv Xiufeng of China Energy In..... more >>

**Pakistan contributes 0.5% to banana market**

Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-12-01

BEIJING: Pakistan’s contribution to the international banana market is less than 0.5% while China’s contribution is around 4.5%, says Nosherwan Haider, CEO of the Sprouts Biotech Laboratories. “We are far behind. I think China and Pakistan can cooperate through collaborative research. We can progress and get benefit from each other,” added Haider in an interview with Chin..... more >>

**Chinese firm to again operationlise entire PSCA infrastructure**

Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-12-02

LAHORE: Ending years-long differences, the Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) and a Chinese technology company signed a new settlement agreement here at the authority’s headquarters on Thursday to operationalise the entire PSCA infrastructure, including cameras. According to the agreement, the Punjab government will not have to pay any additional amount and the Chinese firm will carry out ..... more >>

**Apparel exports to China rise**

Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-12-04

BEIJING: Pakistani men’s apparel exports to China reached $21.03 million, up more than 17%, in the first 10 months of 2022 as compared with the same period in 2021, according to the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China (GACC). According to the GACC, men’s or boys’ apparel exports increased by 15.29% to $11.85 million, while last year in the ..... more >>

**$500m loan by China-led AIIB to help Pakistan strengthen social safety net**

Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-12-03

The $500 million loan to Pakistan will provide critical countercyclical financing to strengthen social protection, food security, and support for businesses. This was stated by the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral lender, in a post, according to Gwadar Pro. Pakistan’s government said on Tuesday that it had received the funds from AIIB. The funds were prov..... more >>
$900m okayed for Chilean firm to exit Reko Diq
Source: Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-12-12
ISLAMABAD: After the Supreme Court endorsed a settlement deal worth over $6.5 billion last week, the government on Sunday approved a payment of more than $900 million to the Chilean firm Antofagasta over six years to exit the Reko Diq project. The committee also green-lighted about $1.91bn shareholder financing by state-owned enterprises (SOEs) to take the gold and copper mining project forward. T.... more >>

Chinese firm opens ‘solution factory’ for wind energy plants in Pakistan
KARACHI: Goldwind Corporation, a Beijing based multinational wind turbine manufacturer, launched a first of its kind solution factory in Pakistan this Monday in the presence of a wide range of energy sector representatives and energy developers. The solution factory aims at developing indigenous solutions for Pakistani wind power plants. The event was attended by Sindh Minister for Energy Imtiaz A..... more >>

Chinese firm to install 477 wind turbines
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-12-13
KARACHI: Energy Minister Imtiaz Ahmad Shaikh has said that 33 projects in the air corridor of Jhimpir and Gharo in Sindh are providing 1,835 megawatts of environment-friendly and green energy from wind. He said this on Monday while speaking as the chief guest on the occasion of the inauguration of Goldwind Solution Factory at a local hotel in Karachi. Consul General of China Yang Guanguan, Gold..... more >>

Pakistan participates in International Forum for Energy Transition
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-12
BEIJING: Pakistan participated in the International Forum for Energy Transition 2022 which was held in the Chinese capital, with wide participation from across the world. Federal Minister for Energy, Khurram Dastgir Khan represented Pakistan at the forum while the Chinese government was represented by Chinese Vice Premier Han Zheng who delivered remarks at the event, according to a press rele..... more >>

Alliance between Pak, Chinese exporters in the offing
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-07
KARACHI: Commercial and Economic Counsellor of the Peoples Republic of China Yang Guangyuan has informed that work was under way for organizing a “Traders’ Alliance” between the exporters and importers of China and Pakistan so that they could share information and explore avenues for improving the existing trade cooperation between the two friendly countries. “More tha..... more >>

Chinese firm to invest $100m in digital payments sector
Source: Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-12-07
LAHORE: Opay, a Chinese company present in various countries including Nigeria, plans to invest $100 million in Pakistan’s digital payments sector by increasing points of sale (POS) from 10,000 to 100,000, its country president toldDawn on Tuesday. It also plans to buy a microfinance bank and has applied for the requisite licence, Ali Mubashir Kazmi said. “Opay entered Pakistan with an..... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC
Donation from CPEC energy enterprises exceeds Rs.115m
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-11-18
Millions of people in Pakistan are still deeply affected by the aftermath of flooding which “is not going anywhere”. In the time of need, the CPEC energy enterprises have stepped forward to assist the local people and provided relief
worth Rs.115 million (including food and supplies). According to Gwadar Pro on Thursday, China Renewable Energy Engineering Institute shared details abou..... more >>

### CPEC: a game-changer in the changing world
Source: Dr Wang Xu, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-11-18
Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif paid his first official visit to China on November 1-2 during which he reaffirmed his government’s willingness to commit to high quality development of BRI and highlighted the salience of CPEC, a flagship project under BRI, to Pakistan's economic and social development. In April 2015, President Xi Jinping of China had paid a state visit t..... more >>

### Pakistan seeks ‘CPEC-style’ economic ties with Saudi Arabia
JEDDAH: Minister of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal Sunday expressed Pakistan’s wish to establish CPEC-style economic cooperation with Saudi Arabia, reported Geo News. Addressing the Pakistani community at Pakistan’s consulate in Jeddah, the minister said: “We want to establish CPEC-style economic cooperation with Saudi Arabia as well. Based on CPEC, a ..... more >>

### First phase of CPEC created 38,000 jobs: report
ISLAMABAD: As many as 38,000 jobs were created by the early-harvest projects of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor. According to an article published by the CGTN think tank, locals were the major beneficiary of the employment opportunities who bagged 75 percent of the jobs. Highest number of jobs were created in the energy projects where around 16,000 Pakistani workers and engineers were absorb..... more >>

### Power projects; Huge receivables hurdle to new funding: China
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-11-21
ISLAMABAD: Beijing has reportedly conveyed to Islamabad that huge receivables of existing Chinese power projects are the main hurdle in convincing banks for further funding in other power projects to achieve their financial closures, well informed sources in federal government told Business Recorder. The issue receivables and opening of revolving account for Chinese CPEC IPPs is still pending..... more >>

### CPEC created 190,000 jobs over 9 years: Chinese official
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-11-21
ISLAMABAD - The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a pilot project of the Belt and Road Initiatives, has created 190,000 jobs over the past 9 years, a Chinese official told on Sunday. China and Pakistan established the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) on the CPEC in 2013, focusing on cooperation in Gwadar Port, energy, infrastructure and industries, said Meng Wei, spokesperson of..... more >>

### Ahsan Iqbal reviews CPEC project after 11th JCC
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-11-23
ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal Tuesday reviewed progress over CPEC projects after the 11th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting held last month and Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif’s recent visit to China while directed the concerned stakeholders to expedite the implementation of consensus reached between the le..... more >>
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<td>Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has expressed his desire to learn from Chinese economic and governance model. He considers it would help implement CPEC projects. He is neither first nor the last. It has become fashion among the political/ruling elite to talk about China model. Analysis of prevailing situation highlights there is limited understanding of Chinese model among political elite of Pakist....</td>
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<td>Pakistan and Turkey have reiterated to buoy their relationship in all spheres of cooperation. The impetus is on commerce and defence amalgamation where there is much scope to broaden the canvas. The Milgem Corvette Ships project is a case in point where both the Asian states are in a synchronised deal to upgrade their military cooperation. Though their volume of trade is quite inconsistent, less t.....</td>
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<td>SEZs to woo global investors</td>
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<td>LAHORE: With the acceleration of construction of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), there is a strong wave of international investment, led by Chinese enterprises, in Pakistan, stated SM Naveed, Chairman Special Economic Zones Authority. Our textile, leather, pharmaceutical and surgical instrument industries are among the best globally and the.....</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has requested that the Bank of China refinance commercial loans after the existing portfolio has been paid off. Pakistan requires the re-financing of $3.3 billion from different Chinese banks during the current fiscal year. According to an official announcement made here on Tuesday, Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Ishaq Dar held a virtual meeting with the President o.....</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: China has maintained that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is an open and inclusive platform and both China and Pakistan will welcome all countries and international organizations to participate in the construction of the flagship project of Belt and Road Initiative to achieve common development. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said on Monday while addressi.....</td>
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<td>President for tapping full potential of CPEC</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi said that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a strategic project having economic, financial, logistics and connectivity value for Pakistan and China, regional and other countries of the world. While talking to the Chinese ambassador, the president said that the full operationalisation of the CPEC and the planned Special Economic Zones (SEZs) was a.....</td>
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<td>Xi pledges security, energy cooperation with Arabs</td>
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SCCI wants Chinese investment in KP
PESHAWAR: Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) President Muhammad Ishaq has said the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is an important agreement between Pakistan and China that will take trade and cooperation to the peak. He said this during his visit to China Window, a Chinese Cultural and Information Centre here on Sunday. The SCCI chief visited various galleries of the centre a..... more >>

SEZs provide scope for developing export-oriented sector: SEZA chief
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-12-12
BEIJING: Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are significant for shaping Pakistan’s new industrial identity, under which Pakistan is supposed to stand side by side with Chinese companies to embark on contemporary economic projects, said S.M. Naveed, Chairman, Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA), Punjab. In an interview with China Economist Net (CEN), he said that nine SEZs under CPEC woul..... more >>

CPEC to take trade cooperation to optimal level: SCCI
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2022-12-12
PESHAWAR: President Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Muhammad Ishaq on Sunday said that CPEC is an important agreement between Pakistan and China that would take trade and cooperation to the optimal level. Similarly, it will help the population of China and Pakistan to upgrade their lives by taking advantage of the project. Muhammad Ishaq was expressed these views during his vis..... more >>

PAKISTAN WANTS TURKIYE TO JOIN CPEC: Cooperation for peace
Source: APP, Daily Times , 2022-11-26
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday suggested that Turkiye should join the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor to bring about regional prosperity, alleviate poverty and empower the people through better education and health facilities. The prime minister, addressing a joint press stakeout along with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan here, said Pakistan had been *experiencing and enjoyi..... more >>

Regional Integration Under China’s B & R

Xi on historic Saudi Arabia visit focussed on energy ties
RIYADH/WASHINGTON: Chinese President Xi Jinping touched down in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday for a historic visit that is likely to focus on energy ties but also follows months of tensions with the United States. Xi, recently reanointed as leader of the world’s second biggest economy, arrived in the capital Riyadh, Chinese and Saudi state media said, for a three-day visit that will include tal..... more >>

Research, Development & Capacity Building

China displays advanced weapons, equipment at Karachi exposition
Source: App, Daily Times , 2022-11-18
China is displaying many advanced weapons and equipment, including drone and anti-drone systems, at an ongoing defense expo in Pakistan, a move analysts said indicates that the two countries’ defense cooperation will continue to deepen under their ironclad friendship, with Pakistan’s armed forces already operating advanced main battle equipment of Chinese origin. The 11th session of t..... more >>
2nd conference on China-Pak non-wood forest science held in Gwadar
Source: INP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-11-30
ISLAMABAD - The second conference on exploration of China-pakistan tropical arid non-wood forest science and technology exchange cooperation in Gwadar was held online. according to Gwadar pro, theme of the second conference was on highly efficient water and soil conversion plants. Two research fellows, Ms razia Junaid and Ms Misbah amin presented their research papers. pakistani delegation co..... more >>

SAU inks MoU with Chinese varsity
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-05
HYDERABAD: A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Sindh Agriculture University (SAU) Tandojam and Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications, (CQUPT) China regarding research, academic and exchange of students and faculty members. Dr Fateh Marri, Vice Chancellor, Sindh Agriculture University and Prof GaoXinbo, President of Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommun..... more >>

Sino-Pak diploma in agri tech
Source: The Newspaper’s Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-11-22
TOBA TEK SINGH: The Bailie Vocational College, China, and the University of Agriculture Faisalabad have launched Sino-Pak dual diploma programme in modern agriculture technology in collaboration with the Tang International Education Group. Under this initiative, students will spend two years at the UAF and third year in China. A launch ceremony was held here on Monday in the presence of UAF VC P..... more >>

China helps 35 Pakistani students to become e-commerce owners
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-11-22
With the mutual cooperation of Islamabad and Beijing, a total of 35 Pakistani students have been able to become owners of e-commerce companies in the country. According to Express News, in order to inculcate the immaculate Chinese business expertise amongst the Pakistani students, a number of courses regarding e-commerce were offered to them. With the help of Hunan Chemical, Vocational and Techni..... more >>

Historic moment: China launches Shenzhou-15 manned spaceship
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2022-12-01
The three astronauts aboard China’s Shenzhou-15 spaceship entered the country’s space station and met with another astronaut trio on Wednesday, a historic gathering that added the manpower at the in-orbit space lab to six for the first time. China launched Shenzhou-15 on Tuesday night. The manned spaceship, atop the Long March-2F Y15 carrier rocket, blasted off from the Jiuquan Satelli..... more >>

Petroleum prices unchanged, deadline for filing tax return extended
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2022-12-01
Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Wednesday announced to maintain prices of petrol and speed diesel for the next fifteen days from December 1 to 15, 2022. The Finance minister said that the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel for the next 15 days from December 1st to 15th will be the same as per the prices announced last month. The previous price of petrol ..... more >>

Chinese electric buses to help cut public transport pollution in Pakistan by 43%
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-12-04
Taking advantage of robust China-Pakistan collaboration on electric vehicle (EV) ventures, Pakistan has launched a decarbonization plan in Public Transport Sector, as 43 percent carbon emission emitting from petrol-run transport
vehicles on roads, Gwadar Pro reported it on Saturday. As part of the plan, Punjab government is gearing up to introduce 500 Chinese buses in the first phase in the provi..... more >>

### Technology , Trade & Innovation

**IDEAS 2022; China displays advanced weaponry**

Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-11-19

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**Govt seeks Chinese help to resolve Hubco-CPHGC issue**

Source: Kazim Alam, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-11-25

KARACHI: The federal government requested the Chinese embassy on Thursday to arrange a meeting of the Joint Energy Working Group — a forum set up under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor — at the beginning of next week to resolve the conflict between China Power Hub Generation Company Ltd (CPHGC) and the Hub Power Company Ltd (Hubco). CPHGC served on Nov 23 an “encashment noti..... more >>

**China helping diversify energy mix, says President**

Source: Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-11-25

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi Thursday said that Chinese investment and contributions to Pakistan’s energy and power infrastructure were increasing the ability of Pakistan to diversify its energy mix of nuclear, hydel, solar and wind energy and helping the country to meet its ever-increasing energy needs. He said that we should focus on alternate and renewable energy sources, such a..... more >>

**Pakistan, China set up S&T centre**

Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-11-29

BEIJING: In a milestone move to boost bilateral cooperation in science and technology (S&T), an S&T cooperation centre was launched in a webinar held in Beijing on Monday. The S&T centre was initiated by the Zhongguancun Belt and Road Industrial Promotion Association (ZBRA) and Pakistan’s Special Technology Zone Authority (STZA). Speaking at the forum, Pakistan’s Ambassa..... more >>

**Pakistan looks forward to cooperating with China on banana cultivation**

Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-12-04

BEIJING - Pakistan is looking forward to cooperate with China through collaborative research in an effort to enhance its production of banana. “China’s contribution to the international banana market is around 4.5%. However Pakistan’s contribution is less than 0.5%. We are far behind. I think China and Pakistan can cooperate through collaborative research. We can progress and ge..... more >>

**Pak-China sign MoU for medical innovation**

Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-12-10

SHANGHAI: An agreement on medical cooperation has been signed between three Chinese and Pakistani associations at a conference on medical device innovation and application held on Thursday in Shanghai. The agreement was inked between the Shanghai High-end Medical Equipment Innovation Centre, the China-Pakistan Medical Association (CPMA) and the Journal of Economic Affairs Pakistan. At the cerem..... more >>
Chinese enterprises optimistic about Pakistan’s electric motorcycle industry

Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2022-12-02

Chinese enterprises are optimistic about Pakistan’s electric motorcycle industry, according to a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Thursday. Driven by market demand and favorable national policies, a growing number of Chinese electric vehicle companies have come to Pakistan to invest and start their business, and local companies have also started manufacturing electri..... more >>
## SDPI s Events

### A Lecture

**Social protection system training**  
Islamabad: The practitioners need to realise that social protection is the agent of social development, therefore, the horizon of social protection system must be expanded beyond the social assistance in local context. This was stated by Dr Franz von Roenne, Programme Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ, Pakistan) here at the launch of a training course on.....  
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### SDC 22

**SDPI's moot on sustainable development begins today**  
Source: *Recorder Report*, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-05  
ISLAMABAD: The Silver Jubilee flagship annual sustainable development conference (SDC) of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on “Sustainable Development in Unusual Times: Building Forward Better” kicks off here from Monday as Southern version of the Economic Forum. “This year, the SDC which will continue till 8th December is being hosted along-with the Sixth Sou.....  
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**SDPI's 25th SDC kicks off today**  
Source: *News Desk*, Pakistan Observer, 2022-12-06  
The Silver Jubilee flagship annual Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on “Sustainable Development in Unusual Times: Building Forward Better” will kick off here from Monday as Southern version of the Economic Forum. While explaining highlights of the conference, Executive Director of the SDPI Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri said, &ldqu.....  
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**Sixth South and South-West Asia Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals**  
Source: Press Release, UNESCAP.ORG, 2022-12-05  
The SDG Forum is organised annually as the subregional preparatory meetings for the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) at the regional level and the ECOSOC High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) at the global level. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), led by its South and South-West Asia Subregional Office, has been organizing these s.....  
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Pakistan must prepare itself for global challenges, says ex-NSA Moeed Yusuf
Source: Mubarak Zeb Khan, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-12-06
ISLAMABAD: Former national security adviser (NSA) Dr Moeed Yusuf on Monday emphasised that Pakistan must prepare itself to face the changing global geo-political and geo-economic situation. Speaking at a conference on theme, Geopolitical Conflicts: Implications for Pakistan’s Geo-economic, he said unipolarity is transforming into a new world order, which will make it difficult for Pakistan... more >>

Pakistan needs diversified, inclusive trade for climate friendly growth & development, say experts during Sustainable Development Conference
Source: SABAH, SABAH News, 2022-12-05
ISLAMABAD (December 05, 2020): Pakistan needs a diversified and inclusive trade based on reduction in its carbon footprint to ensure climate-friendly growth and development. Experts said this at a panel discussion on Monday titled: “Can National Trade Policies Help Mitigate Climate Change?” on the first day of 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) organized by Sustainable Devel..... more >>

New estimates place flood losses at $46bn
Source: Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-06
ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Monday said that the total estimated cost of damages, loss and needs caused by the devastating floods is about $46.4 billion, besides the floods have raised the poverty rate by four percent pushing between 8.4 and 9.1 million people in poverty. “A conference of Friends of Pakistan will be organi..... more >>

Globalisation versus regionalism: Proximity advantage could cut cost of trade: ex-Bol chief
Source: Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-06
ISLAMABAD: Former chairman of Board of Investment (Bol), Haroon Sharif Monday while shedding light on major challenges facing Pakistan, said that globalisation was shifting towards regionalism and proximity advantage could cut the cost of trade, an opportunity Pakistan should not miss. Speaking at the first day of 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) jointly organised by Sustainable Deve..... more >>

Regional cooperation key to find solutions to the socio-economic challenges: Speaker NA
Source: APP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-12-07
ISLAMABAD, Dec 6 (APP): Speaker of the National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf on Tuesday said that regional cooperation was a key to find solutions to the socio-economic challenges of South and South-West Asia region particularly climate change, hunger, and malnutrition, promoting quality education and decent work for youth and ensuring equitable access to health. He was speaking at a discussion s..... more >>

Minister calls on neighbours to cooperate for shared development goals
Source: Staff Reporter, Pakistan Point, 2022-12-06
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‘Integration in energy sector can save $9bn for S Asia’
ISLAMABAD: World Bank’s Director of Integration for South Asia Cecile Fruman said Tuesday South Asia could save $9 billion if regional integration in energy sector was implemented. She said the WB could not provide a guarantee on the pattern of Indus Waters Treaty for protecting regional integration projects in different sectors of the economy. “The state of electricity in South Asia..... more >>
**Cooperation key to overcoming regional challenges: NA speaker**

Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD: Speaker of the National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf has said that regional cooperation is key to finding solutions to the socioeconomic challenges of South and South-West Asia region, particularly climate change, hunger and malnutrition, promoting quality education and decent work for youths besides ensuring equitable access to health. He was speaking at an evening plenary titled: Sub..... more >>

**Transport consumes 30pc of energy in Islamabad**


Islamabad: The experts at a panel discussion have said there was need of a stakeholder collaboration and engagement of the government and civil society to come up with sustainable transport systems across the country to cope with spiking up risk of smog and air pollution. This was stated by the experts at a panel discussion on “Sustainable urban transportation for smart cities in the deval..... more >>

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**Experts Warn Of Food Insecurity In 2023**

Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2022-12-07

Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, the Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) stressed the need for improving the food security situation - one of the most affected goals of SDGs to counter rising poverty ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 6th Dec, 2022): Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, the Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) stressed ..... more >>

**National SDGs Progress and Challenges in the context of COVID-19: Reflections on (VNRs) in SSWA**

Source: SABAH, SABAH News, 2022-12-06

ISLAMABAD, Dec 06 (SABAH): Minister of State for Finance and Revenue, Dr. Aisha Ghaus Pasha, said the South Asian region is facing similar challenges of climate crisis, and global recession due to conflicts and slow growth in terms of achieving the ambitious sustainable development goals (SDGs) that demands the entire region to join hands for a holistic and unanimous intervention to attain the tas..... more >>

**Achieving SDGs pivotal to tackle global challenges: Raja Pervez Ashraf**

Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD - Speaker National Assembly Raja Perverz Ashraf has said that world at present is facing challenges of climate change, hunger and malnutrition. He said that it was an opportunity to re-assess the national and regional strategies toward achieving the SDGs. He also said that the unimaginable scale of loss and damage caused by unprecedented climate-induced floods has rendered more th..... more >>

**Experts Stress For Sustainable Transport To Cope With Spiking Risk Of Smog, Air Pollution**

Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2022-12-07

ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 7th Dec, 2022): The experts at a panel discussion said there was need of a stakeholder collaboration and engagement of the government and civil society to come up with
sustainable transport systems across the country to cope with spiking up risk of smog and air pollution. This was stated by the experts at a jointly organized panel discussion by Ins..... more >>

Fatynaya doubts capacity, commitment of Pakistan to implement SDGs
Source: Staff Reporter, Pakistan Today, 2022-12-07
ISLAMABAD: Former Convener of Parliamentary Taskforce on SDGs Riaz Fatynaya on Wednesday said that Pakistan has excellent legislation and policy frameworks in terms of environment-friendly development and industrialization, but lacks capacity and commitment with the cause of implementing sustainable development goals (SDGs), thus, concerted efforts should be made to address the issues of sustainabl..... more >>

‘Funding’ major challenge to achieve SDGs, says Aisha Pasha
Source: Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-07
ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Finance Dr Aisha Ghaus Pasha has said that funding is a major challenge in achieving SDGs, especially consequent global and regional conditions after the Russia-Ukraine war, the Covid-19 pandemic, and the catastrophic floods. Addressing the session of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Conference, “National SDGs progress and challenges in th..... more >>

PepsiCo presents exemplary model for circular economy at SDPI sustainable development conference
Source: Press Release, Daily Times, 2022-12-08
PepsiCo Pakistan has partnered with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) for its 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) in Islamabad and led the plenary session titled “Closing the Loop; Policy Solutions for Achieving SDG 12”. SDG 12 is about ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns. PepsiCo leadership, relevant government ministries and offices, k..... more >>

PepsiCo Pakistan steps forward to help resolve environment issues
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-07
ISLAMABAD: PepsiCo Pakistan has taken steps to resolve some of the most pressing environmental issues to deal with sustainability challenges of climate change, renewable energy and clean energy projects in the country. PepsiCo Pakistan on Tuesday partnered with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) as the lead corporate sponsor for its 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) i..... more >>

Pakistan Must Improve Internal Governance to Maintain GSP+ Status: Experts
Source: ProPK Staff, ProPakistani.com, 2022-12-08
The government would have to ensure improvement in internal governance and compliance with global conventions to maintain its special status provided by the European Union on trade. This was stated by the experts at a panel discussion titled: “Have GSP+ and FTAs improved Pakistan’s Trade Competitiveness?” on the third day of the 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) or..... more >>

Pakistan Needs Strengthen Implementation Process Of SDGs: Speakers
Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2022-12-07
ISLAMABAD, Dec 7 (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 7th Dec, 2022 ) :Speakers on Wednesday said Pakistan had excellent legislation and policy frameworks in terms of environment-friendly development and industrialization, but was lagging behind to implement sustainable development goals (SDGs) due to lack of capacity and commitment. The speakers made these remarks while addressing a discus..... more >>
Forum underscores urgency for climate action, strengthening resilience and regional cooperation to get South and South-West Asia
Source: Staff Reporter, Mirage News, 2022-12-08
With South and South-West Asia being highly vulnerable to climate-induced disasters, there is a critical need to accelerate climate action and inclusive disaster risk reduction with regional and international support. Just energy transition and digital inclusion are also necessary and urgent steps to get back on track towards the Sustainable Development Goals. These were among the key action area..... more >>

Call for collective response to handle climatic disasters
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-12-08
ISLAMABAD: Participants of three different events on climate change on Wednesday called for building a new social contract rooted in climate justice. They also stressed the need for collective response and better preparedness to handle climatic disasters, urging the government to prioritise family planning in climate resilience and rehabilitation strategies. The Human Rights Commission of Pakist..... more >>

Increasing representation of women in trade unions, federations stressed
Islamabad: Women participation in workforce is rising with diverse employment opportunities, but there still remains the need to increase awareness on employment opportunities, knowledge of laws and increasing representation of women in federations and unions, said Zahida Parveen Mughal, Secretary for Women Workers Alliance. Ms Mughal was speaking on third day of Sustainable Development Conference..... more >>

‘Improvement in internal governance must for holding EU special trade status’
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President Arif Alvi wants politicians to ‘cash in’ on army’s ‘apolitical’ stance
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-12-09
ISLAMABAD: President Arif Alvi on Thursday urged politicians to “grab the opportunity” resulting from the military’s planned retreat from politics and work together to strengthen democracy. The president was speaking at the concluding session of ‘Islamabad Conclave-2022’ organised by the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islam & sh..... more >>

Pakistan needs to rely on local resources, skills for overcoming pressing challenges: Naveed Qamar
Source: APP, APP, 2022-12-09
ISLAMABAD, Dec 8 (APP): Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar said on Thursday Pakistan needs to rely on local resources and skills for overcoming pressing challenges like climate change, economic crisis, and devastating flood losses. He was speaking as chair at the closing plenary on the fourth day of 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) of Sustainable Development Policy Institut..... more >>
President for attitudinal shift to water, energy conservation
Source: APP, APP, 2022-12-09
ISLAMABAD, Dec 08 (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Thursday urged the need to bring about an attitudinal shift from rapid consumption to conserving water and energy enabling Pakistan to minimize its financial and economic difficulties. The president, addressing the opening plenary of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute’s (SDPI) 25th Sustainable Development Conference here, said by c..... more >>

Pakistan must develop advanced skills to overcome challenges: Naveed Qamar
ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar on Thursday said that Pakistan needs to rely on local resources and develop advanced skills to overcome today’s pressing challenges such as economic crisis, climate change and devastating flood losses. He was speaking at the concluding plenary titled: ‘Looking Beyond 75’, on the last leg of 25th Sustainable Development Conference C..... more >>

Pakistan Needs To Rely On Local Resources, Skills For Overcoming Pressing Challenges: Naveed Qamar
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Experts For Establishing Insurance Pools To Protect People From Losses In Disasters
Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2022-12-08
ISLAMABAD, Dec 8 (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 8th Dec, 2022 ) :Experts have stressed the need for establishing insurance pools at national and sub-national levels in the country to protect farmers and citizens in vulnerable areas from losses in disasters. They were speaking at a plenary session titled, "Disaster Risk Financing in Pakistan" on the fourth day of the 25th Sustaina..... more >>

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Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-12-09
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Source: Daily Independent, Daily Independent, 2022-12-10

ISLAMABAD: PepsiCo Pakistan has partnered with the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) for its 25th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) in Islamabad and led the plenary session titled “Closing the Loop; Policy Solutions for Achieving SDG 12”. SDG 12 is about ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns. PepsiCo leadership, relevant government ministries and..... more >>

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Source: Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-12-06

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Source: Nudrat Fatima, Daily Times, 2022-11-16

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