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

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*It carries reference information’s to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.*

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Editor Note:

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.

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- Pak-China Foreign Relations
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- Regional integration under China’s Belt & Road (B&R)
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Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

**BRI provides tangible benefits to Pakistan through CPEC: Pak envoy**
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-18
BEIJING - Pakistan's Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque said that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is providing tangible benefits to Pakistan through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which is the flagship project of the BRI. Addressing as a key speaker at the 13th China Overseas Investment Fair, the ambassador mentioned that BRI holds great significance for Belt and Road Initia.... more >>

**BRI: the road to progress**
China and Pakistan's iron-clad friendship and strategic partnership through thick and thin needs no introduction. In 1951, the two nations officially started diplomatic interactions. Over the subsequent 70 plus years, China and Pakistan have developed an unbreakable alliance, thanks to the dedication of successive leaders and the unwavering support of the people in both nations. We have mon..... more >>

China & America trade conflict

**China’s exports to USA decline in May: latest blow to already shrinking bilateral trade**
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-16
Alarmingly, China's exports to the United States have witnessed a palpable decline in May in the latest blow to already shrinking bilateral trade. This downward spiral can be attributed to Washington’s continuous efforts to sever economic ties with China under a misguided “decoupling” agenda. The repercussions of this poorly-conceived policy are painfully evident, with norm..... more >>

**US, China see path to more stable ties in Blinken visit**
BEIJING: The United States and China agreed on Sunday to expand dialogue to try to bring relations back from historic lows, as Secretary of State Antony Blinken held what officials called candid talks on soaring tensions during a rare trip to Beijing. The highest-ranking US visitor to Beijing in nearly five years, Blinken spoke to his Chinese counterpart for seven and a half hours -- an hour more..... more >>

**If China and US normalise ties**
Source: Jawed Naqvi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-06-20
JOHN Pilger warned in a documentary about an imminent US war on China. There are those that worry it could erupt between China and India even sooner. Both scenarios could be right, and both are hopelessly wrong. That the world economy is grappling with a looming recession doesn't help and it would be naive not to see its hand in the tragic Russia-Ukraine conflict. However, on the eve of Pr..... more >>

**World needs a generally stable China-US relationship: Xi**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-20
Chinese President Xi Jinping met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the Great Hall of People’s here on Monday. During the meeting, President Xi pointed out that the world was developing and the times were changing, and the world needed a generally stable China-US relationship, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry. He said,"Whether the two countries can find the right way to..... more >>
A Significant Meeting
Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-20
The meeting between China and the United States is a significant event with far-reaching global consequences. As the highest-ranking US official visit to China since 2018, the meeting presents an opportunity for both nations to address a range of pressing issues and resolve their differences. While the trade war and tariffs imposed by both sides have been dominant factors contributing to the strain..... more >>

Sino-US thaw A lot of thinking is required at all fora of interaction
Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-22
They have agreed to disagree. The breakthrough between China and the US to scale down tensions and opt for a non-confrontational path is most welcome. The thaw has been realised after upping the stakes to umpteenth proportions over conflicting perceptions on Taiwan and Ukraine. The same had pushed the environment to the brink in their otherwise contested trade war. Secretary of State Anthony Blink..... more >>

Blinken in Beijing
Source: Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-06-22
THOUGH US Secretary of State Antony Blinken’s recent visit to China hardly heralded a new age of Sino-American cooperation, it did signal that the world’s two biggest economies were willing to talk about their substantial geopolitical differences. To put things in perspective, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV has said bilateral ties “are at the lowest point since the establishment ..... more >>

The dollar-yuan rivalry
This month Pakistan departed from its long-standing reliance on the US dollar for export payments, as it utilized the Chinese currency ‘yuan’ to pay for its inaugural government-to-government purchase of 100,000 tons of Russian crude oil. This marks Pakistan’s first international transactions in yuan. Similarly, Argentina’s Secretary of State for Trade Matias Tombolini has..... more >>

Blinken visit to Beijing
Source: Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-26
I write this brief overview after Secretary of State Anthony Blinken completed his two-day long visit to Beijing. His visit had been postponed after the Chinese sent a heavily equipped balloon over the northern areas of the United States. The Pentagon closely followed the balloon as it traveled across the United States and shot it down once it had left land and had gone over to the sea. There was ..... more >>

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China’s global south strategy
Source: Dr Muhammad Ali Ehsan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-25
Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India is visiting the US; and although it was just the first day of his visit, one could already sense the notion of ideological bent that both the American and Indian leadership represents — the ideological bent of liberal internationalism. Welcoming the leader of the world’s largest democracy, the US will now take this opportunity to showcase the virt... more >>

US-China relations
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-28
It’s strange that US President Joe Biden chose to call his Chinese counterpart a “dictator” at a Democratic fundraiser immediately after US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken went through all the trouble of travelling to China and meeting Foreign Minister Qin Gang and President Xi Jinping. Blinken announced in Beijing that the US and China had made “progress toward steering... more >>

Economic Growth & Governance

Is Chinese model of development better than western ones?
Source: Syed Mohammad Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-16
While foreign assistance claims to help poorer countries become more prosperous, often this foreign assistance is not only given based on need alone, it is also linked to securing foreign policy imperatives. Paying attention to how powerful countries use financial aid to achieve their own strategic goals helps understand the lackluster impact of foreign assistance within recipient countries. Whil... more >>

China central bank cuts key interest rate to boost economy
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-16
China’s central bank cut a key interest rate and pumped billions into financial markets Thursday, as fresh data showed the world’s second-largest economy was flagging. The moves are the most significant by leaders to try to invigorate growth after indicators in recent months showed a hoped-for strong recovery following years of Covid lockdown-induced slowing was quickly running out of... more >>

SCO Industrial Chain, Supply Chain Forum 2023 held in Qingdao, China
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-20
The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Industrial Chain and Supply Chain Forum has been held in Qingdao under the theme of “Synergy and Win-Win Chaining up for a New Future of Regional Economic Cooperation”. Chinese President Xi Jinping, on September 16, last year, announced at the 22nd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO that Qingdao will host the SCO Industrial ..... more >>

NCGSA, Deqing China organize summer school on RS&GISc
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-20
Five-day Summer School on Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Science (RS &GISc) commenced on Monday at Institute of Space Technology (IST) with participation of maximum number of students and professionals. The summer school is being organized by The National Center of GIS and Space Applications (NCGSA), a project of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan in collaboration with the... more >>

China’s cross-border e-commerce trade value exceeds two trillion yuan in 2022: report
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-23
Value of China’s cross-border e-commerce imports and exports exceeded 2 trillion yuan (about 280.55 billion U.S. dollars) for the first time in 2022, reaching 2.1 trillion yuan and marking an increase of 7.1 percent compared with... more >>
2021, according to a report released Thursday. The report was released by China’s General Administration of Customs (GAC) at a forum during the 2023 China (La.... more >>

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<td>North China’s Tianjin port saw its foreign trade surge by 8.4 percent year on year to 812.1 billion yuan (about 113.1 billion U.S. dollars) in the first five months of the year, according to Tianjin Customs. From January to May, trade volume with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations totaled 127.08 billion yuan, up 26.4 percent year on year, and this growth rate secured the top position.... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>In recent years, Chinese President Xi Jinping has put forward Global Development Initiative (GDI), Global Security Initiative (GSI) and Global Civilization Initiative (GCI), providing Chinese solutions and contributing Chinese wisdom to promote global development, enhance mutual security, and strengthen exchange and mutual learning among civilizations, injecting new impetus into the cause of human..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday he had been invited to China and his office had informed close ally the United States about the planned trip to Beijing. The announcement comes during tense ties between Israel and the US, whose President Joe Biden failed to invite Netanyahu for a visit after the Israeli’s re-election in November. “The projected visit will be ..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>A total of 315 kg of dried wild anchovy from Kenya were transported to the Changsha Huanghua International Airport in central China’s Hunan Province on Monday, marking that China imported wild anchovy products from the African country for the first time. Huang Caixin, director of the import and export food safety department of the Changsha Customs, said Kenyan dried anchovy is a new African..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>The on-going 14th Annual Meeting of the New Champions, also known as Summer Davos, in Tianjin, which is being attended by over 1,500 dignitaries, delegates and entrepreneurs – including four prime ministers as well as the President of World Economic Forum and the Director General of World Trade Organization – attests to China’s determination to cultivate a global economic culture..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>The 12th China (Sichuan) – South Asia &amp; Southeast Asia Business Leaders Summit, the main event of the 19th West China International Expo, was held on June 28 with the theme of “Share the Opportunities of the Era, Create Prosperity of the Region.” The China-ASEAN Business Council Sichuan Liaison Office was unveiled at the event, according to China Economic Net (CEN). Sponsor..... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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Chery listed in China’s Top 50 Global Brands in 2023
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-29
Report conducts in-depth research on users in 11 overseas markets, including the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Australia, Japan and India Chery brand ranked first in the automotive category at the China’s Top 50 Global Brands in 2023. This is the sixth time in a row that Chery has been on the list released by Google and Kantar this month, China Economic Net (CEN) reported... more >>

Forum on human rights lauds China’s commitment to dialogue
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-22
Forum on Global Human Rights Governance, jointly hosted by the Information Office of China’s State Council, China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the China International Development Cooperation Agency, proved to be a resounding success. Held last week, it underscores China’s commitment to fostering global dialogue on this important subject. With an impressive turnout of approx...... more >>

China Construction Bank issues 295.5 bln yuan of loans to bolster transportation
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-24
China Construction Bank, one of the country’s largest state-owned commercial banks, said it had issued 295.5 billion yuan (about 41.2 billion U.S. dollars) of loans to support the country’s transportation sector during the first five months of this year. The value represented an 11.43 percent increase from the same period last year, the bank said. The loans helped finance the construct...... more >>

Beijing temperatures near record as extreme heat sweeps northern China
Source: AFP, Daily Times, 2023-06-23
Beijing on Thursday appeared to log its hottest June temperature since reliable records began, according to weather data and local media reports, as swathes of northern China sweltered in 40-degree heat. Scientists say rising global temperatures — caused largely by burning fossil fuels — are aggravating extreme weather worldwide, and many countries in Asia have experienced deadly heat..... more >>

Pakistan-China enjoy close cooperation in arts, literature: Pak Cultural Counselor
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-21
The first “Midsummer Literature Night" activity, sponsored by China National Publications Import & Export (Group), was held in Beijing. Guests included officials of China National Publications and the China Writers Association, diplomats from Pakistan, Turkiye and Canada, Chinese writers and over 30 overseas sinologists and publishers, China Daily reported. Lin Liying, general ma...... more >>

China came to rescue amid IMF dithering: PM
Source: Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-21
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that China renewed Pakistan’s commercial and sovereign loans in recent months and weeks which is an example of everlasting Chinese friendship with Pakistan. Speaking after witnessing the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signing ceremony of 1,200 MW nuclear energy power project C-5, the prime minister said that of late, when Pakistan fac...... more >>

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<td>Agencies, Daily Times</td>
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<td>Pakistan has successfully received a substantial sum of $1 billion from China as a commercial loan. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has officially confirmed the receipt of the funds, which have already been deposited into the designated account. This infusion of funds is expected to provide a much-needed boost to Pakistan’s economy, supporting various sectors and facilitating economic grow.....</td>
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<td>UCP celebrates 72nd Anniversary of Pak-China diplomatic ties</td>
<td>ABC, Daily Times</td>
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<td>Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences marked the 72nd anniversary of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China at University of Central Punjab (UCP) Lahore in Webinar Hall. The Chinese Consul General, His Excellency Zhao Shiren graced the event as the Chief Guest. The event shed light on the 72 years journey of friendship between two neighbouring countries. A special video was prepared a....</td>
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<td>Pakistan, China will continue to forge deeper strategic ties</td>
<td>Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD - General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC), is on an official visit to China from 18-22 June 2023 as head of delegation for the Pakistan-China defence and security talks. According to the ISPR, during the visit, the CJCSC met Chinese Chief of Joint Staff Department, General Liu Zhenli. During the meeting, both sides reviewed ongoing bi.....</td>
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<td>Pakistan, China sign deal for 1,200 MW nuclear power project</td>
<td>Shakeel Anjum, The News, International</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that Pakistan was facing economic challenges and was engaged with the IMF to finalize the 9th Review but there was an inordinate delay and it was at that critical juncture that China came to Pakistan’s rescue. The prime minister was addressing the ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Pakistan and China for a 1,200 MW .....</td>
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<td>Real friend and benefactor</td>
<td>Malik Muhammad Ashraf, The Nation, Islamabad</td>
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<td>Pakistan and China signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the construction of a 1200 MW Chashma-5 nuclear power project worth $ 4.8 billion on 20th June marking the revival of this stalled venture which was conceived in 2017-18 but put on the back burner by the PTI regime. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif speaking on the occasion revealed that Keeping in view higher international inflation, the proj.....</td>
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<td>China’s envoy to the United Nations (UN) has called for an end to double standards on counter-terrorism. “Terrorism remains a significant challenge that threatens international peace and security. In the face of the complex and grave counter-terrorism situation, there is an urgent need to strengthen international counter-terrorism cooperation,” Zhang Jun, China’s Permanent.....</td>
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<td>China-Pakistan Relationship Beyond CPEC</td>
<td>Rashid Mehmoond, Daily Times</td>
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<td>Beyond CPEC, other dimensions address the strong relationship between China and Pakistan. The bilateral ties between the two countries encompass several decades of the bilateral relations. Some critical aspects of the relationship between both counties include geopolitical interests, strategic considerations and economic cooperation. Scholars on CPEC and general relationships have produced extant .....</td>
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**Stubborn refusal to learn**
Source: Sirajuddin Aziz, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-21
Most Pakistanis belong to that community who were uniquely blessed to be guided and advised, fourteen centuries back, to seek knowledge even if it required the rigours of travel to China. Distances then, in terms of travel time, weren’t as short as they are today due to technological advancements; and to put the perspective right, it isn’t us, who helped shorten the geographical distan..... more >>

**US, China, UK remain top three destinations of Pakistani exports in 11 months**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-28
The United States (US) remained the top export destination of Pakistani products during the eleven months of the current fiscal year (2022-23), followed by China and the United Kingdom (UK). Total exports to the US during July-May (2022-23) were recorded at US$ 5481.385 million as opposed the exports of US$ 6162.991 million during July-May (2021-22), showing a decline of 11.05 percent, according..... more >>

**China approves export of Pakistani beef**
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-16
LAHORE: The decision of the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) to permit Pakistani meat exporters to export beef to China has been warmly received by the business community. Central Leader of the Progressive Group and Executive Member of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), Muhammad Ejaz Tanveer along with representative of Pakistan Meat Processors and Exporters, Mi..... more >>

**FPCCI, CRBC to work together on economic projects**
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-18
PESHAWAR: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) and China Road & Bridge Corporation (CRBC) have agreed on working together on various projects of economic stability in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa to create employment opportunities through mutual cooperation in Rashakai Special Economic Zone. In this connection, an important meeting was held here in FPCCI Regional Offi..... more >>

**China approves 70 fixed-asset investment projects in Jan-May**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-19
China’s top economic planner approved 70 fixed-asset investment (FAI) projects in the first five months of the year, with combined investment totaling 667.2 billion yuan (about 93.59 billion U.S. dollars), official data showed. The projects were mainly in the high-tech, energy and transportation industries, according to the National Development and Reform Commission. In May alone, 14 FAI p..... more >>

**Pakistani products attract visitors at SCO expo**
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-20
Visitors flocked to the Pakistan National Pavilion at the 2023 SCO International Investment and Trade Expo held from June 15 to June 18, where more than 20 Pakistani merchants displayed their goods. The Permanent Pakistan National Pavilion at the SCODA Pearl International Expo Center, authorized by the Embassy of Pakistan in China and operated by the Pakistan China Center at the SCO Demonstration..... more >>

**Pakistan, China sign $3.48bn nuclear power project MoU**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-21
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Pakistan and China for a 1200 MW Chashma Nuclear Power Plant-5 (C-5) worth $3.48 billion here.
President of China National Nuclear Corporation Overseas Ltd (CNOS) and Member Power, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) Muhammad Saeed Ur Rehman signed the MoU. Speaking on the occasion, ..... more >>

Pakistani exporters get big opportunity to tap $15bn Chinese boiled beef market
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-21
In a significant development in China-Pakistan bilateral trade, the Chinese customs has allowed the export of Pakistan’s boiled beef to China providing a big opportunity for Pakistani exporters to tap $15 billion Chinese market, Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said in a statement. In a landmark decision, the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) has granted access to..... more >>

Pakistani beef export to China to drive related industrial development
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-21
“The export of Pakistani beef to China is expected to increase Pakistan’s foreign exchange income and drive the development of Pakistan’s related industries including breeding and processing,” said Dr. Gu Wenliang, Agricultural Commissioner of Chinese Embassy in Pakistan. He was commenting on the great benefit of the General Administration of Customs of the People’s ..... more >>

Pakistan, China likely to sign 4 protocols
Source: Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-22
ISLAMABAD-Pakistan and China are likely to sign four protocols for the export of hides of donkey, dried chilies, heated meat and dairy products from the former to the later. The Prime Minister of Pakistan has approved the placement of summary before the Federal Cabinet through circulation, official source told The Nation. The source said that the General Administration of Customs of the Peoples&r..... more >>

Pakistani cherries to be available in Chinese market soon: Pak envoy
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-22
BEIJING-After the signing of the China-Pakistan protocol for cherries exports and the visit of the trade delegation to Gilgit-Baltistan, soon Pakistani cherries will be available in the Chinese market, Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said. “Cherries of Gilgit-Baltistan are sweet and juicy. After the signing of the China-Pakistan Protocol for cherries exports and the visit of a..... more >>

Cherries to be exported to China soon: envoy Has an annual demand of around 350,000 metric tonnes
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-22
BEIJING: Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moinul Haque, announced that Pakistani cherries will soon be available in the Chinese market after the signing of the China-Pakistan protocol for cherry exports and a recent trade delegation visit to Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B). Describing the cherries of Gilgit-Baltistan as sweet and juicy, Haque expressed optimism about the new economic opportunity for local f..... more >>

Chinese, Pakistani universities to launch dual diploma in livestock management
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-22
The Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (FVAS), MNS University of Agriculture, Multan, and Xinjiang Agricultural Vocational Technical College, China, held an online meeting to launch Sino-Pak dual diploma program in livestock management at FVAS. Under the dual diploma program, students will study initial two years in Pakistan and one year in Xinjiang Agricultural Vocational Technical Colleg..... more >>
China, Pakistan joining hands to introduce more high-yielding crop varieties  
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-23  
China, Pakistan joining hands to introduce more high-yielding crop varieties to Pakistan, according to China Economic Net (CEN). On the testing field of Multan, chili, sorghum, cotton, and soybeans are growing exuberantly on a trial basis. “For the first time in our testing field, we grow jalapeno, or Mexican chilli pepper. From each acre, we yield over 2.5 tons of dried jalapeno, far exceed... more >>

CBCGDF fund assists Pakistani delegation in connecting with Hunan firms  
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-26  
ISLAMABAD: A delegation of Pakistani business representatives visited Hunan, China for exchanges and connections with government institutions, business associations and relevant enterprises. The visit was organized and coordinated by the International Environmental Special Fund of China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF), According to the China Economic Net (CEN)..... more >>

Pakistan’s export of broken rice to China increases substantially  
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-06-26  
SHANGHAI: A B2B webinar on the promotion of Pakistani rice to China was jointly held here by the Consulate General of Pakistan in Shanghai, and the Pakistan Trade and Development Authority. Nawab Ali Rahoojo, Deputy Consul of the Consul General of Pakistan in Shanghai addressed the session. He highlighted the potential of Pakistani rice in Chinese market, according to Gwadar Pro. According to Ch..... more >>

Business delegation visits China’s province Hunan  
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-26  
BEIJING: A delegation of Pakistani business representatives visited Hunan, China for exchanges and connections with government institutions, business associations and relevant enterprises. The visit was organized and coordinated by the International Environmental Special Fund of China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF), China Economic Net (CEN) reported. ..... more >>

China: NLC launches cargo service  
Source: PPI, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-26  
KARACHI: National Logistics Cell (NLC) launched regular cargo service for China, connecting Islamabad and Karachi to Kashgar and Shanghai on Sunday. In a bid to promote bilateral trade and activate the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, the National Logistics Cell (NLC) has commenced regular cargo service from Islamabad and Karachi to Kashgar and Shanghai. The launch of this.... more >>

China, Pakistan sign agreement to co-build ‘Chuyi Workshop’  
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-29  
BEIJING: China’s Hunan Chemical Vocational Technology College (HCVTC) and Infinity School of Engineering, Pakistan have signed an agreement for co-establishment “Chuyi Workshop” to create a platform for exchange of knowledge and expertise in the field of modern chemical engineering. President of Hunan Chemical Vocational Technology College, Ms Long Peng and President of Infi..... more >>

Pakistan Pavilion opened at 18th China International SME Fair  
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-29  
Acting Pakistani Consul General, Sardar Muhammad, inaugurated the Pakistan Pavilion at the 18th China International Small and Medium Enterprises Fair on June 26. He also represented Pakistan at the opening ceremony of the Fair and the 2nd SME International Cooperation Summit main forum, both held in Guangzhou. Talking to China Economic Net (CEN), Sardar revealed that Pakistan has been allocated ..... more >>
Regional Integration under B&R + CPEC

Pakistan: informed makers of public policy needed
Source: Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-19
I have funded an institution that works in the area of public policy. The institution is based in Lahore, and it produces a report every year which begins with an analysis of the economic situation faced by the country at the time the report is written. We then follow it up with in-depth analysis of a subject studied by us in detail. To take three examples from recent years: our analyses of the Ch..... more >>

Benefits of CPEC projects highlighted
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-16
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CPEC turns 10; commemorations next month
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-17
ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to commemorate decade of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) early next month both in Pakistan and Beijing, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. China has invested billions of dollars in the CPEC projects in first phase across the country, especially in power sector and infrastructure. The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special In..... more >>

CPEC and airways
Source: Yasir Habib Khan, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-17
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SEZs along CPEC are potential game-changers, says envoy
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-06-18
BEIJING: Pakistan Ambassador to China Moinul Haque highlighted the significant benefits Pakistan has gained through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), calling it the flagship project of the BRI. Speaking at the 13th China Overseas Investment Fair, Haque emphasised the importance of the BRI for partner countries. This year also marks the 10th annive..... more >>

Regional connectivity
Source: Masud Ahmad Khan, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-18
Its geo-strategic location, the start of CPEC and development of the Gwadar port has made Pakistan an attractive location for regional connection. Regional connectivity is essential for improving Pakistan's fragile economy. Pakistan is already connected with China through the Karakoram Highway (KKH) and CPEC has changed the dynamics in the region. CPEC has enabled Pakistan to be connected to..... more >>

BRI provides tangible benefits to Pakistan through CPEC: envoy
Source: App, Daily Times, 2023-06-18
Pakistan Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque said that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) are providing tangible benefits to Pakistan through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which is the flagship project of the BRI.
Addressing as a key speaker at the 13th China Overseas Investment Fair, the Ambassador mentioned that BRI holds great significance for Belt and Road Initiative’s part.  

**CPEC’s Role in Airways**  
*Source: Yasir Habib Khan, Daily Times, 2023-06-16*  
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**Central Asia and the BRI**  
*Source: Dr Murad Ali, The News, International, 2023-06-17*  
One major geographic characteristic of Central Asian countries is their landlockedness. Being a landlocked economy creates challenges in all spheres of policy – foreign policy, security, international trade as well as overall human development. Research illustrates that the average GDP of landlocked countries achieves only 57 per cent of their maritime neighbours. In such geographically con.....  

**Pakistan, China sign $4.8bn N-power plant deal**  
*Source: Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-21*  
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China signed a $4.8 billion deal on Tuesday to build a 1,200-megawatt nuclear power plant, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said, hailing the investment by a country that Pakistan views as its most dependable ally. Work on the Chashma 5 project would begin immediately, Sharif said on state-run news channel PTV following the signing of the memorandum of understanding (MOU).....  

**Pakistan will never forget Chinese role in making CPEC successful: Ahsan**  
*Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-06-23*  
ISLAMABAD - To mark the 10- year celebrations of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and upcoming 12th Joint Cooperation Committee JCC, a curtain raiser event was held on Thursday here. The event was attended by Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal, Secretary Planning Commission Syed Zafar Ali Shah, Chief Economist of Pakistan who is.....  

**Mega projects of CPEC completed in record one year: Minister**  
*Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-23*  
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ISLAMABAD: The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is marking its first decade with flying colors by toning up a new pattern of global connectivity and economic development. Launched in 2013, BRI has evolved into a comprehensive framework encompassing infrastructure development, trade facilitation, financial cooperation, and cultural exchanges across Asia, Europe, Africa, and beyond. As we reflect on... more >>

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Clearing liabilities of CPEC IPPs; ECC relaxes conditions to allow use of Rs 21bn as advance payment
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-29
ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) has relaxed conditions to allow use of Rs 20.726 billion as advance payment to clear liabilities of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) established under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) before June 30, 2023, sources close to Secretary Power Division told Business Recorder. On June 21, 2023, Power Division briefed the ECC that conserve..... more >>

China can help Pakistan develop SME sector: CG
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-06-18
KARACHI: Consul General of China Yang Yundong, while responding to President Karachi Chamber’s suggestion, stated that China’s Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) account for 70 to 80 percent of GDP so it was in a perfect position to help Pakistan develop its SME Sector. In addition to developing the SME sector, a host of other areas also exist where the business communities of..... more >>

PCJCCI keen to boost Pakistan’s dairy sector with China’s help
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-20
Cooperation between China and Pakistan on dairy industry and multifarious demands for high-quality dairy products in China would provide a contemporary path of development for Pakistan’s domestic dairy sector. Pakistan-China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) President Moazzam Ghurki stated this in a think-tank session, held here at PCJCCI Secretariat on Monday. He said that Pa..... more >>

Chinese scientific experts visit Pakistan for increased cooperation
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-25
A team of Chinese experts headed by Prof. Dr. Jiang Tong of Nanjing University of Information Sciences and Technology (NUIST) along with his team and Dr. Salman Atif of National University of Sciences and Technology Pakistan (NUST) called on Chairman Water Environment Forum Pakistan, former federal minister and Senator, Nisar A. Memon here on Saturday. Prof. Jiang briefed Senator Memon of Chinese ..... more >>

Pak-China collaboration on pharmaceutical development picks pace
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-06-26
BEIJING: Pak-China collaboration has enhanced recently to promote Pakistani pharmaceutical development. “China has equalized or surpassed the developed nations' pharma standards over a period of time. With 30 years of experience in cooperation with China, our progress is accompanied by the dividend of the development of China’s pharmaceutical industry,” said Waheed Ahmed, C..... more >>

China to facilitate over 3,000 firms to build 5G factories
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-06-24
China’s Ministry of Industry and Information Technology has released a work plan on the development of industrial internet, listing 11 key actions and 54 specific measures in the sector. The work plan proposes to formulate and implement an upgraded version of the “5G+Industrial Internet” 512 project, which is to promote the integration, innovation and development of “5G+Ind..... more >>

SDPI’s Engagement

Pakistan and Denmark agree to boost climate cooperation
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-06-17
Danish Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy Dan Jørgensen on Friday described his meetings with Pakistani leadership as highly productive and fruitful. Following the witnessing of the signing ceremony of two projects including Increasing Communities Resilience to Climate Change and Unlocking Pathways to support the implementation of carbon markets in Pakistan, he ..... more >>

Danish minister launches projects to enhance resilience to climate change
Source: Jamal Shahid, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-06-17
ISLAMABAD: Danish Minister for Development Assistance and Climate Change Policy Dan Jorgensen on Thursday witnessed the signing of two projects to increase communities’ resilience to climate change and to unlock pathways to support implementation of carbon markets in Pakistan. The Danish minister was in Islamabad to launch Green Action Plan and sign landmark climate projects. The first pro..... more >>

Danish Minister describes meetings with Pakistani leadership as highly productive, fruitful
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Denmark To Fund Green Pakistan Projects
Source: News Desk, News Diplomacy, 2023-06-17
ISLAMABAD: Danish Minister for Development Assistance and Climate Change Policy Dan Jorgensen on Thursday witnessed the signing of two projects that include one scheme to increase communities’ resilience to climate change in Kalash valley of Lower Chitral. The Danish minister was in Islamabad to launch Green Action Plan and sign landmark climate projects and later visited Chitral. In Chitral..... more >>
### Last year's floods serve a grim reminder to expedite Pak-Denmark green energy cooperation
Source: Zubair Qureshi, Pakistan Observer, 2023-06-18
The Danish Minister for Development Cooperation & Global Climate Policy Dan Jorgensen has termed the Denmark-Pakistan agreement in Pakistan's gradual transition from fossil fuels to renewables extremely important to fight climate change. Last year's floods in the country and prevailing precarious climate conditions serve a grim reminder that the sooner we act, the better it is. [more >>]

### Charter of Economy Imperative for Economic Development?
Source: ProPK Staff, ProPakistani.com, 2023-06-20
Charter of Economy can consolidate the policy outlook on the chronic issue of energy sector reform, weak tax revenues, privatization of state-owned enterprises, pension reforms, untargeted subsidies, etc., and ensure continuity of policies, something the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has been emphasizing. This was the crux of a policy dialogue on "Pakistan's Post-Budget Economic..... [more >>]

### Charter of Economy Imperative for Sustainable and resilient economic development
Source: INP, INP, 2023-06-21
Full text not available news is in PDF form..... [more >>]

### Govt keen to support resilient economic development, strengthen progress on climate change: Romina
Source: APP, APP, 2023-06-23
ISLAMABAD, Jun 23 (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM), Romina Khurshid Alam said the government was keen to support a resilient economic development agenda and strengthen progress on climate change, energy efficiency, transition, and gender equality. She was addressing a policy dialogue on Pakistan's Post-Budget Economic..... [more >>]

### Experts Call For Mechanisms, Legal Frameworks For Better Employment Prospects For Migrant Labor
Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2023-06-26
ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 26th Jun, 2023): Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Executive Director Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri on Monday urged the government to sign MoUs and agreements for safe and legal labor migration and prevention of exploitation. He was speaking at a seminar on "International Labor Migration: Development Outlook and Policy Options for Pakistan..... [more >>]

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### Pakistan’s pursuit for trade openness
Source: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Arab News, 2023-06-18
The Ministry of Commerce in Pakistan recently announced barter trade with Iran, Afghanistan and Russia. This development has the potential to reduce the pressures on foreign exchange reserves, reliance on the US dollar, and at the same time facilitate import requirements of commodity producing sectors. The action could also provide diversified sources of Pakistan’s energy supplies from abroad..... [more >>]
**Between first and last resort**

As the month of June progresses, Pakistan’s ‘one-tranche stand’ with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is nearing its end. The most likely scenario is that the two sides will not reach an agreement on completing the ninth review of the ongoing programme. In that case, Pakistan will not receive any tranche of the remaining amount and will have to renegotiate a new programme when..... [more >>]

**Uniquely optimistic**

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