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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”

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

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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.

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- Pak-China Foreign Relations
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**My hometown, my culture along the Silk Roads**

Peshawar, a city nestled near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, holds a cherished place in my heart. Its rich cultural heritage, shaped by centuries of interaction along the ancient Silk Roads, paints a vivid tapestry of traditions, customs, and beliefs. Peshawar, known as the “city of flowers”, blooms with vibrant colours that represent the beauty of its diverse civilisations from Cent.....  more >>

**BRI: the road to progress (Part - II)**

While the BRI has all the potential to become a huge success story, there are some factors that may hamper its progress. The geopolitical interpretations of the BRI fail to take into consideration the interests of the many actors involved, as evidenced by the creation and implementation of CPEC. Within China, there is evidence that provincial authorities were crucial in laying the groundwork for .....  more >>

**Cold peace**
Source: Maleeha Lodhi, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-07-03

THE recent trip by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken to China marked an effort to stabilise relations between the two global powers that have plunged to an all-time low. The visit seemed to go well and included a meeting between Blinken and President Xi Jinping. But, as has become a pattern in this complex relationship, any step forward is almost always followed by two steps backwards. And s.....  more >>

**US not seeking ‘winner-take-all’ competition with China, says Yellen**

BEIJING: Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Chinese Premier Li Qiang on Friday that the United States is not seeking "winner-take-all" competition, in a visit to Beijing aimed at stabilising fraught ties. Yellen’s four-day trip is her first as Treasury chief to China, with which the United States is butting heads over trade curbs, human rights and a litany of other disputes. .....  more >>

**Sino-US Competition in Indo-Pacific Region**
Source: Iqra Hasnat, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-11

The world environment is often defined in the context of globalization, broadband connectivity, economic prowess and transnational challenges. These trends have altered the geopolitical landscape. States with economic and technological muscle are emerging strong. These transformative trends do signal a change in political orientation, but can it be argued that due to geo-economics and transnationa.....  more >>

**American versus Chinese aid**
Source: Syed Mohammad Ali, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-14

American policymakers have repeatedly criticised increasing Chinese aid to poorer countries for lacking transparency, for being delivered in a top-down manner, and even for becoming a predatory tool that compels indebted countries to fulfill China’s geostrategic objectives. However, American policymakers must take a much closer look at how their own aid disbursement mechanism works, which ar.....  more >>
Bridging the Divide
Source: Dr Nasir Khan, Daily Times, 2023-07-14
A generally stable relationship between China and the US is crucial for the world. The international community strongly opposes any conflict or confrontation between these two nations and seeks to avoid taking sides. The Chinese foreign ministry emphasizes that China respects the interests of the United States and has no intention of challenging or displacing them. Similarly, the United States must... more >>

Economic Growth & Governance

Chinese battery maker starts construction of plant in Thailand
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-07-06
Chinese battery manufacturer SVOLT held a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday for its first plant in Southeast Asia, aiming to tap into the region’s rapidly growing electric vehicle (EV) market. Situated in eastern Thailand’s Chonburi province, the module pack factory is expected to produce 60,000 sets of module packs annually, following its completion in early 2024. SVOLT’s ent... more >>

Chinese company adds visitors’ attraction to picnic spot in Hala
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-07
Pak Matiari-Lahore Transmission Co. (PMLTC) has funded the installation of a retired F-7 fighter jet to enhance the appeal of the Mehran Paradise picnic point in Hala town, Matiari district, Sindh. This was announced by Syed Gulfam Kazmi, Chairman of the Civil Society Sindh (Hala), an organisation dedicated to improving tourist facilities at the famous picnic spot on the banks of the River Indus,..... more >>

China-Pakistan EV Forum to accelerate industry cooperation
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-07
China-Pakistan EV Forum has decided to accelerate industry cooperation, China Economic Net reported on Thursday. “The New Energy Vehicle sector is one of the most promising areas of China-Pakistan cooperation. Chinese businesses are invited to invest in Pakistan’s new energy vehicle industry to benefit from a large and growing market, as well as the incentives provided by the government..... more >>

China’s services trade sustains growth in first five months
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-07
China’s services trade sustained its growth momentum in the first five months of the year, official data showed Thursday. The country’s services trade reached nearly 2.61 trillion yuan (about 362 billion U.S. dollars) from January to May, up 10.2 percent year on year, data from the Ministry of Commerce showed. Trade in knowledge-intensive services expanded 13.6 percent year on year to.... more >>

China-Europe freight train trips up in H1
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-07-07
China-Europe freight train services saw steady growth in the first half (H1) of this year, official data showed Thursday. The number of China-Europe freight train services increased by 16 percent year on year to 8,641 trips during the January-June period, according to the China State Railway Group Co., Ltd. Some 936,000 20-foot equivalent units (TEU) of goods were transported via freight trains, ..... more >>

Taiwan chip giant sees no production hit from China curb on rare metals
Source: AFP, Daily Times, 2023-07-07
Taiwan’s chip giant TSMC said Thursday it did not expect any direct effect on production from China’s latest export controls on two rare metals essential for making semiconductors. China’s Ministry of Commerce and Customs...
announced Monday that exports of gallium and germanium will require a license from August 1 over security concerns, as Beijing and Washington tussle over the g..... more >>

**China’s growth a lesson in connectivity: minister**
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-11
BEIJING: Lauding the remarkable contributions made by China in the field of industrialisation, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal has said that developing nations could draw several lessons from the country’s experience with digital-era connectivity and economic growth. He made these remarks while speaking at the panel discussion titled “Industrialisation and Digital Era Connectivity,&rdq..... more >>

**Markets rise as China pledges fresh property support**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-12
Stock markets rose Tuesday, with Hong Kong and Shanghai lifted by China’s moves to support its struggling property sector and authorities’ pledges to further help the economy. The extended gains in New York and Europe as traders look ahead to the release of key US inflation data this week, which could provide a fresh indication of the Federal Reserve’s interest rate plans. Howe..... more >>

**China’s SMEs development index edges up in June**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-11
na’s Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Development Index, based on a survey of 3,000 SMEs, edged up amid a steadily warming economy in June, industry data showed Monday. The index, ending a streak of three consecutive months of decline, came in at 89.1 in June, up 0.2 points month on month, according to the China Association of Small and Medium Enterprises. The index contains multiple su..... more >>

**China’s marine economy exceeds 9 trillion yuan**
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-07-13
The gross domestic product of China’s marine economy, which covers industries ranging from navigation and fishery to shipbuilding, exceeded 9 trillion yuan (1.25 trillion U.S. dollars) in 2022, according to the ministry of transport on Tuesday. The ministry released the data at a forum marking the 19th Maritime Day of China in Cangzhou City, north China’s Hebei Province, which will ho..... more >>

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**Energy, Environment & Climate Change**

**China’s leading solar provider commits to optimizing PV market in Pakistan**
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-02
Recently, China’s leading solar solutions provider LONGi and three certification and testing institutions, including SGS (Shanghai), SGS (Qingdao), and Intertek, held a strategic cooperation signing ceremony in Shanghai, by which the four parties will strengthen cooperation in the fields of PSI+COC certification and testing necessary for photovoltaic modules to enter the Pakistani market. A..... more >>

**New-energy industry in Guizhou logs steady expansion**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-10
Southwest China’s Guizhou Province has seen a robust expansion in the new-energy sector amid efforts to ramp up energy production and storage and promote green development, an industry report showed. In the first quarter of this year, the industrial output of Guizhou’s new-energy battery and material sector was about 20.38 billion yuan (about 2.83 billion U.S. dollars), according to t..... more >>
Nine missing in China landslide sparked by heavy rains amid flooding
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-10
Nine people are missing in central China after a landslide sparked by heavy rains amid flooding and searing temperatures across much of the country, authorities said on Sunday. Five people were rescued from under the rubble at a highway construction site in the central province of Hubei, where the accident occurred on Saturday. Crews were still excavating in hopes of finding more survivors. Tens ..... more >>

Chinese Girls’ documentary highlights rich, diverse culture of Pakistan
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-12
The short documentary film titled “Threads of Friendship: A Chinese Girl’s Adventure in Pakistan” screened here on Tuesday at the Aiwan-e-Quaid auditorium showcased the rich and diverse culture of the country captured in visuals presented by a native Chinese in pure Urdu language. The speakers at the screening of the short documentary film termed China as Pakistan’s all-we..... more >>

Dar appreciates role of Chinese FIs
Source: INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-04
ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Monday appreciated the Chinese support to Pakistan on multiple fronts, and specifically thanked for the cooperation of Chinese Financial Institutions with Pakistan during last few months. He expressed these views during meeting with Pang Chunxue, Charge d Affairs, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China who called him at Financ..... more >>

‘China always played a concrete role for Pakistan’
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-02
ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defense Mushahid Hussain Syed on Saturday said that China always played a concrete role for Pakistan. Chinese leaders had supported Pakistan on the Kashmir issue at the forum of the United Nations, he said while talking to a private television channel. The Chinese government had helped this country with many energy projects besides China P..... more >>

China asks Pakistan to get ML-1 financing in yuan
ISLAMABAD: China has asked Pakistan to secure the financing of the multibillion-dollar Mainline-1 (ML-1) project in 100 percent Chinese currency RMB. Earlier, Pakistan had floated the option to divide the financing of ML-1 on the basis of 50:50 percent in US dollars and Chinese RMB. However, China flatly refused to accommodate this demand and asked for the financing of ML-1 only in Chinese curren..... more >>

Pakistani parliamentary delegation engages in constructive dialogue at CIIDS in China
Source: News Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-07-07
ISLAMABAD - On July 5th, the Pakistani parliamentary delegation embarked on its nine-day visit to China and visited CIIDS for a thinktank dialogue as its first stop upon landing on the Chinese soil. During the dialogue, there was constructive exchange of ideas between the two sides. Founding Chairman of CIIDS and Chairman of its academic committee Zheng Bijian said, “Before us is not t..... more >>
"China maintains policy of non-interference": Iqbal
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-09
Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal issued a statement on Sunday offering a clarification on his remarks concerning China and the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), which he said was being taken "out of context". "China maintains a policy of non-interference in domestic affairs of other countries," he stressed in a Tweet. "Some senior businessmen working..... more >>

Naqvi outlines steps for people welfare with cooperation of China
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-09
Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi has said that Chinese language had become an international language and learning of language by personnel of Special Protection Unit (SPU) would enhance their communication skills. A launching ceremony of Chinese language course for the officers and personnel of the SPU held at the Al-Razi Hall Punjab University on Saturday where the CM and Chinese Con..... more >>

Mushahid lauds China Media Group for promotion of Pak-China friendship
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-07-11
ISLAMABAD - Chairman, Senate’s Defense Committee, Mushahid Hussain Syed has paid rich tributes to the China Media Group’s Urdu service for playing an important role in the promotion and development of China-Pakistan friendship. "My first contact with China was also due to the Urdu service of Radio Peking. Today, when there is a lot of news and information everywhere..... more >>

PM acknowledges China’s support
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-12
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said that as ‘Iron Brothers’ and old friends, Pakistan and China always stood together in difficult times and had extended unflinching support to each other on issues of mutual concern. The prime minister expressed these views during a meeting with Charge d’affaires of the People’s Republic of China Pang Chun..... more >>

Chinese delegation, PCJCCI discuss low-cost energy projects
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-12
A Chinese delegation from Huzhou visited Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) to discuss the scope of investment in low-cost energy projects here at PCJCCI Secretariat on Tuesday. The delegation was headed by Gan Meilin, Chairman, Xiandeng, Hi-Tech Electric Co. On this occasion, PCJCCI President Moazzam Ghurki said, "We are fully confident that the future of China-...... more >>

Mushahid lauds Chinese media for promotion of Pak-China friendship
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-11
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### Regional exports fall as sales to China shrink by a quarter

**Source:** Mubarak Zeb Khan, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-07-02  
**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan's exports to nine neighbouring countries recorded a significant decline of 19.68 per cent during the first 11 months of the outgoing FY23, according to data gathered by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). This drop is largely attributed to a decrease in shipments to China. Notably, the decline in trade is not limited to exports alone, as imports, particularly from China, have also... more >>

### Chinese firm commits to optimising solar PV market Photovoltaic power may address energy shortage

**Source:** China Economic Net, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-03  
**SHANGHAI:** China's leading solar solutions provider LONGi and three certification and testing institutions, including SGS (Shanghai), SGS (Qingdao) and Intertek, signed an agreement on strategic cooperation in Shanghai recently. Under the deal, they will strengthen cooperation in the fields of PSI+COC certification and testing necessary for the entry of photovoltaic modules into Pakistan... more >>

### Govt opens doors to Chinese meat enterprises

**Source:** INP, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2023-07-03  
**BEIJING:** “There’s a lot of potential for enhancing meat exports to China,” said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor, Pakistani Embassy, while addressing a forum titled “2023 Meat Import Development & Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Port Cold Chain Economy New Growth Forum”. He invited Chinese enterprises to participate in Pakistan’s Agri Expo (starting from August... more >>

### Chinese delegation visits PCJCCI

**Source:** *Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2023-07-04  
**LAHORE:** A Chinese delegation visited Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) Secretariat on Monday and discussed the importance and need of advancement in solar projects. Moazzam Ghurki, President PCJCCI said that currently, out of the $144 million in foreign investment in solar PV plants in Pakistan, $125 million is from China, accounting for nearly 87% of the total. Am... more >>

### Mohsin Naqvi, Zhao Shiren agree to promote mutual cooperation in various sectors

**Source:** *Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-07-04  
**Consul General of China Zhao Shiren met Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi in Lahore on Tuesday. During the meeting, both agreed to further promote mutual cooperation in various sectors including agriculture, livestock and information technology. Zhao said China will cooperate in supplying high quality seeds of cotton and rice to Punjab. Am... more >>

### Chinese charge d'affaires assures Pakistan of economic support

**Source:** Imran Ali Kundi, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-07-04  
**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan on Monday thanked Chinese Financial Institutions for their cooperation with Pakistan during the last few months. Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar on Monday thanked Ms Pang Chunxue, the Charge d’Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, for the timely support of the financial institutions of China to Pakistan. On the same day, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also recall... more >>

### Chinese enterprise supports digital ticketing system in Pakistan

**Source:** *News Desk, Daily Times*, 2023-07-04  
**Chinese enterprise will continue to support digital ticketing system in Pakistan to facilitate the passengers:** The passenger ticketing system of the RABTA project of the Ministry of Railways, Pakistan was successfully launched...
last month. The first two trains running with the system were 107UP and 108DN of the Islamabad Express. Passengers commuting between Islamabad and Lahore can easily book ti..... more >>

Chinese companies enhance their role in Pakistan’s social sector for a better life
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-04
Chinese companies have enhanced their role in social development of Pakistan, while addressing the country’s economic and development issues. The companies are an integral part of CPEC. They are the torch bearer of this flagship project of BRI. They are not only helping Pakistan overcome its infrastructure problems but also investing in social development, skills, and environmental protecti..... more >>

Pakistan’s copper products exports to China cross $485 million
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-05
In the first five months of 2023, Pakistan’s copper products exports to China have crossed $485 million. This noteworthy trade between the two nations highlights the growing demand for copper products in China and Pakistan’s ability to meet this demand. Speaking to Gwadar Pro, the trade and investment counsellor of the Pakistani Embassy in Beijing, Ghulam Qadir, said that the Pakistan..... more >>

China, Pakistan jointly explores new path of silage harvesting and processing
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-05
China and Pakistan will step up efforts to jointly explore a new path of silage harvesting and processing in Pakistan, as the two sides agreed on a meeting held to promote the joint research and outcome commercialization of small and medium-sized silage harvesting equipment in mountainous and hilly areas of the countries. Meeting on joint research and development and outcome commercialization of ..... more >>

Security wall of Gwadar Free Zone North 90pc completed
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-07-05
The construction of an eight-kilometre-long security wall around the Gwadar Free Zone North (Phase II) is 90 percent completed, a landmark security project to secure the north and south sides of the Gwadar Free Zone North, which covers over 2,221 acres of land. The 14-foot high security cement wall starts from the Gwadar Fish Harbour and ends at Koh-e-Mehdi, a famous mountain in Gwadar, approxima..... more >>

Chinese company intends to establish state-of-the-art dairy farm in Punjab
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-07-06
LAHORE - As agriculture and livestock will remain among the targeted sectors during the second phase of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the Royal Group of China intends to establish a state-of-the-art dairy farm in Punjab. In this regard, a meeting between officials of Royal Group of China and Livestock and Dairy Department Punjab was held here on Tuesday, according to Punjab Board of ..... more >>

China urges use of digital currency in SCO
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-07
BEIJING: China has put forward a proposal to expand cooperation on sovereign digital currency among member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). The move is expected to enhance transaction efficiency among SCO members and facilitate increased trade. In addition to the expansion of sovereign digital currency usage, China has suggested that the SCO should increase local currenc..... more >>
Chinese enterprises invited to invest in Pakistan’s NEV industry
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad , 2023-07-08
BEIJING - Consul General of Pakistan in Shanghai, Hussain Haider has invited Chinese businesses and enterprises to invest in Pakistan’s New Energy Vehicle (NEV) industry, which was one of the most promising areas of bilateral cooperation, and to take benefits from a large and growing market and the incentives provided by the government. Welcoming the participants at China-Pakistan New Ene..... more >>

Servis Long March announces expansion plans
Source: Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad , 2023-07-08
LAHORE-Servis Long March Chairman Li Qinqwen and CEO Omar Saeed has called on PM Shehbaz Sharif at the PM office. Servis Long March plans to increase its investment in the Pakistan JV company to $200m. The company plans to move towards $100m annual exports and become the largest engineering goods exporter from Pakistan. PM thanked the Chinese investors for their confidence in Pakistan, and assured..... more >>

China a major export market for Pakistani products: Moin ul Haque
Source: Khawar Abbas Sandhu, The Nation, Islamabad , 2023-07-09
LAHORE - In China, the expression ‘ba-tie’ (iron brother) is only reserved for Pakistan. As we in Pakistan consider it higher than the mountains, deeper than the oceans, sweeter than honey. Indeed, Pakistan takes pride in its special friendship with China which is time-tested and timeless. Pakistani Ambassador to China in Beijing, Moin ul Haque said this while talking to The..... more >>

China’s new ‘Toolbox’ for security and sovereignty
Source: Imtiaz Gul, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2023-07-10
In March this year, President Xi Jinping hit out at the string of sanctions the US and its European allies have been slapping on China. In a blunt tone like never before, Xi decried these measures as a means of “all-around containment, encirclement and suppression of China”, signaling a possibly harder stance against what he perceives as an effort by the United States to block China&rs..... more >>

Trade with China crosses ‘psychological barrier’ of $20bn: FPCCI
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2023-07-10
KARACHI Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, President Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), has apprised that bilateral trade volume of Pakistan with China has crossed the psychological barrier of $20 billion and stood at $20.8 billion in FY22; and, China has emerged as the most important source of investments into Pakistan’s energy and infrastructure sectors. In fact, China is t.... more >>

‘China advising against experiments’; Ahsan says his statement ‘taken out of context’
Source: INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2023-07-10
ISLAMABAD: Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Sunday said his recent statement, in which he appeared to say that China advised Pakistan to not “conduct any experiment” during the 2018 elections, was taken “out of context”. His clarification follows media coverage of his statement made on last night in a private TV channel, during which he discussed the China-Pakistan Eco..... more >>

CPEC projects; Direct investment worth $25.4bn attracted from China in 10 years
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2023-07-10
BEIJING: The projects under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) are flourishing all across Pakistan and have attracted US$25.4 billion of direct investment from China during the last 10 years. “After ten years of development, a “1+4” cooperation layout has been formed, with the CPEC at the centre and Gwadar Port, t..... more >>
**Sino-Pak cooperation: JCC meeting to explore new avenues**
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-10
BEIJING: The Special Commemorative 12th Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is to be held on Tuesday in Beijing, as the two countries celebrate a decade of achievements linked to the project. Federal Minister for Planning and Development, Ahsan Iqbal who will lead the Pakistani delegation, said before his departure for China that the two s..... more >>

**Pakistan needs to tap Chinese market for citrus, mango exports**
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-07-11
ISLAMABAD-Despite having a significant edge in quality of citrus fruit and mango over other countries, Pakistan’s share in exports to China remained a mere 0.01% of the total $1.2 billion worth of imports Beijing made of these fruits in 2020. Several factors could explain this lower-than-potential export figure, including the “absence” of sanitary and phytosanitary measures, as ..... more >>

**At 12th JCC, Pakistan and China strengthen ties**
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-07-12
BEIJING: The 12th (Special) Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was successfully held in Beijing on Tuesday, solidifying the robust partnership between the two nations. Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, and Vice Chairman of China’s National Development & Reform Commission (NDRC), Cong ..... more >>

**JCC meeting to explore new avenues of Sino-Pak cooperation**
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**Chinese companies show interest in setting up joint ventures in Pakistan**
ISLAMABAD-Chinese companies have shown interest in setting up joint ventures in Pakistan. A delegation of Chinese companies led by Gan Meilin, Chairman, Xiandeng Hi-Tech Electric Co., visited Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry and showed keen interest to set up joint ventures in Pakistan in various fields including machinery manufacturing, electric vehicles, equipment industry, drilli..... more >>

**Chinese companies keen to set up joint ventures in Pakistan**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-07-15
The Chinese manufacturers companies on Friday visited Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) and showed keen interest to set up joint ventures in Pakistan in various fields. A delegation of Chinese companies led by Gan Meilin, Chairman, Xiandeng Hi-Tech Electric Co. visited Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) and showed keen interest to set up joint ventures in Pakistan i..... more >>

**China Fellowship Ceremony held at PMAS-AAUR**
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-07-15
Minister of state, Ms Romina Khursheed Alam, has said that agriculture constitutes the largest sector of the economy and the present Government is focusing on developing the agriculture sector on modern lines not only to improve the livelihoods of small farmers but also to enhance its contribution in the national economy. She stated this while addressing the ceremony of China Fellowship 2023 held..... more >>
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<td>Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque said that China is a major export market for Pakistani products and the government is working together to further enhance the access of Pakistani products to the untapped sector of the Chinese market. &quot;Our two countries have a robust trade and investment cooperation, which is very essential for Pakistan’s economy. As our largest trading part... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday directed the authorities concerned for early formulation of a comprehensive policy to curb the smuggling of tyres and spare parts. The PM, in a meeting with a delegation of Service Long March Tyres and Chaoyang Long March Tyres led by their Chairman Li Qingwen, instructed the relevant authorities to take effective measures to tackle the illegal... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>Officials of Mian County, an agriculture-based county in Shaanxi Province in northwestern China, is discussing with Pakistani counterpart about the exchange of agricultural products. According to China Economic Net (CEN), the exchange will be based on the local specialties of the two sides, such as Chinese medicine and black tea and Pakistani mango and rice. Apart from the barter trade of agricult... more &gt;&gt;</td>
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1,320MW Shanghai Thar Coal Block-1; Financial closure in peril as ICBC decides to withdraw $300m financing
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-07
ISLAMABAD: The financial closure of 1,320 MW Shanghai Thar Coal Block-1 is reportedly in trouble as Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) has decided to withdraw $ 300 million financing, well-informed sources in Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (PD&SI) told Business Recorder. The newly-established plant was on forced outages in May 2023 due to technical f..... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Pakistan will fulfil IMF conditions violated by PTI govt: PM Shehbaz
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-07-06
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10 years of CPEC: preparations begin for seminar
Source: INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-03
PESHAWAR: Prepara-tions for holding an international seminar on the completion of 10 years of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) kicked off in the provincial capital Peshawar which would be scheduled on July 5. The Chinese Cultural Center China Window in Peshawar is going to present papers on the usefulness of CPEC in the seminar organized in collaboration with the Higher education Commi..... more >>

DSEZ project at Thatta designed within CPEC framework
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Agriculture emerges as a powerful force for economic growth under CPEC
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-04
The alliance between Pakistan and China in the field of agriculture has emerged as a powerful force driving economic growth, sustainable development, and food security in both nations. The strategic collaboration between these two neighboring countries, under the framework of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), has witnessed significant advancements in recent years, transforming the agr...
**BRI's 10 Years**
Source: Yasir Habib Khan, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-04
This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative. So far, China has signed more than 200 cooperation documents on the joint construction of the “Belt and Road” with 152 countries and 32 international organizations. Over the past ten years, central state-owned enterprises (SOEs) have actively integrated into the overall situation of China’s all-around opening ..... more >>

**Xi urges SCO to protect regional peace, ensure ‘common security’**
Source: ABC, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-05
Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday stressed for efforts to better synergize high-quality cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) with various countries’ development strategies and regional cooperation initiatives. Addressing the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit via video link, he called on members of the SCO family to follow the right direction and enhance th..... more >>

**Six CPEC ventures progressing in K-P Minister blames previous govt for delay in execution**
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-06
PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Caretaker Minister for Information, Auqaf, Hajj, Religious and Minority Affairs, Barrister Feroze Jamal Shah Kakakhel, stated that six projects are currently being completed in K-P under the Pak China Economic Corridor (CPEC). He emphasized that the friendship between Pakistan and China has withstood various challenges and remains eternal. Addressing a global ..... more >>

**Pakistan tells India to join CPEC, not create hurdles**
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**CPEC attracted $25.4b in 10 years: Beijing**
Source: Anadolu Agency, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-07
ISTANBUL: Beijing revealed on Thursday that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) attracted $25.4 billion in direct investment in the 10 years since being launched in 2014. “The projects are creating 192,000 jobs, generating 6,000MW of power, building 510 km (316 miles) of highways, and expanding the national transmission network by 886 km (550 miles),” Foreign Ministry spoke..... more >>

**Ten years of CPEC**
Source: Editorial, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-07-08
ISLAMABAD and Beijing are celebrating a decade of CPEC this month. Indeed, this decade has seen China become the biggest source of investment, loans and grants for, and the largest trading partner of, Pakistan. Islamabad has so far received $25.4bn in direct Chinese investment in various transport, energy, and infrastructure schemes under the flagship connectivity and investment corridor project, ..... more >>

**CPEC playing critical role in economic, social uplift**
Source: APP, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-08
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal has emphasised that the government is promoting China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project to achieve sustainable economic growth and social prosperity. Speaking at a seminar on CPEC, organised by Bahria University Islamabad on Friday, the minister remarked that CPEC was a mega development project, which included schemes related t..... more >>
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## Modalities prepared for third-party participation in CPEC projects
**Source:** Mehtab Haider, *The News, International*, 2023-07-07

**ISLAMABAD:** Amid Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif’s offer to India to get benefit from the CPEC, Pakistan and China have prepared draft modalities for third-party participation in CPEC projects. Multibillion-dollar investment is expected from the Gulf countries into CPEC-related projects, especially into much-awaited Special Economic Zones (SEZs). But, despite the much-trumpeted CPEC, only 35 p.... more >>

## Third parties welcome to benefit from CPEC opportunities: FO
**Source:** APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-07

Pakistan on Thursday reiterated that being an important node in cross regional connectivity, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was an inclusive and open platform for interested third parties to benefit from investment opportunities in its priority areas like industry, agriculture, IT, science and technology, and oil and gas sectors. The Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, in her..... more >>

## CPEC signature project in China-Pakistan cooperation in new era: Wang Wenbin
**Source:** APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-07

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a signature project in cooperation between China and Pakistan in the new era and a pilot project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) launched by Chinese President Xi Jinping a decade ago, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Wang Wenbin said on Thursday. “CPEC is a signature project in China-Pakistan cooperation in the new era and a pilot p..... more >>

## CPEC projects garnered $25b direct investment
**Source:** APP, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-10

ISLAMABAD: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), has witnessed remarkable progress in Pakistan, attracting direct investments worth US$25.4 billion from China over the past decade. A senior official from the Chinese Foreign Ministry stated that the CPEC has formed a comprehensive "1+4" cooperation layout, with the CPEC at..... more >>

## Third-party participation; CPEC: draft modalities finalised
**Source:** Mushtaq Ghumman, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2023-07-10

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) has finalized draft modalities for third-party participation in China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to attract investment from countries or entities other than China, well-informed sources in Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives told Business Recorder. This was disclosed at a CPEC progress meeting presided over by the Mini..... more >>

## China, CPEC; Qureshi terms Ahsan's statement ‘unfortunate and irresponsible’
**Source:** INP, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2023-07-10

ISLAMABAD: Vice Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Shah Mehmood Qureshi has termed the statement of PML-N leader and Minister Planning Ahsan Iqbal pertaining to China and CPEC as unfortunate and irresponsible. In a statement issued on Sunday, he said that the insinuation that our iron brother would interfere in our domestic affairs was baffling and insulting. Shah Mehmood said that ..... more >>

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### A decade of CPEC


In recent times, hardly has any other strategy or initiative gained any such global limelight than Chinese President Xi Jinping’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The US’s Build Back Better World (B3W)/Partnership for Global Infrastructure Investment (PGII) and the EU Global Gateway are concrete instances of how the world has responded to counter the rising global role and influence of.....

### Pakistan, China hold 12th JCC meeting in Beijing


BEIJING: The meeting of 12th (Special) Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was held here on Tuesday. Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal and Vice Chairman, National Development & Reform Commission (NDRC), China, Cong Liang, co-chaired the meeting. Senior officials and representatives of various ministr.....

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### CPEC lays solid foundation for Pakistan’s future development: ambassador

Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-11

Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque has said that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), as a flagship project to jointly build the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has changed Pakistan’s infrastructure layout and laid a solid foundation for Pakistan’s future development. During President Xi Jinping’s visit to Pakistan in 2015, the two countries signed more than 50 coope.....
Officials from China, Pakistan review CPEC achievements over past decade
Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-13
Officials from China and Pakistan have reviewed the achievements of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) over the past decade. At a meeting in Beijing of the two countries’ Special Joint Cooperation Committee, they also looked to future opportunities, CGTN reported on Wednesday. Promoting the high-quality development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, or CPEC as it marks its 10t..... more >>

‘Work on ML-1 railway line project to start this year’ Minister says $10b project will be modernised with China’s support
Source: APP, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2023-07-15
BEIJING: Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, expressed his optimism about starting the much-anticipated ML-1 project this year, with China’s support. ML-1 is a multi-billion-dollar railway line project connecting Karachi and Peshawar. After facing delays over the past four years, Iqbal assured that the government is now actively pursuing the pr..... more >>

Uplift work on crucial Dhabeji SEZ to begin today
KARACHI: Uplift work on the crucial China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC) project in Sindh, Dhabeji Special Economic Zone (SEZ) begins today. As per details, Sindh Minister for Information, Transport and Mass Transit Sharjeel Inam Memon, along with Special Assistant to the Sindh Chief Minister for Investment and Public-Private Partnership Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar, addressed a joint press conferen..... more >>

Decade of BRI’s China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)
"China and Pakistan have built a model of economic cooperation for the world to learn from." –Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China. As the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) completes its first decade, it stands as a testament to the enduring friendship between China and Pakistan and the transformative power of strategic partnerships. ..... more >>

CPEC brings Chinese companies, technologies to Pakistan: minister
Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-14
Thanks to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Pakistan is now slowly moving from imported fuels to local fuel for power generation and from outdated technology to new Chinese technology, Minister for Power, Khurram Dastgir Khan has said. “This shift is happening and Chinese companies are much more visible now. They are bringing their technology, their management to Pakistan, and th..... more >>

HEC, China Window arrange seminar to mark ten years of CPEC, BRI
Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-06
Higher Education Commission (HEC) and China Window on Wednesday organized an international seminar titled “Decade of CPEC and BRI” to mark the ten-year completion of the project. The event among others was attended by international delegates, investors, stakeholders, businessmen and people from a cross-section of society. Speaking on the occasion, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Haji Ghu..... more >>

PTI rejects Ahsan Iqbal’s ‘irresponsible’ statement about China, CPEC
Source: News Desk, *Daily Times*, 2023-07-10
Strongly reacting to Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal’s statement regarding China and the multibillion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) – the former ruling party – on Sunday said that the insinuation that “our iron brother would interfere in our domestic affairs is baffling and insulting”. A day earli..... more >>
Pakistan, China to speed up ML-1, SEZs implementation
Source: Khaleeq Kiani, Dawn, Islamabad , 2023-07-12
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have agreed to fast-track work on the implementation of main line (ML-1) railway project and special economic zones (SEZs). An agreement in this regard was reached between Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal and National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) Chairman Zheng Shanjie during a meeting held in Beijing on Tuesday, according to a ..... more >>

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ISLAMABAD: The Finance Division has asked the Power Division to adjust Rs 20.726 billion as advance payment to CPEC IPPs against next five months of current financial year (2023-24) as decided by the federal government, official sources told Business Recorder. Citing the Power Division’s letter of June 22, 2023 on implementation of Revised Circular Debt Management (CDMP) (CDMP), the Fin...... more >>

China’s mobile phone shipments surge in May
Source: APP, Daily Times , 2023-07-03
China’s mobile phone shipments climbed 25.2 percent year on year to 26.037 million in May, according to the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT). Cellphones enabling 5G services took the lion’s share of May’s shipments with 20.17 million units, a 13.7-percent year-on-year expansion, said the CAICT, a research institute under the Ministry of Industry..... more >>

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### Agriculture sector; Deepening Pak-China collaboration to have transformative impact: PARC chairman

ISLAMABAD: A delegation, led by Wu Yuelang, Department of Science and Technology, Hubei Province, China visited the National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) in Islamabad as part of their visit to Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmed Khan, Vice Chancellor University of Agriculture Faisalabad, and Dr Muhammad Jaffar Jaskani, Director ORIC, along with other high official from University of Agricu..... more >>

### Students awarded Rs 6m under Chinese ambassador scholarship

Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-07-15  
The University of Peshawar (UoP) distributed Rs. 6 million in cash assistance to deserving students under the Chinese Ambassador Scholarship Program 2023. The China Study Center (CSC) at UoP organised the scholarship distribution ceremony, alongside the “Prizes Distribution of Art Competition & Exhibition” titled “Decade of China Pakistan Economic Corridor” at the Sahib..... more >>

### Technology & Innovation

**China plans to introduce fastest bullet train soon**

Source: Ahmed Malik, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-07  
KARACHI: China, with the largest high-speed rail network in the world, has planned to introduce its fastest bullet train having standard operating speed of 450kms/hour soon. The latest version of the high speed rail would be more attractive for passengers to travel on long routes across China with latest facilities. Currently, the bullet trains run at a speed of 200kms to 350kms/hour. As..... more >>

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**China invites global investors for rare meeting**

Source: Xie Yu and Julie Zhu, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-07-15  
China’s financial regulators have invited some of the world’s biggest investors to a rare symposium next week, three sources said, seeking to encourage foreigners to keep investing in the world’s second-largest economy despite its recent weakness and rising geopolitical tensions. The meeting in Beijing next Friday will focus on the current conditions of US dollar-denominated..... more >>
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Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2023-07-03
ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 3rd Jul, 2023): Experts on Monday called for stringent policy implementation to curb the high prevalence of smoking and health hazards of second-hand smoke at a webinar titled "MPOWER-Preparing the Next Generation of Tobacco Control Advocates: protecting" organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. SDPI Senior Research Associate Syed Wasif Naqvi pointed out..... more >>

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The digital currency has been rapidly gaining popularity worldwide as a decentralized and secure alternative to traditional forms of money. In Pakistan, digital currency is an emerging concept that presents both opportunities and challenges for the country’s financial landscape. As the nation embraces the digital revolution, it is crucial to understand the unique challenges associated with d..... more >>

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KARACHI: In an attempt to help Pakistan capture the global carbon market and set up verified carbon offset initiatives that can attract foreign investors, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC) has partnered with VerraStandards – the world’s most widely used greenhouse gas (GHG) crediting programme. On Saturday (July 1), Minister for Climate Change.....  more >>

‘A lifeline, but conditions apply’: Analysts weigh in on IMF’s approval of $3bn deal for Pakistan
Source: Dawn.com, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-07-13
The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a $3 billion loan programme for Pakistan on Wednesday — which was agreed upon as a previous one expired at the end of June before its completion — securing much-needed funding for the cash-starved nation. Under the new standby arrangement (SBA), the country will immediately receive around $1.2bn while the remaining funds will be released .....  more >>

Why a $3 Billion IMF Loan Isn’t Enough to Save Pakistan’s Economy
Source: Astha Rajvanshi, Time, 2023-07-11
In June, Pakistan was in a race against time to secure $1.1 billion from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in a bid to solve its worst economic crisis since gaining independence from Britain in 1947. Days before an existing bailout package was set to expire, the country’s prime minister, Shehbaz Sharif, held last-minute talks with the IMF after scrambling to meet its austerity conditions.....  more >>