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**About SDPI**

SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan’s Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan’s socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

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

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

**About Newsletter**

*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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**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.

**Subjects Covered**

- Pak-China Foreign Relations
- CPEC
- Regional integration under China’s Belt & Road (B&R)
- Business, innovation & entrepreneurship
- Trade and Tourism
- Energy and Environment
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- Capacity building, learning and development
- Economic growth & governance
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**China Study Centre**

**Economic Growth & Governance**

**China’s economy rebounds after zero-Covid scrapped**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-19
China’s economy grew much better than expected in the first three months of the year as the country reopened after the end of zero-Covid measures, official data showed Tuesday. The figures were the first snapshot since 2019 of the world’s second-largest economy unencumbered by the strict health controls that helped keep the coronavirus in check but battered businesses and supply chain.....  
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**Both sides of Taiwan Strait belong to China**
Source: ABC, Daily Times, 2023-04-22
China’s Foreign Minister Qin Gang said on Friday that both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to China, and that it is right and proper for China to uphold its sovereignty. Qin made the remarks at the Lanting Forum in Shanghai, where he discussed a wide range of topics from debt, the global economy, and Taiwan. “Recently there has been absurd rhetoric accusing China of upending the st.....  
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**Sales of Chinese brand passenger vehicles continue strong growth in March**
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-04-22
Sales of Chinese-brand passenger vehicles continued to log robust expansion and gain larger market share in March, data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers shows. More than 1.05 million such vehicles were sold in China last month, jumping 16.4 percent year on year and soaring 20.4 percent from the previous month, according to the association. This figure accounted for 52.1 per.....  
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**China’s stock connect to see more trading days starting next week**
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-04-22
Enhancements to the trading calendars for China’s Stock Connect program will take effect starting next Monday, bringing more trading opportunities to investors. The adjustment will allow stock connect investors to trade on all days when both the mainland and Hong Kong markets are open, effectively helping investors better manage their risks, according to a previous filing by the Hong Kong E.....  
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**Chinese modernization to provide more opportunities to world**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-22
Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister, Qin Gang said on Friday that Chinese modernization will not only provide more opportunities to the world but also inject new momentum into the recovery of the global economy and give other developing countries the confidence to pursue their own modernization. “While Chinese modernization is conceived in China, the opportunities it brings belong .....  
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**China’s grain production to maintain steady growth in 2023: report**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-22
China will see a steady expansion in grain production this year amid the country’s continuous efforts to ensure safe supply of grain and major farm produce, a recent report forecast. The country’s grain output is expected to reach 694 million tonnes in 2023, with the output of rice and wheat remaining stable and that of corn and soybean increasing, according to a report released by th.....  
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Reconfiguring Regional Hegemony
Source: Ali Imran Atta, Daily Times, 2023-04-21
The post-World War II world order has been dominated by the United States of America and, to some extent, its European allies and NATO forces. These forces are responsible for creating and maintaining the global “rules-based order,” especially following the conclusion of the Cold War. However, as the Moscow assault on Ukraine has demonstrated, this system is visibly unravelling. Pax Am..... more >>

China’s Jiangsu sees GDP up 4.7% in Q1
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-04-26
The gross domestic product (GDP) of east China’s Jiangsu Province grew by 4.7 percent year on year in the first quarter of 2023, exceeding 2.9 trillion yuan (about 419.7 billion U.S. dollars), according to the provincial statistical bureau. The added values of Jiangsu’s primary, secondary, and tertiary industries in the first quarter were 63.4 billion yuan, 1.25 trillion yuan, and 1.6 ..... more >>

New legislation proposed to protect overseas Chinese
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-26
China’s State Council proposed expediting legislation on the protection of the rights and interests of overseas Chinese in its report submitted to the country’s top legislature for review. A national law dedicated to the protection of the rights and interests of overseas Chinese has yet to be put into place, according to the report on the work related to Chinese nationals overseas, wh..... more >>

The Power Paradigms
Source: Ahmed Sultan, Daily Times, 2023-04-26
Whether it is China or Russia, whether in Ukraine or Middle East, one thing is for certain that the American control is no more as strong as it was. The American retreat from Afghanistan, Chinese President Xi’s resplendent Riyadh visit, Saudi-Iran relaxation, or Syria-Saudi reconciliation all enunciate a visible threat to the American monopoly. Maybe it’s just karma. The US behaving as..... more >>

China calls for more representation of developing countries at UNSC
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-30
The reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) should uphold fairness, justice and raise the representation of developing countries, Wang Yi, director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, said on Saturday. Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, made the remarks when meeting the co-chair..... more >>

China’s central bank adds liquidity via reverse repos
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-04-30
China’s central bank injected funds into the financial system through open market operations Saturday. The People’s Bank of China said it has conducted 170 billion yuan (about 24.69 billion U.S. dollars) of seven-day reverse repos at an interest rate of 2 percent. The move aims to keep month-end liquidity in the banking system stable, according to the central bank. A reverse repo is ..... more >>

China sees surge in entry, exit trips in Q1
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-04-20
Immigration authorities across China handled nearly 65.07 million exits and entries in the first quarter of the year, a year-on-year increase of 116.2 percent, the National Immigration Administration (NIA) said Wednesday. Of the total, 32.35 million were made by Chinese mainland residents, 29.49 million by Chinese residents in Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, and 3.23 million by foreign nationals. As ..... more >>
China’s world?
Source: Aasim Sajjad Akhtar, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-04-28
THE world order is changing. More than five centuries after Western European powers initiated the modern era of maritime trade and colonisation, a non-Western nation, China, has emerged as a genuine contender for global supremacy. For most of the 45 years since it realigned itself with the global capitalist order after the death of Mao Zedong, Beijing has tread carefully. It has meticulously cult..... more >>

Gwadar Free Zones to become Export Industrial Parks soon
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-04-19
With multifaced dividends of CPEC’s 10 years saga of development, Gwadar Free Zones are heading to become “Export Industrial Parks,” China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC) new chairman Yu Bo said in an interview with Gwadar Pro. He said Gwadar Port and Gwadar Free Zones offer immense potential investment opportunities for investors from Pakistan and beyond. “The polic..... more >>

Oil increases ahead of expected data showing economic rebound in China
Source: Sibel Morrow, Daily Times, 2023-04-18
Oil prices rebounded slightly on Monday in anticipation of the release of positive Chinese economic data, but negative comments from US Federal Reserve (Fed) officials weighed on prices. International benchmark Brent crude traded at $86.35 per barrel at 10.01 a.m. local time (0701 GMT), a 0.04% increase from the closing price of $86.31 a barrel in the previous trading session. Simultaneously, th..... more >>

POWERCHINA completes Phase-I of DBDP’s Upstream cutoff wall
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-04-22
POWERCHINA has completed Phase-I of the upstream cutoff wall of the Diamer Basha Dam Project (DBDP), which creates a favorable condition for the river diversion and closure, Gwadar Pro reported on Friday quoting a statement issued by the Chinese company. As per details, the wall is made of plastic concrete, with an axial length of 202 meters, which had been constructed in stages due to the compol...more >>

SCO countries art exhibition of children and young artists soon
Source: ABC, Daily Times, 2023-04-26
With an aim to build a global network for inter-civilization dialogue and cooperation, to depict the splendid Dunhuang culture and to promote the mutual understanding and friendship among peoples of all countries, the Good-Neighborliness, Friendship and Cooperation Commission of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in collaboration with China International Culture Association, the Central A..... more >>

The Appeal of Chinese Cuisine
Source: Yasir Habib Khan, Daily Times, 2023-04-27
On Eid days, Chinese dishes interestingly have found their way onto Pakistani tables emerging as one of the preferred cuisines among a diverse array of traditional foodstuff craved by local people mostly in urban areas in the country. During the Eid holidays from April 22 to April 25, local enthusiasts of Chinese food, in a good number, visited foody destinations and quenched their appetite for y..... more >>
Exuberant, bedazzled Pakistani truck art reaching hearts in China
Source: INP, Daily Times, 2023-04-29
In Pakistan trucks are not just trucks. They can be art. Everything about Pakistani trucks is exuberant and over-the-top. And now they make it to China. To celebrate the National Day of Pakistan and the Year of Tourism Exchanges between China and Pakistan, a Pakistani Truck Art Debut Exhibition themed “Phool Patti: Jingle Journey” kicked off at Silk Road International Arts Center, Lan..... more >>

Truck Art exhibition in China showcases Pakistan's diverse cultural landscapes
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-30
The first Truck Art exhibition showcasing Pakistan’s diverse cultural landscape has opened in Langfang, China to celebrate Pakistan’s 83rd National Day and 2023 as China-Pakistan Year of Tourism Exchanges. The exhibition will be continued till July 24, and was organized by Pakistan Embassy Beijing, in collaboration with Silk Road International Art Center, Langfang and renowned Truck A..... more >>

COAS Asim Munir in China on four-day visit to enhance bilateral military relations: ISPR
Source: Iftikhar A. Khan, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-04-25
Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir is in China on a four-day official visit aimed at enhancing bilateral military relations with the neighbouring country, according to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). “COAS is on a four-day official visit to China for enhancing bilateral military relations,” the military’s media wing said in a brief statement released on ..... more >>

China assures its continuous support Discussed avenues to enhance cooperation
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-04-26
ISLAMABAD: Chinese Charge d’Affaires Pang Chunxue met with Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Tuesday to discuss the strong and historic bilateral relations between China and Pakistan. During the meeting, Dar expressed his gratitude for China’s support and emphasised the importance of further strengthening economic and financial ties between the two nations. Chunxue exte..... more >>

China assures Pakistan of its continued support to Pakistan
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-04-26
Highlighting deep-rooted historical relations between the two countries, Dar appreciated the Chinese support for Pakistan and underscored the need to further deepen the existing ties in economy and trade, as well as, financial sectors. Chunxue offered greetings to the federal minister on Eid ul Fitr and praised the friendly relations between the two countries. The two sides discussed bilateral re..... more >>

Int’l Chinese Language Day celebrated across Pakistan
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-04-26
The International Chinese Language Day was celebrated across Pakistan over the weekend as more and more Pakistanis enrol to learn one of the most popular languages in the world. Pakistanis are also interested in the Chinese language due to the massive investments by China in Pakistan, mainly under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). According to Gwadar Pro, this year, International Chine..... more >>
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**China looking to expand military ties with Pakistan**
Source: Agencies, **Dawn, Islamabad**, 2023-04-27
BEIJING: China is willing to work with Pakistan’s military to deepen and expand cooperation and jointly safeguard regional peace and stability, the vice chairman of Central Military Commission said on Wednesday. Zhang Youxia stated this during a meeting with Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Asim Munir in Beijing, Reuters quoted China’s defence ministry as saying. On the first day o... more >>

**Event organised to promote dialogue, friendship through tea**
Source: **Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad**, 2023-04-27
ISLAMABAD: In order to use tea as a tool for enhancing friendly dialogue and mutual learning between civilisations, China Cultural Centre announced on Wednesday to hold on May 21, the worldwide event 'Tea for Harmony: Yaji Cultural Salon 2023'. The event has been organised on International Tea Day, by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People’s Republic of China, in coop..... more >>

**Pakistan reiterates support to China amid Taiwan tension**
Source: **News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad**, 2023-04-27
Pakistan on Thursday reiterated its support for China on Taiwan as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif spoke to his Chinese counterpart Li Qiang, their first contact since the latter took office last month. Shehbaz congratulated Li and reiterated Pakistan’s "unstinting" support to Beijing’s "one-China" policy, as well as its stance on Tibet, Xinjiang, Hong Kong, and th..... more >>

**China says willing to deepen military cooperation**
Source: **Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad**, 2023-04-27
BEIJING: China’s military is willing to work with Pakistan’s military to deepen and expand cooperation and jointly safeguard regional peace and stability, the vice chairman of China’s Central Military Commission said on Wednesday. Vice chairman Zhang Youxia spoke as he met Chief of Army Staff Asim Munir in Beijing, according to China’s defence ministry. Reuters AP..... more >>

**Pakistan, China agree to boost cooperation for regional peace**
Source: **App, Daily Times**, 2023-04-28
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and China’s Premier Li Qiang, spoke over the telephone on Thursday wherein they agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation in all spheres aimed at benefiting the peoples of their countries besides contributing to regional peace, prosperity and stability. The conversation was marked by traditional warmth and cordiality that has always characterized Pakistan-China All-Wea..... more >>

**Chinese envoy assures Pakistan of continued support**
ISLAMABAD: Chinese Charge d’Affaires Pang Chunxue assured Minister for Finance and Revenue Ishaq Dar Tuesday of her government’s continued support to Pakistan. Highlighting the deep-rooted historical relations between the two countries, Dar appreciated the Chinese support for Pakistan and underscored the need to deepen the existing ties in economy and trade, as well as financial secto..... more >>
**COAS, Chinese commander discuss security, cooperation**
BEIJING: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir and the Chinese Army commander discussed matters of mutual security interests and military cooperation on Wednesday. On the first day of his four-day official visit to China, the COAS was given a warm welcome and presented with the guard of honour at the PLA Army Headquarters. He reviewed the smartly turned-out contingent, which was later fo..... more >>

**Diplomats from 14 countries visit Xinjiang**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-30
Envoyos from 14 countries, including Pakistan, Brazil, Iran, Indonesia, Ecuador and Senegal, visited northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region from April 24 to 28 at the invitation of China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Consul Generals of 14 countries, stationed in different cities across China, visited the regional capital city of Urumqi, as well as Kashgar, Turpan and other ..... more >>

**$58bn China-Pakistan rail link should move ahead: study**
BEIJING: Beijing’s proposal to develop a $58-billion railway system that would link Pakistan with western China should proceed because of its strategic significance, a government-commissioned feasibility study has found, reported the South China Morning Post on Thursday. The study, prepared by scientists from the state-owned China Railway First Survey and Design Institute Group Co Ltd, says..... more >>

**Global Isolation & Economic Failure**
Source: Dr Hasnain Javed, Daily Times, 2023-04-25
Neighbouring India is turning the pages of history with its constant economic growth and prowess. The country that was only seen as one of the fastest-growing IT hubs, or one of the most lucrative consumer markets will now be trading with 18 countries in the Indian rupee. As countries around the globe gradually de-dollarize, we begin to see regional and global collaborations that make this a reali..... more >>

**Muslims aren't this way elsewhere**
Source: Pervez Hoodbhoy, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-04-22
IF even the Chinese are not safe here in Pakistan, who is? Because of CPEC and Pakistan’s national interest, the Chinese are the most privileged and protected of all foreigners. Multiple layers of police and specially created army units keep them from harm’s way. Also, they are advised to keep a low profile and minimise contacts with locals, whether in Islamabad or Karachi or anywhe..... more >>

**Pak-India Trade**

**Pakistani jewels dazzle at Hainan Expo**
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-04-16
Aqeel Ahmed Chaudhry has seized the opportunity to expand his brand’s presence in China’s increasingly competitive jewellery market at the Hainan International Convention and Exhibition Centre during the third China International Consumer Products Expo (CICPE). The expo has attracted over 3,300 brands from 65 countries and regions to share the dividends of the world’s second-la..... more >>

**Men’s garments export to China rises 36pc in first two months of 2023**
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-04-16
BEIJING - Pakistani men’s garment export to China rose by 36% in the first two months of 2023 and this growth is attributed to the robust manufacturing capabilities and high quality of Pakistani men's garments, said Ghulam Qadir,
Commercial Counsellor, Pakistan Embassy Beijing. China has been an important trading partner for Pakistan, with Chinese companies increasingly sourcing garmen..... more >>

Gwadar free zones to become export industrial parks
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2023-04-18
GWADAR: Gwadar Free Zones are set to become “Export Industrial Parks” according to the new chairman of China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC), Yu Bo. In an interview with Gwadar Pro, Yu explained how the policy framework and guiding principles of Gwadar Port and Free Zones have been formulated with its geo-economic significance for trans-shipment in mind. Investors, especially t..... more >>

Pakistani entrepreneur introducing Basmati rice in Haikou, China
Source: APP, Daily Times , 2023-04-18
At Haikou Fullsing Internet Industrial Park in the capital city of China’s Hainan Province, a young Pakistani entrepreneur has displayed some products imported from Pakistan for potential local and foreign buyers. “We are importing Basmati rice, pinenuts and pure honey from Pakistan and sell them to the local as well as foreign buyers,” Waheed Yaseen, Operational Director, Haina..... more >>

Chinese investors playing key role in Pakistan’s RE sector
Source: Agencies, Daily Times , 2023-04-20
“Chinese investors play a pivotal role in supporting Pakistan in its journey to privatise distribution and modernise transmission,” said Tauseef H. Farooqi, Chairman of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA). Addressing a webinar on accelerating Chinese investment in the renewable energy market in Pakistan, the chairman pointed out that renewable energy is an inexhaustibl..... more >>

Chinese firms invited to participate in TEXPO in Karachi
Source: APP, Daily Times , 2023-04-17
Pakistan Ambassador to China, Moin ul Haque has invited Chinese enterprises and companies to visit Pakistan and participate in the 4th International Textile Exhibition called TEXPO 2023 to be held in Karachi next month (May). “I would like to take this opportunity to invite the Chinese enterprises and companies to come and join us at the TEXPO,” he said in a statement here. Ambassador ..... more >>

Pak-China border to remain open for trade throughout year
Source: News Desk, Daily Times , 2023-04-30
On the demand of Foreign Minister Pakistan Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the Chinese Government agreed to keep the China-Pak border open for trade throughout the year. Provincial President of People’s Party Gilgit-Baltistan and Leader of Opposition in Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly Amjad Hussain Advocate expressed his gratitude to Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for fulfilling the long-standing..... more >>

Pakistani sesame export to China over 150,000 tons in recent years
Source: Agencies, Daily Times , 2023-04-30
“Since being allowed to be exported to China, Pakistani sesame has seen its export surging from over 100,000 tons in 2020 to 150,000 tons in 2021. While the devastating floods in 2022 substantially reduced its exports, it is expected to have a bumper harvest as there had been an increase in seeding by 25% since sellers got better price last year”, said Ms. Li Yuanyuan, Director of Grea..... more >>
China as a mediator
Source: Malik Muhammad Ashraf, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-04-20
The phenomenal economic development achieved by China during the last four decades is probably an unparalleled event in modern history. Economists are of the unanimous view that by 2050 China will be the number one economic power in the world and probably also in terms of military prowess. Over the last 40 years the GDP of China has been expanding at an average rate of 9.5 percent. The result i..... more >>

Digital Agri Expo opens a window for sustainable Sino-Pak agriculture cooperation
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-04-30
First World Expo on Digital Agriculture held in Weifang, China’s Shandong province has opened a window for sustainable Sino-Pak agriculture cooperation, said Dr Hussain Ahmad Janjua, Principal, Atta-ur-Rahman School of Applied Biosciences (ASAB), National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST). “Undoubtedly, the Smart Agriculture Expo has opened up a brand-new path for sustainab..... more >>

Pak auto dealers to explore new collaboration avenues with China
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-04-17
Pakistani auto dealers are moving ahead to explore new avenues of collaboration with China.”In recent years, made-in-China products and Chinese brands have begun to become real players and drivers in the global auto industry. With the help of China’s leading automotive industry communication platform, we can learn about the latest exciting trends in the automotive industry, said Bilal ..... more >>

Jhang thermal plant connected to power grid
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-04-22
JHANG: A significant milestone has been achieved at the Jhang 1263 MW thermal power plant in Pakistan. Operated by China Machinery Engineering Corp (CMEC), the plant’s turbine generator was successfully connected to the power grid for the first time in April 2023. The unit is operating smoothly, and all parameters are meeting the design requirements, laying a solid foundation for the next 1..... more >>

‘Power import from Iran to Gwadar, Hub-Gwadar transmission line unreliable, susceptible to blackout’
Source: Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-04-22
ISLAMABAD-The Chinese company CIHC Pak Power Company Limited (CPPCL) working on 300MW Gwadar coal fired power project has termed the proposal for import of electricity from Iran to Gwadar and the proposed 600km 500KV transmission line from Hub to Gwadar as unreliable, susceptible to blackout due to technical or security concerns, which does not give investors the confidence to invest in the port c..... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Visit To China
Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-04-26
The newly appointed Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir has visited China with the objective of expanding cooperation for defence. There is no denying that this will be crucial in the face of new geo-strategic developments and with such close allies, the collaborative possibilities are endless. Our objective should be to schedule these as frequently as possible, and explore the opportunities that I..... more >>

CPEC helps develop Pakistan’s human capital: Experts
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-04-16
ISLAMABAD -The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a valuable asset for Pakistan’s socio-economic development, leverages the country’s abundant human capital, encompassing its skilled workforce, knowledge, and
potential to foster economic growth and prosperity, experts said. Dr Talat Shabbir, Director of China-Pakistan Study Centre at Islamabad Strategic Study Institute, told Wea..... more >>

CPEC being carried out in phases without slowing down
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-21
The terrorist attacks against Chinese people in Pakistan aim to spoil China-Pakistan relations and sabotage the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) from which Pakistan has greatly benefited, Zafar Uddin Mahmood, special assistant to the Prime Minister said. Mahmood, a former special envoy for the CPEC, dismissed some media outlets’ reports that the CPEC projects have slowed down due to P..... more >>

Eid festivities held at various CPEC projects across Pakistan
Source: INP, Daily Times, 2023-04-28
Cross-culture celebrations were seen at various CPEC projects across Pakistan during the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. The Chinese staff and management gave gifts and offered donations to the poor and needy before and during the festival, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro. “Pakistan and China share a strong cultural bond, and Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated with great enthusiasm..... more >>

Minister rejects ‘negative perception’ against China’s BRI
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-20
Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Wednesday strongly rejected the negative perception about China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) dubbed as a ‘debt trap,’ saying stories were concocted to spread propaganda in global geopolitics of competition. “I don’t think it’s a ‘debt trap’ as I believe it’s..... more >>

Rs 129bn released for development projects under PSDP’s 4th quarter
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-04-17
Despite financial constraints and disruptions caused by super floods last year, the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives has released Rs 129 billion for development projects under Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for the fourth quarter of (2022-23). The Water Resource Division and Higher Education Commission (HEC) have been given top priority in the PSDP, a news re..... more >>

CPEC – a decade long saga of undeterred cooperation
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-17
As China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project matures to decade-long affable cooperation between Pakistan and China, both nations are celebrating this initiative as part of the Belt and Road Initiative. It was almost ten years back when China signed a multibillion-dollar CPEC Framework Agreement with Pakistan under its remarkable Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) that remained central to Pakista..... more >>

Deep-rooted differences
Source: Abdul Wahid, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-04-25
The history of well-established, principled and long-standing partnerships based on cooperation between China and Pakistan dates back to the earliest years when Pakistan was one of the first major countries to recognise the People’s Republic of China. This ‘time-tested and all-weather’ friendship is built on the strong pillars of bilateral cooperation on socio-economic grounds. ..... more >>
Delayed Payments
Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-04-20
A Chinese mine operating company recently announced that it will be forced to cut production by half due to the non-payment of dues by the federal government. As it stands today, Pakistan owes $60 million to the corporation that provides coal to most of the coal-based power plants in the country. Delayed payments have been a recurring problem and have impacted the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor .... more >>

China first quarter report: key takeaways
China presented first quarter economic performance report on April 18, 2023. The report shows China’s economy is rebounding. It achieved remarkable growth against all odds. Though, the first month of the quarter was occupied with annual celebrations, the economy still accelerated. A deep analysis of the report highlights four key messages. First, Chinese economy is resilient to internal and..... more >>

Research, Development & Capacity Building

Pakistani, Chinese scientists work together to reuse organic waste
Source: ABC, Daily Times, 2023-04-22
The research institutes in Pakistan and China are working together on the reuse of organic waste in Pakistan. “We aim to install the first pilot scale project on campus, utilizing the campus food waste”, Dr. Farrukh Raza Amin, Assistant Professor at Department of Chemistry, COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) told China Economic Net (CEN). For over two years, he has been working with Ti..... more >>

China ‘perfect partner’ with Spain, Europe for scientific cooperation
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-04-22
China is a “perfect partner” for scientific and technological cooperation with Spain and Europe, said experts at a roundtable discussion organized by the Casa Asia and the Confucius Institute in Barcelona on Thursday. As part of the commemorations of the 50th anniversary of China-Spain diplomatic relations, the panel discussion on the theme of “The New European Framework for Coll..... more >>

Event held at Chinese embassy to promote astronautical science
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-04-21
To enhance the understanding of young people in the SCO countries in the field of astronautical science and technology, promote their development and deepen practical and friendly cooperation, the Good-Neighborliness, Friendship and Cooperation Commission(GNFFC) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO), China Manned Space Agency, All-China Youth Federation, China Soong Ching Ling Foundation a..... more >>

China plans to allow foreign universities to independently operate in Hainan
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-04-27
China has released a plan to permit foreign higher education institutions and those from the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions and Taiwan to independently set up and run universities and higher vocational schools in the Hainan Free Trade Zone (FTZ), China Daily reported Wednesday. Previously, universities outside the Chinese mainland needed to cooperate with a local partner to run..... more >>

China to build up supercomputing capacities
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-04-20
China plans to build a supercomputing internet by the end of 2025 to connect powerful computers across the nation and effectively tap into their joint computing power to promote innovation and socioeconomic growth, China Daily
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reported Wednesday. It quoted a statement from the Ministry of Science and Technology at a work meeting and said that after decades of efforts, China’s supercomputing..... more >>

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Share of Chinese cars rises to 50 pct in Russia’s Far East, Siberia
Source: xinhua, Daily Times , 2023-04-19
The share of new Chinese cars sold by dealers in the Russian regions of Far East and Siberia has surged from 10 percent in January 2022 to 50 percent in March 2023, Russia’s state news agency RIA Novosti reported on Monday. This increase in sales of Chinese cars occurred alongside a significant decline in European car brands, whose market share plummeted from 27 percent to 6 percent. Meanwhi..... more >>

Pak-China hybrid rice collaboration initiated to safeguard food security: Chu Linfeng
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“Up to now, our stable annual supply of fine varieties has exceeded 4,000 tons in Pakistan, accounting for more than 40 percent of local hybrid rice seed market,” Chu Linfeng, Deputy General Manager of the Anhui Winall Hi-Tech Seed Co., Ltd., told China Economic Net in an interview, with pride. The annual early-maturing rice planting season is just a month away in the South Asian coun..... more >>

China’s shipbuilding sector continues to lead in world market
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China’s shipbuilding industry continued to lead globally in the first quarter of 2023, boasting the biggest international market share in terms of output, as well as new and holding orders, official data showed Monday. The country’s shipbuilding output hit 9.17 million deadweight tonnes (dwt) during the period, accounting for 43.5 percent of the world’s total, data from the Minis..... more >>

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Source: APP, Urdu Point, 2023-04-19
ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 18th Apr, 2023 ) : A webinar on "Monitoring in MPOWER Preparing the Next Generation of Tobacco Control Advocates" was organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in collaboration with The Union for Tuberculosis and Lung Disease here. The crux of the webinar was comprehensive data collection and building capacity. more >>

Minister asks Tevta to cut ‘unnecessary’ expenditure
Source: APP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-04-19
PESHAWAR: Caretaker minister for technical education, industries and commerce Mohammad Adnan Jalil has directed to reduce the unnecessary expenditures of the Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (Tevta). The minister said the austerity measure would help save around Rs4.2 million per month and about Rs50 million per annum. He issued the directives at a meeting held on Tuesday re..... more >>

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Source: Zubair Qureshi, [Pakistan Observer](https://www.pakistanobserver.com), 2023-04-20

New records for coal production and global carbon emissions were set in 2022 which paints a picture completely opposite to the concept of circular economy. Founder and Director, Product-Life Institute, Geneva and Member of the Strategic Foresight Board of Circular Economy Alliance Dr Walter Stahel said this while delivering a special lecture on the Earth Day 2023 titled “Devel..... more >>

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### Experts weigh in on K-P development strategies
Source: APP, [The Express Tribune](https://www.thenews.com.pk), Islamabad, 2023-04-21

ISLAMABAD: Experts at the Public-Private Dialogue on 'Better Business Regulatory Environment in Khyber Pakhtunkwa' said inclusive policymaking, better coordination between relevant government departments, policy consistency, and better awareness of the private sector regarding government initiatives could play a crucial role in triggering the economic growth and development of Khyber..... more >>

### Policy consistency stressed for KP economic growth
Source: Staff Reporter, [MinuteMirror](https://www.minutemirror.com), 2023-04-20

The experts and entrepreneurs on Wednesday termed better coordination, policy consistency and awareness in the private sector imperative to trigger economic growth. Inclusive policy making, better coordination between relevant government departments, policy consistency, and better awareness of the private sector regarding government initiatives could play a crucial role in triggering economic gro..... more >>

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Inclusive policymaking, better coordination between relevant government departments, policy consistency, and better awareness of the private sector regarding government initiatives could play a crucial role to trigger economic growth and development of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Hazara Division in particular. Experts said this while sharing their views during the Public-Private Dialogue on the &lsq..... more >>
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ISLAMABAD: Food security is a major concern of Pakistan that is linked with other national security issues and needs to be resolved urgently, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI has said here on Saturday. “Though Pakistan has improved productivity of certain crops, diversification of food basket continues to be a challenge and inadequacies in access to safe drinking water and sa..... more >>

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Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, Daily Times, 2023-04-18

Debt-to-nature swaps have a rich historical significance dating back to the 1980s. During this era, many developing countries, including those in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, grappled with unsustainable levels of debt that posed significant economic challenges. Simultaneously, concerns about environmental degradation and climate change were growing. In response to this dual crisis, the concept..... [more >>]

**Clean air concerns**


Pakistan adopted its first-ever National Clean Air Policy (NCAP) at the beginning of the year 2023. The 33-page document is quite comprehensive. It lists sources of air pollution, a framework for mitigation and an accountability mechanism to curb air pollution. The policy suggests concrete actions related to the top five sectors contributing to air p..... [more >>]

**Facing the truth?**

Source: Dr Fareeha Armughan & Huzaima Quddus, The News, International, 2023-04-23

Over 832,000 Pakistanis headed abroad for employment in 2022, according to the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment. The choice to migrate and settle in another country in some ways reflects the loss of hope in one’s own country, economy and the future it entails. The implications of this phenomenon have been discussed time and again, wi..... [more >>]

**Political Polarisation: A Societal Downfall**

Source: Maheen Rehan, Daily Times, 2023-04-28

"The age of cooperation is over. The disagreement runs too deep, the debates are too nationalised, the coalitions are too different, the political identities are too powerful." Political polarisation’s aftermath was highlighted by Ezra Klein an American journalist in his book "Why We Polarise", which is quite relateable to the prevailing circumstances. Despite all th..... [more >>]

**71pc respondents term political instability reason behind inflation**


Islamabad: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, has said that 71% of the respondents of Inflation Perception Survey ranked the political instability on top, followed by 45% citing increased repayments of foreign debt as the second, 44% marked declining exports, 34% mentioned the decrease in remittance and 30% of the respondents identified rising impo..... [more >>]
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**Overproduction of plastic waste polluting environment**  
Source: Agencies, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2023-04-26  
ISLAMABAD—Overproduction of plastic waste has been causing negative impacts on the environment in Pakistan, like elsewhere in the world. Abid Qayyum Sulehri, Executive Director Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), said this while talking to WealthPK. He said waste management was a major global issue that governments faced daily and Pakistan was no stranger to this phenomenon. Accord..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD—Coastal tourism remains underdeveloped in Pakistan, though the country has a coastline of 1,000 kilometres offering a huge opportunity to the public and private sectors to develop tourist attractions, said Abdullah Khalid, an associate research fellow at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Talking to WealthPK, he said lack of connectivity, tourist infrastructure, and a ..... [more >>](#)

**Human development should be prioritised for economic growth**  
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ISLAMABAD—Pakistan needs to focus on human development to accelerate economic growth and improve the quality of life for the public, experts said. Dr Mahmood Khalid, Research Economist at Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), said while talking to Wealth PK that continuous and efficient spending on human resource development helps build a skilled workforce, increase productivity, and ..... [more >>](#)