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

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- China Daily
- The News
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- Pakistan Today
- The Express Tribune
- Daily Times
- Urdu Point
Editor Note:

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- Pak-China Foreign Relations
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- Economic growth & governance
- Research and development
- History, language and culture
- Open Knowledge repository
- SDPI’s events, visits, publications
Growing challenge
Source: Javid Husiain, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-05-02
A NEW Cold War is on with the US and China as the protagonists. The seeds were sown by the US determination to maintain its global hegemony in the aftermath of the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the challenge posed to the US domination by China’s dramatic rise. In 1992, the US through a leaked Pentagon planning document stressed that its overarching strategic goal, "is to preve..... more >>

The US-China fallout
Source: Imtiaz Rafi Butt, Daily Times, 2023-05-12
China and United States are emerging as the competitors for world leadership and economic dominance. This competition is being waged at a steep cost. And more conflicts and divisions are in the process. The resources of the world are being spent on finding weaknesses and winning allies, while it is becoming increasing difficult for poorer nations to keep up with the rising costs and inflation. The..... more >>

China, Europe must ‘oppose the Cold War mentality’: China FM
OSLO: China and Europe must together reject “the Cold War mentality”, China’s Foreign Minister Qin Gang said on Friday as EU foreign ministers sought to “re-calibrate” their position on China. “Now some people are hyping up the narrative of democracy versus autocracy and even go to the length of having a new Cold War,” Qin Gang told reporters during a visi..... more >>

Decision time
Source: Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-05-02
AS the new cold war between the US and its European allies on one side and the China-Russia alliance on the other heats up, states across the globe are recalibrating their foreign policies accordingly. And despite lukewarm public utterances about neutrality, Pakistan is also very much weighing its options, as leaked memos attributed to this country’s top leadership reveal. Part of the so-..... more >>

Challenges to Dollar’s Hegemony
Source: Hassan Farid, Daily Times, 2023-05-02
Since the 1960s, few arguments in international finance have been as exciting as “the coming demise of the dollar,” but these arguments seem always to founder on the same set of mistakes. The key to global currency “domination” is not how excited the political elite say they are about having their currency dominate. It is about how willing they are to allow clear and transp..... more >>

Is China Solving the Rohingya Crisis?
Source: Harunur Rasid, Daily Times, 2023-05-04
Chinese foreign minister Qin Gang is said to have reiterated Beijing’s offer to mediate between Myanmar and Bangladesh in “improving” their bilateral ties as the latest attempt to both project itself as a negotiator in global conflicts and emerge as a key player. Qin Gang, who is the highest-ranking Chinese official to meet Myanmar’s top leadership since the military coup ..... more >>
US turning Taiwan into a ‘powder keg’: China
Source: Internews, Daily Times, 2023-05-06
Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning on Friday expressed opposition on the strengthening military collusion between the United States and the Taiwan authorities, saying that the U.S. is turning Taiwan into a “powder keg. Mao made the remarks at a regular press briefing when asked to comment on a delegation of 25 U.S. arms dealers swarming to the island and holding the “defens...... more >>

Helping Pakistan in economic difficulties a ‘priority’: China
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-06
Pakistan and China have reaffirmed their resolve to work together for promoting regional peace and prosperity and for jointly coping with external challenges. Both sides emphasised the need to further advance and deepen bilateral cooperation in the areas of trade, economy, culture and defence for the mutual benefit of the two countries. The two sides also called for increasing bilateral exchange...... more >>

Islamabad Security Dialogue kicks off today
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-10
The third iteration of the flagship two-day Islamabad Security Dialogue (ISD) 2023 will kick off here at the Pak-China Friendship Centre on Wednesday to debate important and pressing challenges and opportunities being faced by the country and the region. The theme for the third ISD 2023 is “Beyond Conflict? Resetting the Global Agenda in a Divided World”. The ISD has emerged as a plat...... more >>

Global stocks mostly drop on eve of US inflation
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-10
World stock markets mostly dropped Tuesday on the eve of key inflation data in the United States, while traders also tracked President Joe Biden’s efforts to raise the US debt ceiling. London stocks fell into negative territory in morning deals as investors returned from a long holiday weekend marking the coronation of King Charles III. Frankfurt and Paris both accelerated losses in early af...... more >>

Australian minister heads to China seeking ‘unimpeded’ trade
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-12
Australia’s trade minister flew to Beijing on Thursday to discuss the removal of Chinese import barriers. Trade Minister Don Farrell said he aimed to secure unrestricted commerce with China, Australia’s largest trade partner with a healthy appetite for iron ore and coal resources. “During my visit, I will be advocating strongly for the full resumption of unimpeded Australian exp...... more >>

POWERCHINA provides permanent jobs to young Pakistani engineers
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-13
POWERCHINA, the contractor of Diamer Basha Dam Project (DBDP) not only offers internship opportunities to local youth but also provides permanent jobs to meritorious students who successfully complete their internships at the site. Recently, according to Gwadar Pro on Friday, out of six who completed their internship at DBDP obtained permanent jobs with POWERCHINA. The budding local engineers are..... more >>

Stocks mixed as traders weigh inflation, China talks with USA
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-13
Stocks and the dollar were mixed Friday as traders weighed a range of issues including US debt-ceiling hopes, talks between Washington and Beijing and more signs of a slowing economy. Investors hoping the Federal Reserve will finally take a breather from its long-running campaign of interest rate hikes have been left feeling a little more confident this week after data showed US inflation on both...... more >>
## China supports EU to play more important role in int’l affairs
**Source:** APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-13
China has always supported the European Union to play a more important role in international affairs, said Wang Yi, director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, here Thursday. No matter how the international situation evolves, China has always firmly supported European integration, the unity and growth of the EU, a more important.....  

## The Chinese era
**Source:** Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-05-15
China’s rise to glory is no secret. It is undoubtedly the most competent and eligible competitor of this era. What differentiates it from other major powers, especially the reigning superpower, the US, is its national resilience and recourse to a proactive diplomacy, rather than opting for gunboat realpolitik. The case in point is its umpteen discords on the global mosaic ranging from Taiwan.....  

## China sees significant expansion in new taxpayers in April
**Source:** xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-14
China has witnessed a spike in the number of new taxpaying market entities in April as the country’s economy continues to recover. A total of 1.48 million new market entities handling tax-related business were registered last month, an increase of 28.8 percent from the same period last year, data from the State Taxation Administration showed. Newly registered companies numbered 710,000, rep.....  

## Over $10bn of investment signed at central China RCEP expo
**Source:** xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-09
A total of 113 projects with a combined investment of about 75 billion yuan (10.84 billion U.S. dollars) were signed during a Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) economic and trade expo held in central China’s Hunan Province. The event that kicked off on May 4 in the province’s Huaihua City has served as a new platform for exchanges and cooperation between RCEP member co.....  

## China’s railway investment up 6.6% in Q1
**Source:** xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-02
Fixed-asset investment in China’s railways went up 6.6 percent year on year in the first quarter (Q1) of the year, data from the China State Railway Group Co., Ltd. shows. A total of 113.55 billion yuan (about 16.40 billion U.S. dollars) was invested in the country’s railways, said the group, adding that the growth of the investment was comparatively high in recent years. The company&r.....  

## China’s weekly export container shipping index goes up
**Source:** xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-02
China’s index of export container transport increased in the week ending on April 28, according to the Shanghai Shipping Exchange. The average China Containerized Freight Index (CCFI) went up 3.2 percent to 964.49 from the previous week, according to the exchange. The sub-index for the west coast America service led the increase with a week-on-week gain of 6.9 percent. Bucking the trend.....  

## China maintains stable grain production: official
**Source:** xinhua, Daily Times, 2023-05-12
China has maintained steady development in terms of its grain production, said Cong Liang, head of the National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration, at a press conference Thursday. The country’s staple food self-
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China, Netherlands vow to jointly tackle climate change

Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-14

Visiting Chinese Vice President Han Zheng and leaders of the Netherlands have agreed to jointly tackle climate change and strengthen green and low carbon cooperation. At the invitation of the Dutch government, Han visited the Netherlands from Wednesday to Friday, where he met with King Willem-Alexander and held talks with Prime Minister Mark Rutte in The Hague., When meeting with King Willem-Ale..... more >>

China improves wildlife protection with revised law

Source: Internews, Daily Times, 2023-05-02

China’s revised Law on the Protection of Wildlife, adopted by the top legislature in December last year, went into effect Monday, as part of the country’s effort to better protect wildlife and their habitats. The revised law has refined measures for the regulation of wildlife populations in detail. In view of the situation in which wild animals overflow and threaten people’s pr..... more >>

China, Pakistan step up exchanges in art and culture

Source: inp, Daily Times, 2023-05-06

China, Pakistan have stepped up exchanges in the fields of art and culture, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Friday “We are discussing with Chinese guest professors about long-term research on various aspects of Chinese and Pakistani arts and crafts. The safeguarding of the rock carvings and ancient inscriptions in our northern areas is also possible under such collaboration”, Prof..... more >>

Pak envoy thanks China for help in Sudan evacuations

Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-02

Pakistan Ambassador to China Moin ul Haque has expressed appreciation to China for helping more than 200 Pakistani nationals’ evacuation from Sudan. During a meeting with Liu Jinsong, director-general of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Foreign Ministry of China, Haque said that China’s assistance demonstrated once again how strong the Pakistan-China friendship is. Liu said that ..... more >>

Chinese FM to visit Pakistan for trilateral Afghan dialogue

Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-05-04

BEIJING: State Councillor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang will visit Pakistan from May 5 to 6 and attend the China-Afghanistan-Pakistan Foreign Ministers’ Dialogue in the country, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning announced on Thursday. Ning said that this will be Gang’s first visit to Pakistan and remarked that the visit of the state councilor is also an important part of ..... more >>

Chinese FM Visit

Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-05-05

China’s State Councillor and Foreign Minister, Qin Gang, is set to embark on a two-day official visit to Pakistan from May 5 to attend the Pakistan-China Strategic Dialogue. This is an extremely important visit considering the longstanding strategic partnership Islamabad and Beijing share, and this will be an opportunity to discuss key issues of bilateral and regional importance. This wi..... more >>
Charge’d Affairs, embassy of China calls on finance minister
Source: APP, Daily Times , 2023-05-10
Charge’d Affairs, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China Pang Chunxue on Tuesday called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and conveyed best wishes and greetings from Qin Gang, the State Councillor and Foreign Minister of China. The two sides discussed various avenues, especially available for both countries in order to enhance the existing cooperation to..... more >>

China seeks new fields of cooperation with Pak military
BEIJING: China’s defence minister on Monday told Pakistan’s navy chief that their militaries including their navies should “expand into new fields of cooperation” to bolster the capability of the two neighbours in safeguarding security in the region. Ties between the two militaries stretch back years, with their navies and air forces holding bilateral exercises in each oth..... more >>

Bridging the gap
China’s defence chief’s call on Pakistan’s armed forces on Monday to expand their ties with Beijing carried a deeper message than what appeared in the first instance. Defence Minister Li Shangfu’s statement after a meeting with Pakistan’s Naval Chief Admiral Amjad Khan Niazi, followed a timely visit to Pakistan by China’s Foreign Minister Qin Gang a few days ba..... more >>

China completes warship deliveries to Pakistan as military alliance grows
BEIJING: China has delivered two frigates to Pakistan’s navy, completing a four-warship deal inked in 2018, Chinese media reported, amid deepening military cooperation between the two nations in one of the world’s most complex geopolitical regions. The vessels - two Type 054A frigates - will be used to safeguard the seas of the China-Pakistan economic corridor (CPEC), state-backed Chi..... more >>

China congratulates NA Speaker on 50th anniversary of implementation of constitution
Source: Agencies, Daily Times , 2023-05-14
Chairman Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China, the national legislature, Zhao Leji congratulated Speaker National Assembly, Raja Pervez Ashraf on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the implementation of the Constitution of Pakistan. According to Gwadar Pro on Saturday, in his message, Zhao Leji said that in past 50 years, under the guidance of the constitution,..... more >>

Pak-China friendship to grow stronger: Zehri
Source: APP, Daily Times , 2023-05-08
Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri on Sunday said Pakistan-China friendship is higher and stronger than the Himalayas and this friendship will continue to grow stronger. She expressed these views on the completion of a decade of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project this year. She said that Pakistan’s relations with China have always been cordial, and it is getting better and stronger with t..... more >>

New envoy to help bring Pakistan, China, Iran closer: Chinese scholar
Source: Agencies, Daily Times , 2023-05-08
Pakistan has appointed Muhammad Mudassir Tipu, a senior diplomat with extensive experience of working in China, as its new Ambassador to Iran. Tipu, who previously served as the Director General (China) and Consul General to
Chengdu, has been entrusted with this important position. This appointment is seen as a positive development that can foster closer ties between Pakistan, China, and Iran, par..... more >>

**Pakistan on Discord Leaks**
Source: Dr Qaisar Rashid, Daily Times, 2023-05-02
Russia attacked Ukraine at an unfortunate time when Pakistan was grappling with a domestic economic slump. On 24 February 2022, Russia invaded and occupied parts of Ukraine. Contrary to its foreign policy principle of anti-aggression, Pakistan decided to stay neutral. Pakistan intended to seek the supply of cheap oil from Russia. To elaborate, the war caught Pakistan unattended—in the sense..... more >>

**Pakistan’s pavilion at SCODA to help enhance exports to China, other SCO states**
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-07
Pakistan’s pavilion at the Qingdao SCODA Pearl International Expo Center is a great platform to enhance Pakistan’s exports to China and other countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). “This kind of online platform is very important to enhance our exports but it has to be more demand-driven,” Commercial Councilor, Pakistan Embassy Beijing, Ghulam Qadir told A..... more >>

**Gilgit-Baltistan seeks relaxation in exports to China**
Source: Jamil Nagri, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-05-05
GILGIT: A delegation from Gilgit-Baltistan has visited the Tashkurgan town in Xinjiang, an autonomous territory in northwest China, to discuss matters of mutual interest and sought relaxation on exports to the neighbouring country through Khunjerab Pass. The parliamentary delegation, headed by GB Assembly Speaker Syed Amjad Ali Zaidi and on a five-day visit to Xinjiang, also asked Chinese authori..... more >>

**Pakistan, China unanimous to work for peaceful, prosperous Afghanistan: PM**
Source: Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-05-08
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said Pakistan and China are unanimous to work for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Afghanistan in the interest of Afghan people. In a tweet on Sunday, he said the 5th Trilateral Foreign Ministers’ Dialogue held in Islamabad on Saturday underscored the unwavering consensus of Pakistan and China. The Prime Minister said unlocking economi..... more >>

**Pakistan, China to bolster naval capabilities for regional security**
Source: Reuters, Dawn, Islamabad, 2023-05-09
BEIJING: Pakistan and China seek to expand their naval ties as the two sides look forward to enhancing capabilities and deepening cooperation to deal with regional security challenges. This was agreed upon in a meeting between Chinese Defence Minister Li Shangfu and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Amjad Khan Niazi on Monday. The Chinese minister said the two militaries should “expand into..... more >>

**Men’s garments export to China rises 29% in Q1**
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-05-10
BEIJING: Pakistani men’s garment exports to China showed a significant growth of 29% in the first quarter of 2023. “This growth can be attributed to Pakistan’s strong manufacturing capability and high quality of its garments,” said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counsellor of Pakistan Embassy in Beijing, on Tuesday. “In the first three months of 2023, men’s garment..... more >>
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Mango varieties in Sindh: Chinese investors show keen interest
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-05-14
HYDERABAD: Chinese investors expressed their interest in the mango varieties of Sindh Province and visited Sindh Agriculture University and discussed with scientists and progressive farmers, about business opportunities in the mango-producing areas of Sindh, while participants agreed to promote the Mango Value Addition Program to gain access to lucrative international markets. A three-member ..... more >>

Pakistan to export boiled meat to China: commercial counselor
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-05-14
BEIJING: With a huge potential to export meat, Pakistan is all set to start exporting boiled meat to the Chinese market in the near future, said Ghulam Qadir, Commercial Counselor, Pakistan Embassy, Beijing on Saturday. “China had agreed to import meat from Pakistan during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif’s visit to Beijing in November last. Now, both sides are in the process of exchanging docum..... more >>

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PN commissions new technologically advanced Chinese frigates
Source: Dr Anaam Mushtaq, Daily Times, 2023-05-14
Modern platforms in defence are critical to national security and it keeps intact the technological expertise and encourages spin-off technologies and innovation. The induction of modern weaponry increases defence capability of a country and helps to maintain credible deterrence. The journey of development and achievements of the Pakistan Navy (PN) has been relatively quiet but continuous. With th..... more >>

Pakistan-Czech Republic trade volume reaches over $300m
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-15
Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Pakistan Tomáš Smetánka on Saturday said that the bilateral trade volume between Pakistan and Czechia had reached over $300 million and both countries were focusing on enhancing trade in multiple sectors like the mining industry and agriculture sector. “Pakistan’s exports to the Czech Republic are about four times higher than th..... more >>

China—the Trustworthy Partner
Source: Malik Muhammad Ashraf, Daily Times, 2023-05-09
Foreign ministers of China and Afghanistan were on a two-day visit to Islamabad for trilateral talks to discuss the security situation in Afghanistan and the region. The agenda also included thrashing out ways and means to promote stability in Afghanistan as well as the avenues for strengthening cooperation between the three countries in this regard. At the end of the trilateral talks China and Pa..... more >>

China seeks new fields of cooperation with Pakistan military
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2023-05-09
China’s defence minister on Monday told Pakistan’s navy chief that their militaries including their navies should “expand into new fields of cooperation” to bolster the capability of the two neighbours in safeguarding security in the region. Ties between the two militaries stretch back years, with their navies and air forces holding bilateral exercises in each other’..... more >>
Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

Pakistan and China – the friends in need
Source: Farooq Awan, Daily Times, 2023-05-03
The recent evacuation of Pakistani nationals from Sudan by the Chinese government is a testament to the strong and enduring friendship between the two countries. In the midst of a chaotic and dangerous situation, it was China who came forward to ensure the safety of Pakistani friends. This act of solidarity has further deepened the strong bond between China and Pakistan, and is another reminder of..... more >>

Rail Corridors in Pakistan (Part III)
Source: Saud bin Ahsen, Daily Times, 2023-05-07
When taking into account the existing cross-border railway connectivity of Pakistan, it emerges that at present Pakistan has very restricted original connectivity which is limited to India at Khokarapar, Wagha, Amruka & Chakamru. The railway connectivity with Iran is from Quetta to Taftan and Ziadan. Pakistan does not have a rail connection with Afghanistan and China. If these links are develop..... more >>

JCC minutes yet to be signed
Source: Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2023-05-04
ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan is eager to host President Xi Jinping to celebrate the decade of cooperation under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, Beijing has shied away from giving its nod to decisions taken in last meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) held over six months ago. The half-year delay in signing minutes of the meeting underscores the discord over policy due..... more >>

Govt plans to celebrate 1st decade of CPEC with zeal in July
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has decided to celebrate first decade of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in upcoming July 2023 with zeal and zest and the government is expected to invite Chinese leadership on this occasion. Top official sources said that the CPEC was launched in July 2013 so ten years would be completed in upcoming July so the government decided to celebrate it with full zeal and zest..... more >>

China’s water-saving agriculture technology benefits BRI countries
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-03
Researchers at Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GAAS) have successfully developed technology that can not only avoid resource waste and effectively save water but also improve soil fertility and reduce evaporation at the soil surface. Muhammad Ali Raza, a Pakistani doctor, who is among those researchers, has been working on an experiment on the utilization of plastic mulch and drip irrigate..... more >>

Rail Corridors in Pakistan (Part I)
Source: Saud bin Ahsen, Daily Times, 2023-05-05
Developing amicable relations with China has always been a common perception in Pakistan that transcends all political differences and enjoys a high degree of agreement. Both countries have maintained the momentum of close high-level exchanges, strengthened strategic communication and jointly led the direction of China-Pakistan relations. The month of May 2023 marks the 72nd anniversary of the est..... more >>

Pakistan to celebrate 10th anniversary of CPEC in July
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-05
Pakistan is gearing up to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in July. Last Thursday, Pakistani Federal Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, chaired a
meeting to review the progress made on CPEC projects and issued directives to celebrate the significant economic progress in underdeveloped areas of Pakistan as a result ..... more >>

**Rail Corridors in Pakistan (Part II)**  
Source: Saud bin Ahsen, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-06  
A railway system is an ideal mode for bulk movement of freight cargo and passengers and the rail network of Pakistan comprises 11,881 km. Railways used to be the Government’s priority up to 1970 but it declined due to road development, which has political ownership. The railways have remained neglected by successive governments in the past 5 decades in terms of the allocation of development ..... more >>

**CPEC will be extended to Afghanistan as trilateral cooperation set to deepen**  
Source: Iftikhar A. Khan, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2023-05-09  
ISLAMABAD: The foreign ministers of Pakistan, China, and Afghanistan have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen trilateral cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and jointly extend the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Afghanistan. Following the trilateral dialogue, the three sides issued a joint statement, expressing their determination to leverage Afghanistan’s ..... more >>

**CPEC In Afghanistan**  
Trilateral cooperation has taken a positive turn as the foreign ministers of Pakistan, China, and Afghanistan have reaffirmed their commitment to the Belt and Road Initiative. This commitment aims to extend the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Afghanistan and ensure connectivity in the region. These discussions are a result of the recent 5th Trilateral Foreign Ministers Dialogue which wa..... more >>

**SAARC Chamber hails decision for extending CPEC to Afghanistan**  
Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-11  
The President SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry Iftikhar Ali Malik on Wednesday said wisdom based decision to extend China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Afghanistan is set to deepen trilateral cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI). In a press statement, he said that it was a good omen that the foreign ministers of Pakistan, China, and Afghanistan in recent trilateral tal..... more >>

**China Exhibition & Trading Center completed at Gwadar Port in record six-month time**  
Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-13  
The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives on Friday announced the completion of the China Exhibition and Trading Center in a record time of six months at the Gwadar deep-sea port with the cost of $12 million. The project was launched in November 2022 on the direction of Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal for promoting business and r..... more >>

**Floriculture holds potential for greater cooperation between Pakistan and China**  
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2023-05-14  
“There is a huge potential for cooperation between China and Pakistan in the rose industry,” highlighted Naeem Iqbal Cheema, Political Counsellor at Embassy of Pakistan, Beijing at the 2023 Rose products Expo held in Pingyin county, China, Gwadar Pro reported on Saturday. At the opening ceremony of the expo, the “Belt and Road Initiative” rose industry consortium was offic..... more >>
**Commissioning ceremony of advanced frigates held**  
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2023-05-11  
In an impressive ceremony held at Hudong Zhonghua Shipyard Shanghai, China; two newly built Type 054 A/P Frigates namely Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) TIPPU SULTAN and PNS SHAHJAHAN were commissioned in Pakistan Navy on Wednesday. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi graced the ceremony as chief guest and handed over the traditional Command Scrolls to the Commanding Officers of PN..... more >>

**China-Pakistan Science and Technology Centre in Beijing hosts seminar**  
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2023-05-15  
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**Xi urges modernization of industrial system**  
Source: Internews, Daily Times, 2023-05-06  
Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday stressed speeding up the construction of the country’s modern industrial system backed by the real economy and advancing Chinese modernization with support from high-quality development of the population. Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks ..... more >>

**Two traditional Chinese medicines complete clinical trials in Pakistan**  
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2023-05-07  
Two traditional Chinese medicines, Houtou Jianweiling tablets and Fuke qianjin capsules, have completed clinical trials in Pakistan, according to results announced by a Pakistani clinical research body. The two clinical trials were conducted by the International Joint Laboratory of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Ethnic Medicine of Hunan University of Chinese Medicine (HUCM) and Sino-Pakistan TC..... more >>

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**Chaos is a Ladder**
Source: Dr Khalid Waleed, Daily Times, 2023-05-04
Petyr Baelish in “Game of Thrones” famously defined chaos in the following way: “Chaos isn’t a pit. Chaos is a ladder. Many who try to climb it fail and never get to try it again. The fall breaks them. And some are given a chance to climb”. Physics defines chaos as “the property of a complex system whose behaviour is so unpredictable as to appear random, ..... more >>

**Talking like grown-ups**
The ongoing talks between the PDM-coalition government and the PTI have survived the avoidable raid on Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi’s residence in Lahore. Irrespective of the outcome of these talks, the mere fact that these political opponents have agreed to disagree amicably is welcome news amid all the political chaos. Both sides should ensure that nothing derails the much-anticipated negotiations...... more >>

**Energy Transition**
Source: Noman Bashir, Daily Times, 2023-05-05
The Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM) is a collaborative initiative by Asian Development Bank (ADB) that aims to accelerate the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy in developing countries. The program seeks to retire coal power assets on an earlier schedule than if they remained with their current owners by using a market-based approach to fund country-specific ETM funds through public an..... more >>

**Bilawal’s Presence in SCO Meeting Flashes Pakistan’s Views on Peace**
Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, World Echo News, 2023-05-05
The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is a powerful bloc of Eurasian countries that has a huge impact on global affairs. Yet, some people in Pakistan criticized the decision of Bilawal Bhutto, the foreign minister, to attend its meeting in Goa, India. They failed to see the importance, role, and significance of this organization for Pakistan’s interests and security. Let me explain why..... more >>

**Reviewing Pakistan’s climate action**
It is gratifying to see that the National Security Dialogue, which has emerged as an important national security forum, will address the existential threat of climate change at its third session. Led by Federal Climate Change Minister Sherry Rehman, a panel of eminent Pakistani and foreign experts will discuss various aspects of the global climate crisis and its ramifications for Pakistan. This ar..... more >>

**Why census**
I Imagine ordering a tailor-made outfit without providing the measurements. It sounds absurd, right? How could they possibly create something that fits without knowing certain essential details: age, size and shape? Unfortunately, this is what has been happening in Pakistan for decades due to a lack of an updated census. A census is crucial as it prov..... more >>
Case Of Tariq Banuri Highlights Undeveloped Nature Of Politics In Pakistan –
Source: Raja Shahzeb Khan, Eurasia Review, 2023-05-15
Pakistan needs to develop itself on many fronts, but one of the first to tend to is the nation’s political system. It takes a lot of time to change both society and the economy, but politics is supposed to be able to proceed at a much faster pace. Politics is how the nation is governed. It establishes the environment in which the nation’s people can go about their business. At the very..... more >>

Bridging gender gap in agriculture vital for economic progress
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2023-05-11
ISLAMABAD-Bridging the gender gap in the agriculture sector is vital to Pakistan’s economic progress, said a renowned expert. Agriculture is the backbone of Pakistan’s economy, contributing 22% to its gross domestic product (GDP) and employing nearly half of the country’s workforce. Despite significant contribution of women to this sector, they face numerous challenges, including..... more >>