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Regional integration under China’s Belt & Road (B&R)

Pakistan support for BRI stays strong ahead of forum
Source: Zamir Ahmed Awan, China Daily, 2019-04-09
As the Belt and Road Forum approaches, preparations are getting more visible. Beijing is to host a mega event, as many heads of states, world leaders are expected to attend it. As it is a biannual event, people hope a lot of expectations. Since the inception of the Belt and Road Initiative in 2013, a lot has changed. Connectivity has enhanced, Chinese investment has reached new heights, trade pat.....
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China’s tech ‘Long March’ could be road to nowhere
Source: AFP, Dawn, 2019-05-27
China’s president has called for technological self-reliance in the escalating rivalry with America, but experts believe Beijing’s late start on tech and relatively backward capabilities could make that a mission impossible. China has no doubt made an amazing transformation, from a former basket case wracked by mass famine and political upheaval to a highly connected society marked by.....
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China’s iron ore hits record high
Source: Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2019-05-18
MANILA: China’s benchmark iron ore futures jumped to a record high on Thursday, rising along with the rest of the country’s ferrous complex on robust demand for the steelmaking feedstock amid falling stocks. Expectations that steel demand in the world’s top consumer will also remain strong buoyed prices of construction-used rebar and hot-rolled coil. Surprisingly weaker.....
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More work needed to ensure cybersecurity in age of industrial internet: Executive
Source: Ma Si, China Daily, 2019-05-28
Zuo Yingnan is vice-president of Chinese cyber security company Qi An Xin Group, May 28, 2019. [Photo provided to chinadaily.com.cn] More efforts are needed to ensure the security of industrial computers and data when Chinese companies are scrambling to embrace the industrial internet to upgrade their businesses, said Zuo Yingnan, vice-president of Chinese cyber security company Qi An Xin G.....
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**China says US needs to correct ‘wrong actions’ for talks**  
Source: Reuters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2019-05-23
BEIJING: China said the United States needs to correct its “wrong actions” for trade talks to continue after it blacklisted Huawei, a blow that has rippled through global supply chains and battered tech shares as investors fear a technology cold war. Japanese conglomerate Panasonic Corp joined the growing list of global companies which have said they are disengaging from Huawei Tec.....

**After Huawei, US can blacklist Chinese surveillance tech firm**  
Source: Reuters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2019-05-22
SHANGHAI: The US administration is considering Huawei-like sanctions on Chinese video surveillance firm Hikvision, media reports show, deepening worries that trade friction between the world’s top two economies could be further inflamed. The restrictions would limit Hikvision’s ability to buy US technology and American companies may have to obtain government approval to supply co.....

**Adidas, Nike, Puma say new tariffs on China would be ‘catastrophic’**  
Source: AFP, Dawn, 2019-05-21
WASHINGTON: Adidas, Nike and PUMA on Tuesday urged US President Donald Trump to prevent the shoe industry from falling victim to the trade war with China, saying new tariffs could be “catastrophic.” In a letter to Trump, those big name manufacturers joined forces with more than 170 other American shoe manufacturers and retailers calling for footwear to be exempted from a new round of .....
Towards CPEC 3.0
Source: Sohaib R. Malik, Dawn, 2019-05-27
THE Belt and Road Initiative has attracted praise and critique since its inception in 2013. The response is not unnatural for the transnational endeavour could mobilise an investment of $1.3 trillion by 2027 and will potentially change the geo-economics of partner countries and regions. It remains to be seen, however, if BRI’s architects will follow in the footsteps of Western hegemons or se.....

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Pakistan: New visa process and CPEC
Source: Zamir Ahmed Awan, China Daily, 2019-01-28
Pakistani visa is one of the most difficult travel documents to obtain in the world, according to Wanderlust magazine. The tough process had a direct impact on tourism, business and people-to-people exchanges. Many foreigners are unaware of true picture of Pakistan. While the older generation knows about Pakistan, the younger generation has very little idea about the country. To make the visa pro.....

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Chinese VP’s visit to advance CPEC development
ISLAMABAD: Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan arrived here on Sunday on a three-day visit. Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi received the Chinese vice President at the airport. During the visit, Pakistan and China will sign memoranda of understanding (MoUs)/agreements and inaugurate projects to enhance bilateral cooperation in a broad range of areas during the Chinese vice president.....

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313 grains of salt: Pak-China FTA
The Pakistan-China FTA has had its fair share of criticism. The business community has complained that many of the country’s SMEs have been run out of business looking for cover when the Chinese goods hit the Pakistani markets at substantially lower prices, especially after duty concessions. Others have popularly claimed that the market access given to Pakistani goods in the Chinese market w.....

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Businessmen pin hopes on Chinese vice president’s visit
ISLAMABAD - Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development and Management Company (FIEDMC ) Chairman Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday said Vice President of China Wang Qishan’s visit to Pakistan would herald new vistas of economic cooperation and a milestone in further cementing bilateral relationship between both the friendly countries on sound footings. READ MORE:Federal Cabinet me.....

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China, Pakistan agree to enhance high-level exchanges in view of current global situation: Spokesperson
BEIJING: China and Pakistan have agreed to enhance high-level exchanges and strengthen pragmatic cooperation for more progress in the bilateral relations in wake of the changing international situation, a spokesperson of Chinese foreign ministry Thursday said. “The two sides also agreed to jointly implement the consensus reached by our two leaders during Prime Minister Imran Khan’s at.....

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Pakistan, China launch mega CPEC projects
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan and Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan Sunday launched four mega
development projects in the fields of energy, technology and education under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Both the leaders unveiled the plaques of the four mega projects at a ceremony held here during the visit of the Chinese vice president. The ceremony was also attended by Minister.....

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‘Pak-China relations reaching new heights’
LAHORE: Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad has said the landmark visit of Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan will promote new ties between Pakistan and China and Prime Minister Imran Khan is making remarkable efforts to strengthen relations between the two countries. He was addressing a Chinese delegation from Jiangxi University of Science and Technology here on Monday. Jian.....

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Construction of warship for Pakistan underway
Source: ZHAO LEI, China Daily, 2019-01-02
CNS Liuzhou is a Type 054A frigate. The vessel exported to Pakistan is said to be based on this class. [Photo/Xinhua] China recently started construction of an export version of one of its advanced warships and will deliver it to Pakistan as part of a major arms deal, according to China State Shipbuilding Corp, a large State-owned defense contractor. It said the ship is a version of the Chinese .....