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- China’s Belt and Road Initiative has expanded to boost economic development and growth in South Asia and beyond.

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- The United States and China are set to relaunch trade agreement weeping policy changes to better protect American intellectual property, end the forced transfer and theft of trade secrets and curb massive state industrial subsidies.

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- Establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Gwadar, Shenzhen model to be replicated.

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Belt and Road Initiative: Target towards Globalization 5.0
Source: Hassnain Javed, Daily Times, 2019-06-27
The strategic initiative of the One Belt One Road Initiative has expanded and restructured with new routes being added along the initial project program. Now the plan aims to reach 4.4 Billion people in around 69 countries with a combined effect of US $ 2 trillion on their GDP. Primarily the initiative would bridge the infrastructure gap and redistribute funds amongst the Asian economies. Accordin.....
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Fourth International Conference On Belt And Road Inaugurated In Kathmandu
Source: New Spotlight Online, Spotlight Nepal, 2019-06-21
Minister for Foreign Affaiars Pradeep Kumar Gyawali inagurated the Fourth International Conference on Belt and Road (BRI) for development and prosperity of South Asia mid a function. Addressing the program foreign minister Gyawali said that BRI has been helping the country of the region to achieve the economic growth. He said that Nepal attaches high importance to.....
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A strategic shift from geopolitics to geoeconomics
Source: Mohsin Raza Malik, The Nation, Islamabad, 2019-06-30
The Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Bin Al Thani was accorded a red carpet welcome upon his arrival in Pakistan last week. This high-level visit paved the way for a $3 billion Qatari investment in Pakistan. Advisor to Prime Minister on Finance Abdul Hafeez Shaikh has thanked the Emir of Qatar for his visit as well as investment in the country. Islamabad, indeed, greatly values any economic as.....
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**BRI benefits from opening-up efforts**
Source: Xinhua, China Daily, 2019-06-24
On a highway in Horgos, drivers speaking different languages transport goods in and out of China. Meanwhile, China-Europe trains pass through customs from Kazakhstan, bringing vitality to the city that also thrived on the ancient Silk Road. Positioned at the forefront of China's western areas, Horgos, a major land port in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, has seen a robust.....
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**Blocking Chinese students will hurt US more than China**
Source: Zamir Ahmed Awan, China Daily, 2019-06-10
Chinese students began going to the United States for further studies after China launched the reform and opening-up in 1978. These students in turn contributed to the progress and development of China. The country's economic prosperity provided liberal funding to Chinese universities and Chinese students with foreign degrees worked hard to improve the educational system in China. As a resul.....
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**China Industries & Trade**

**EU states adopt ‘panda bonds’ in Chinese outreach**
Source: AFP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2019-06-10
PARIS: EU members Hungary, Poland, Portugal and soon Austria are strengthening ties with China by issuing attractive “panda bonds” that help Beijing raise its profile on international financial markets. Italy might join the trend as well, despite EU concerns that China may be seeking a way to increase its influence on the continent. On May 30, Portugal became the first eurozo.....
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**Huawei turns to Africa to offset US blacklist**
Source: AFP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2019-06-10
PARIS: As the US leads a drive for the West to shun Huawei over security fears, the Chinese tech giant has sought to strengthen its position in Africa, where it is already well-established. Huawei has taken a leading role in developing next-generation 5G mobile phone networks around the world. But it has been in turmoil since Washington charged its equipment could serve as a Trojan horse.....
China to set up system to safeguard technology security
Source: AFP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2019-06-09
BEIJING: China plans to establish a system to ensure “national security” in technology, state media reported Saturday amid an expanding trade war with the United States which has snared Chinese tech titan Huawei. The powerful National Development and Reform Commission has been tasked with establishing a list system to “more effectively forestall and defuse national security.....

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China has stopped importing meat from Canada, the National Post, a Canadian newspaper, cited an unnamed spokesman for the Chinese embassy as saying. READ MORE: China stops all meat imports from Canada amid strained bilateral ties The spokesman explained that the decision comes after the feed additive “ractopamine”, which is permitted in Canada but banned in China, was found in Canadian but was found in Canada.....

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The Huawei inflection point
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Sometimes it feels like my generation will have the misfortune of witnessing some of the worst inflection points in our history. The worst because the self-destructive power at mankind’s disposal today is just ungodly. It is true that we did not witness either of the two world wars. But in Afghan Jihad, we saw the height of the cold war. Then the collapse of the Soviet Union, which despite b.....

Global airline body warns of US-China trade war spillover
Source: AFP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2019-06-03
SEOUL: The intensifying US-China trade war and rising fuel prices will continue to bog down airline profits this year, the International Air Transport Association said Sunday. The warning came at the annual meeting of global airlines in Seoul, where it was revealed that 2019’s collective net profit was forecast to be $28 billion, down from an outlook of $35.5 billion released in December.....
China to create company blacklist as US trade war escalates
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BEIJING: China on Friday said it would release a blacklist of “unreliable” foreign companies and individuals, hitting back after the United States targeted telecom giant Huawei in their escalating trade war. The announcement was made a day before Beijing is due to increase tariffs on $60 billion in US goods, capping a week marked by rising Chinese threats of retaliation after Pre.....

Pakistan & Sino-US cold war
Source: Munir Akram, Dawn, 2019-06-09
AFTER the secretive Bilderberg meetings in Switzerland last week, Martin Wolf, the respected Financial Times economic columnist, wrote an op-ed entitled: ‘The 100 year fight facing the US and China’. Wolf’s conclusions are significant: “...[R]ivalry with China is becoming an organising principle of US economic, foreign and security policies”; “The aim is US domin.....

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Sino-US trade war offers Europe chance to bank more Chinese reserves
Source: Sujata Rao and Dhara Ranasinghe, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2019-06-05
Should European countries want the euro to replace the dollar as the world’s dominant reserve currency, the Sino-US trade war may offer a window of opportunity. The souring of ties between the world’s two largest economies will indicate the extent to which China can switch some of its giant reserve holdings to another hard currency and also point to the limitations the euro zone f.....

China prepared for long trade fight with the US – party journal
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Trump-Xi meeting unlikely to resolve trade differences, could lead to more talks-media
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Upcoming trade talks between the leaders of China and the United States are unlikely to immediately resolve major disagreements between the two sides but could start a new phase in negotiations, Chinese state media said on Thursday. China and the United States earlier this week said they were reviving talks ahead of a meeting next week between Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping, cheering.....
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US to launch public hearings on additional China tariffs next week
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2019-06-15
WASHINGTON:The US Trade Representative’s Office on Monday will kick off seven days of testimony from US retailers, manufacturers and other businesses about President Donald Trump’s plan to hit another $300 billion (£238 billion) worth of Chinese goods with tariffs. The hearings beginning Monday will end on June 25, the USTR said in a statement on Friday. That timeline means Trum.....
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FTSE 100 steadies, Sino-US trade talks back in focus
Source: Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2019-06-25
• Defensive healthcare stocks rise • Asia-focussed financial stocks limit gains • Retailers fall after downbeat consumer spend view LONDON: London’s main index edged up on Monday as gains in defensive stocks such as healthcare were balanced by pressure on Asia-focussed banks, with Sino-US trade talks once again set to take centre stage at this week’s G20 s.....
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Trade negotiators hold talks ahead of Xi-Trump meeting
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BEIJING: Top Chinese and US trade negotiators have held telephone talks ahead of a crunch meeting between presidents Xi Jinping and Donald Trump at the G20 summit this week, Chinese state media said Tuesday. Vice Premier Liu He — Xi’s pointman in the trade war — spoke with US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Monday and they “ex.....
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China needs trade deal as economy ‘going down the tubes’: Trump
Source: AFP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2019-06-27
WASHINGTON: A bullish President Donald Trump warned China of an even deeper trade war Wednesday ahead of a G20 summit where he will meet President Xi Jinping, saying China’s remaining imports are “ripe” for tariffs. Markets are anxiously watching the Trump-Xi meeting, due Saturday, for a breakthrough in the dispute pitting the world’s two largest economies against each.....
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US, China agree tentative trade truce ahead of G20 summit: report
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2019-06-27
The United States and China have agreed to a tentative truce in their trade dispute ahead of a meeting between leaders of the two nations at the G20 summit this weekend, the South China Morning Post reported on Thursday, citing sources. Details of the agreement, which would halt the next round of US tariffs on an additional $300 billion of Chinese goods, are being laid out in press releases and w.....
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Huawei warns US patent curbs would hurt global tech
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SHENZHEN: Chinese tech giant Huawei warned Thursday a US senator’s proposal to block the company from pursuing damages in patent courts would be a “catastrophe for global innovation.” The proposal comes amid mounting US action against Huawei, the biggest maker of switching gear for phone carriers, amid tension over Beijing’s technology ambitions. The company has been devast.....
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China’s yuan to resist sliding past 7 per dollar
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BENGALURU: China’s yuan is forecast to drift up over the coming year as the monetary authorities keep a tight leash on the partly-managed currency and prevent it from falling through the psychological 7 per dollar level any time soon, a Reuters poll showed. However, results from the monthly Reuters poll of 60 institutions taken May 30-June 5 showed a slight increase in the number of for.....
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Xi calls for closer community with shared future between China, Pakistan
Source: Xinhua, China Daily, 2019-06-14
BISHKEK -- Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan here on Friday, urging the two countries to foster a closer community with a shared future against complicated regional and international situations. Meeting Khan on the sidelines of the 19th Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit, Xi noted that it has been his third meeting with the Pakistani prime ministe.....
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Energy & Economic Growth

**Chinese vice premier urges more support for economy**
Source: *Reuters, Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2019-06-14

SHANGHAI: Chinese regulators should step up support for the economy and keep ample liquidity in the financial system, Vice Premier Liu He said on Thursday, suggesting Beijing would soon unveil more policies to bolster growth amid rising US trade pressure. Trade talks between the world’s two largest economies collapsed last month, with US President Donald Trump accusing China of watering.....

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**Milestone for CNNC at nuclear plant in Pakistan**
Source: *Zheng Xin, China Daily*, 2019-06-19

The outer containment dome of the Karachi unit 2 nuclear reactor in Pakistan was successfully installed on Monday, a milestone marking the end of its general construction work, said China National Nuclear Corp, one of the country's largest nuclear power companies. The installation of the outer containment dome of Karachi unit 2, the first export of China's Hualong One pressurized water re.....

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History, Language and Culture

**Tiananmen Square decades later**
Source: *Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2019-06-17

I learnt of the demonstrations in Beijing’s Tiananmen Square in a telephone call from my wife in Washington. I was then traveling with a group of World Bank staff looking at the projects our institution was financing in some of the interior provinces of China. I was then the Director of World Bank’s China Operations. The protests erupted in April 1989 when students gathered to mourn th.....

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**Govt intends to link FBR with Chinese tax dept**
Source: *Irshad Ansari, The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2019-06-10

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has decided to link Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) with Chinese state tax department under the newly-introduced Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism (BRITACOM). The Chinese government has come up with the idea of BRITACOM to build interdepartmental relations with tax authorities of different countries. In this connection, Pakist.....

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**New Oil falls 1pc amid US-China trade dispute, uncertainty on supply cuts**

NEW YORK: Oil prices fell more than 1% on Monday as US-China trade tensions continued to threaten demand for crude and as major producers Saudi Arabia and Russia had yet to agree on extending an output-cutting deal. Brent crude futures fell $1, or 1.6%, to settle at $62.29 a barrel. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude lost 73 cents, or 1.4%, to end at $53.26 a barrel. US President Don.....

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**Social sector ‘PM focuses more on attracting investment under CPEC’**
Source: *APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2019-06-05

BEIJING: Prime Minister Imran Khan has focused more on attracting investment in the social sector within the framework of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which would directly benefit the people of Pakistan, Focal
Person of Chief Minister of Balochistan's Task Force on Youth, Sustainable Development Goals, Naseem Khan Achakzai said on Tuesday. "Within the CPEC project, the Chi.....

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Gwadar Master Plan approval linked to finalisation of policy on city uplift
Source: Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad , 2019-06-19
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has told China that no Gwadar Smart Port City Master Plan will be approved till the finalisation of policy on the development of the city, it is learnt reliably here. READ MORE:IHC to hear Nawaz's bail plea in Al Azizia case The Gwadar Smart Port City Master Plan and policy should be finalized before the 9th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) of China Pakistan Economic.....

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Chinese firm to invest $2m in chemical sector
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ISLAMABAD: Following incentives offered by Pakistan government, Guangzhou Rongshen Trading Company, one of the largest manufacturers of fragrance and perfumes in China, has announced plans to invest $2 million in the chemical sector of Pakistan and explore further investment avenues. Guangzhou Rongshen Trading Company Chairman Ivan Jiang signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Faisal.....

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Chinese company ready to invest $3b in Lahore project
Source: Shahram Haq, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2019-06-23
LAHORE: A Chinese environmental company is ready to invest $3 billion in the clean drinking water and sanitation system in Lahore, said Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) Chairman Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan. Although he did not disclose the name of the company saying negotiations were at early stages, he revealed that the same company had already completed a couple of hydro projects.....

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China helps agricultural development in countries involved in BRI
Source: LU HONGYAN in Xi'an, China Daily, 2019-06-26
China and Pakistan recently established the Center for Agricultural and Biological Resources Research at Northwest A&F University, as part of China's bid to help countries involved in the Belt and Road Initiative develop their agriculture sectors. The main task of the center is to strengthen cooperation and exchanges between the two sides in agricultural and biological resources, and to d..... more >>

Commodity expo to promote trade with South Asian nations
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An exhibitor from Pakistan polishes a handmade bronze ornament at the recent South and Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair in Kunming, Yunnan province. [Photo/Xinhua] KUNMING - Representatives at the just-ended South and Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair said the event has brought more opportunities to China, South and Southeast Asian countries. The expo, ..... more >>

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Technology & Innovation

Chinese doctors perform surgery upon cleft lip, palate patients
Islamabad: A team of two Chinese surgeons and Pakistani doctors successfully operated upon 40 cleft lip and palate patients during five-day free medical camp held here. Doctors Dr. Malian and Dr. Zhou Xia of Beijing University, Department of Stomotology have especially travelled to Islamabad to join the camp during which a number of affected patients mostly children were treated at Islamab.....
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