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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Proposed panels for Sustainable Development Conference (SDC),

3-5 December 2019:

a) <https://www.sdpi.org/sdc/Panel-write-ups/Hina-Aslam-Ecological-transition-21-May-19-edited.pdf>

b) <https://www.sdpi.org/sdc/Panel-write-ups/Hina-Maryam-Eco-Tourism-REV-2Oct2019-ED-SSA-V2.pdf>

**PM Visit to China:** On October 8, 2019, PM Imran Khan along with the top political and military leadership of Pakistan to renew its commitment to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor by presenting the promulgation of two ordinances creating the CPEC Authority, “The CPEC Authority Ordinance 2019” and “The Tax Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019” - aimed to set to oversee and implement CPEC and give income tax, sales tax and custom duties exemptions to promote ease of doing business in Gwadar port and Gwadar Free Zone. The authority is primarily responsible for coordination, monitoring and evaluation to ensure implementation of CPEC-related activities.

**China celebrates Revolution's 70 years:** China's leadership past and present gathered on a viewing platform over Tiananmen Square on Tuesday to watch the military parade of 15,000 troops and weapons including new hypersonic drones and intercontinental ballistic missiles. President Xi Jinping said that “no force can shake the status of this great nation”, and promised to “maintain the long-term prosperity and stability” of Hong Kong, committing to the political template which gives the city limited autonomy, ‘one country, two systems’.

## Economic Growth & Governance (Both China & Pakistan)

### China's 70 years of commitment and passion

Source: [Muhammad Zamir Assadi](#) , [China Daily](#) , 2019-08-27

China, the second-largest economy of the world and neighbor to 21 countries, is set to celebrate its 70th anniversary on October 1. The path of development set by the Chinese leadership and the Communist Party of China was not an easy job as there was much suffering in the prior century before it founded as a sovereign state. The vision and statesmanship of the Chinese leadership and commitment .....

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### Yuan's fall may increase Pakistan's trade deficit with China

Source: [Hussain H Zaidi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-03

ISLAMABAD: The recent currency devaluation by China, which has brought the yuan-dollar parity to the lowest level since 2008, as part of its efforts to offset the impact of its tariff war with the United States, doesn't augur well for Pakistan. The yuan's sharp devaluation means that, all else equal, Pakistan's exports to China will become less competitive, while imports fr.....

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### China ready to further expand CPEC for high quality growth: Foreign ministry spokesperson

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-08-20

BEIJING: Terming China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a symbol of practical cooperation, a Chinese foreign ministry's spokesperson Tuesday said that his country would like to work with Pakistan to enrich and expand the CPEC and achieve high quality growth to deliver more benefits to peoples of two countries and the broader region. "China will like to work with Pakistan to enrich.....

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### Repairing damage caused to CPEC

Source: [By Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-14

Repairing damage caused to CPEC Prime Minister Imran Khan was in Beijing last week. He was accompanied by key ministers, the Army Chief and the head of the ISI, suggesting the visit was not ordinary. This was not the first visit by PM Imran to China. In fact this was his third tour to Beijing this year alone. But the significance of the latest trip was that it happened against the b.....

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## Energy, Environment & Climate Change

### **PM meets Chinese power firms**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-23

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday said the government is prioritising alternative and renewable energy to meet the country's growing requirements. "The new energy policy focuses on promoting alternative and renewable sources," the prime minister said while meeting a delegation of China Power Hub Generation Company (CPHGC), led by CEO Zhao Yonggang at the PM Office.....

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### **Pakistan seeks Chinese investment in solar power**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-03

LAHORE: China has always provided support and assistance for Pakistan's economic and social development, said Federal Minister for Science and Technology Chaudhry Fawad Hussain. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the seventh Pak-China Business Forum and Industrial Expo in Lahore on Monday, the minister highlighted that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) had transformed ties.....

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## History, language & culture

### **Xinjiang, what a wonderful land!**

Source: [Dr Imtiaz Haider](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-09-04

Over the years, to build Xinjiang into a beautiful and rich homeland for people in the western region, the Chinese government had adopted the most preferential policies. "Xinjiang, what a wonderful land!" is the name of a famous song that my Uyghur classmates often sang when I was studying in Beijing. I had been deeply attracted by the beautiful melody with strong character.....

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## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

### **Over 50 Chinese nationals Evacuated**

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-01

MUZAFFARABAD: Officials evacuated more than 50 Chinese nationals working in Azad Jammu & Kashmir, authorities said Wednesday. The Chinese were working on a dam being constructed in Azad Jammu & Kashmir along the confluence of the Neelum and Jhelum rivers when firing pushed authorities to move the workers late Tuesday, according to a senior local administration official Badar Munir. An.....

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### **China will work with Pakistan to safeguard regional stability: Beijing**

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-30

BEIJING: Terming the recent visit of the Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission of China, Gen Xu Qiliang, to Pakistan very successful, the Chinese defence ministry on Thursday said that Beijing would work together with Islamabad to strengthen strategic communication, enhance mutual trust and improve defence cooperation to safeguard peace and stability in the region. Given the complex se.....

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### **China reiterates to support Pakistan on all issues including Kashmir**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-09-24

NEW YORK: Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi Monday called on Prime Minister Imran Khan wherein he reaffirmed Chinese support to Pakistan on the Kashmir issue, and for safeguarding and promoting its core interests. During the meeting held on the sidelines of the ongoing United Nations General Assembly Session , the prime minister underscored that the time-tested all weather stra.....

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### **Pak-China relations unbreakable: Malik**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-24

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan People's Party leader Senator Rehman Malik yesterday said that the Pak-China relations were unbreakable. READ MORE:Turkey: Terror attack on police bus injures 5 In a meeting with Pang Chunxue, Deputy Chief of Mission of China and Minister Counsellor in Pakistan, the PPP leader that said the Bhutto family had laid the foundation of the every growing Pak-China friend.....

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### **Pakistan, China continue to be strategic cooperative partners: Envoy**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-22

BEIJING - Expressing her faith in Pak-China relationship, Pakistan Ambassador to China, Naghmana Hashmi said she is looking forward to deeper cooperation between the two countries through the Belt and Road Initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. READ MORE:Brexit knot still tight after court blow to suspension In an exclusive interview with China Focus published on Saturday, .....

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### **China inaugurates visa facilitation centre in Lahore**

Source: [Shahram Haq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-24

LAHORE: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Yao Jing has emphasised that advocating ease of doing business and hard work by Pakistani authorities for regional connectivity, peace and prosperity is a good omen. "China and Pakistan right

now are reaching a new stage of cooperation and we put economic development and cooperation as a priority,” Yao said while speaking at an inaugural cer.....

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### **Pakistan-China ties**

Source: [Amna Ejaz Rafi](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-09-26

Pakistan and China bilateral relations established in May 1951, have progressed over the years. During the 1970s, Pakistan played the role of a facilitator in normalizing China-US relations. The US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger meeting with President Zhou Enlai in Beijing was facilitated by Pakistan, which later led to the visit of President Nixon to China. These developments showed the mushr.....

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### **China at 70**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-10-01

THE rise and transformation of China over the last seven decades — from an ideological state to an economic powerhouse — has been both complex and impressive. It has indeed taken much blood and toil, and the journey to transform an authoritarian, largely isolated state into one of the world’s major powers has not always been a smooth one. Today as Beijing observes the 70th anniv.....

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### **PM to attend China-Pakistan Business Forum in Beijing**

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-10-01

BEIJING: According to China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Prime Minister Imran Khan will attend the China Pakistan Business Forum to be held here on October 8. It will be his third visit to China within a year. After sworn in as prime minister Imran Khan paid his first official visit to China and attended the first China International Import Expo held in Shanghai in November 2.....

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### **China at 70**

Source: [Abdul Sattar](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-10-02

This October marks the 70th anniversary of the Chinese revolution that abolished feudalism, defeated reactionary forces and forced imperialist forces to end their illegal intervention in the internal affairs of the giant country. Before the revolution, the most populous country on the earth had been turned into a battleground for Western powers. The US, the UK, France and other hegemonic state.....

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### **China at 70 (Part-II)**

Source: [Muhammad Asif Noor](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-10-02

Apart from the other important steps during the reform periods, one of the innovative ways were establishment of the Special Economic Zones in different parts of the country keeping in view the strengths of the region in terms of agriculture or industrial outputs. These zones were the economic laboratories where a controlled environment was provided to conduct the economic progressive experiments .....

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### **Founders of Modern China**

Source: [Dr Shabir Hashmi](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-10-04

Though China was on the global map since more than five thousand years, but the foundation of modern China was laid down under the Chairmanship of Mao Zedong on 1st October 1949. Mao Zedong was a legendary character who has changed the history of China. After the death of Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping took over the charge. He was leader with a gift of high intellect. Mr. Deng was not only an accomplis.....

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### **PM's China visit**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-10-11

THE high-level visit to China by the top political and military leadership of Pakistan has yielded some positive movement in this country's attempts to draw international attention to the atrocities being perpetrated by New Delhi in India-held Kashmir. The joint statement released at the conclusion of the visit mentioned the Kashmir dispute as well as the UN resolutions, which is an advance .....

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### **Cooperation with China**

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News Karachi](#) , 2019-10-11

As has been the case for more than five decades, China continues to remain Pakistan's closest ally. At a meeting between President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Imran Khan in Beijing, China said it was willing to expand the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and that this would speed up regional development. There has been concern in Pakistan over a reported slowdown in work on CPEC, but Be.....

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### Experts for building export capacity to meet Chinese markets' demand

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### Xinjiang sees growing foreign trade with SCO member states

Source: [Xinhua](#), [China Daily](#) , 2019-08-04

One of the first two Fuxing bullet trains crosses the Gobi Desert in Hami, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, on July 28, 2019. [Photo/IC] URUMQI - Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region has seen 107.93 billion yuan (\$15.56 billion) of imports and exports to member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in the first half of 2019. In the period,.....

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### Chinese delegation discusses preferential tariff on 313 Pakistani products

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-02

RAWALPINDI - A seven-member Chinese delegation visited the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) and held an informative and interactive session on preferential tariff by the Chinese government on 313 Pakistani products. READ MORE:PPP submits adjournment motion in Senate over shifting Zardari to jail The head of the delegation Anderson informed the participants that a supply Cha.....

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### Pakistan China trade: where we stand

Source: [Asif Javed](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-09-07

As per the data of the State Bank of Pakistan, Pakistan's exports to China increased from \$1.8 billion in the fiscal year 2018 to \$1.9 billion in the fiscal year 2019. In percentage terms, the share of exports to China increased from 7.2

percent in total exports in the fiscal year 2018 to 7.7% in the fiscal year 2019. Major export items include cotton yarn, rice, alcohol and other spirits, cop.....

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### **'Tax-free import from China to benefit traders'**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-20

QUETTA: Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI) President Haji Jumma Khan Badezai on Thursday said tax-free import of Chinese products would open new business opportunities for the province's traders. He was speaking while receiving a list of 313 tax-free Chinese products that could be imported through the Chinese Amen Logistic Company. "When the chairman of the Chinese A.....

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### **Reengineering investment priorities**

Source: [Hussain Ahmad Siddiqui](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-09-23

The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been rather low in the year 2018-19, recording \$1.73 billion, almost half of \$3.47 billion received in 2017-18, though it picked up from a major dip between the periods 2011-12 to 2014-15. Nonetheless, the FDI is expected to rise in the coming years as a result of improved economic indicators and recent measures adopted by the government for creating an env.....

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### **Chinese envoy, KP minister discuss Cooperation**

Source: [Recorder Report](#) , [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-23

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Finance Taimur Saleem Jhagra has said that China has always played a vital role in the socio-economic development of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa adding that the KP government was taking all possible steps to facilitate investors to attract maximum foreign investment. This he said while talking to the Ambassador of People's Republic of China, Yao Jing who.....

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### **CPEC 2nd phase to help reviving industrialization in Pakistan**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-23

ISLAMABAD: China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has entered into its second phase where representation from the private sector will accelerate the pace of industrialization in the country, Planning Developing and Reform Secretary Zafar Hasan Monday said. He said the scope of CPEC has been expanded with a focus on industrial and agriculture cooperation, socioeconomic development, trade and .....

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### **All political parties in Pakistan attach high expectations to joint construction of CPEC**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-12

BEIJING: Governor of Balochistan, Amanullah Khan Yasinzai has said that all political parties in Pakistan were full of expectations for the joint construction of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a pilot project of Belt and Road Initiative. "In recent years, the important pilot project of the Belt and Road Initiative has been put into practice in the Gwadar Port of Balochistan Provin.....

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### **India wants China, Pakistan to end CPEC related activities in Azad Kashmir**

Source: [Aisha Mahmood](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-11

Dismissing a recent Pak-China joint statement, India has called on both of the countries to stop China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) related activities in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman Raveesh Kumar rejected the joint statement and said that India has consistently expressed concerns to both Pakistan and China about CPEC projects in AJK. He claimed AJK .....

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### **Hubco declares Commercial Operations Date (COD) for its Chinese joint venture**

Source: [Mohammad Shafa](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-19

KARACHI: China Power Hub Generation Company (CPHGC) – a joint venture between The Hub Power Company Ltd. (HUBCO) and China Power International Holding – has successfully declared the Commercial Operations Date (COD) of its 1320MW imported coal power plant and integrated jetty with coal transshipment capacity of 4.2 MTPA. Developed in record time, as per schedule and within projected c.....

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### **Chinese firm renews intention to buy K-Electric**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-01

KARACHI: China's state-owned Shanghai Electric Power Company Limited on Monday renewed the intention for the fifth time in past three years to acquire a majority stake in K-Electric from the financial crisis-hit Abraaj Group. The submission of new public announcement for the acquisition of shareholding by Shanghai Electric has once again given it a nine-month extension for meeting all re.....

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### **Pak-China FTA phase-II to be implemented shortly**

Source: [Meng Lingjuan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-07

BEIJING: Pakistan Ambassador to China Naghmana Alamgir Hashmi has said that the free trade agreement (FTA) phase-II between Pakistan and China will be implemented shortly as it is still going through the internal ratification

process. In an exclusive interview with China Economic Net in late September, Naghmana said, "We hope that in the next few months, it will become operational. Wit.....

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### **The master plan**

Source: [Dr Noman Ahmed](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-10-11

LAST month, the Balochistan chief minister announced that the Gwadar Master Plan had been approved, marking the completion of an important phase in sequencing the various economic, infrastructural and strategic developments being undertaken by different agencies, including many Chinese institutions. It is also believed that the plan will receive the National Development Council's endorsement.....

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### **Joint working group's meeting discusses gigantic CPEC projects**

Source: [Shakeel anjum](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-10-11

ISLAMABAD: The 7th meeting of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Joint Working Group on Transport Infrastructure was held here Thursday in which ongoing and coming projects of gigantic CPEC were discussed in detail, spokesperson of NHA said. The Chinese side was led by Chief Planner HoD China Wang Zhiqing, while other delegates included from Chinese ministries of Transport and Railway and Ex.....

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### **Chinese port operator to make fresh Rs38 bn investment**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-10-16

ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister, Imran Khan, has reiterated the government's commitment to facilitate investment and ease of doing business for economic growth and employment generation. He was talking with a delegation of Hong Kong-based port operator Hutchison Port Holdings that called on him in here on Tuesday. The group managing director apprised the prime minister of Hutchison Port Holdi.....

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## **Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC**

### **CPEC: the new world economic order**

Source: [Dr Zahid Shahab Ahmed](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-08-01

Book Review: CPEC: A Precursor to Regional Economic Growth and Stability China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) with its flagship project the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has received enormous attention globally. Through BRI, worth over one trillion dollars, Beijing aims to increase China's connectivity with countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, South America and even the Paci.....

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### **Eight socio-economic projects to be completed under CPEC**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-02

ISLAMABAD - Punjab Government has proposed eight projects worth Rs5.6 billion in education, health, and agriculture sectors to be included in the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) socio-economic development framework. Under the framework, five new schools would be established in the province at Tehsil levels at a cost of Rs800 million which would be equipped with smart classrooms including s.....

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### **CPEC's Kernel**

Source: [Syed Nasir Hassan](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-08-02

The Himalayan giant extended its hand to strengthen its bond with Pakistan through CPEC in 2015. The project itself is an offshoot of China's mass initiative of revamping of old silk route, frequently known as One Belt One Road. In Pakistan, CPEC is welcomed by every visionary person. Holistically Pakistan will be bagging enough through CPEC. However, Pakistan's largest province Baloch.....

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### **CPEC: Barriers and Challenges**

Source: [Tahir Nazir](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-08-02

The China Pakistan Economic Corridor, commonly known as CPEC, is one of the prime projects of Beijing's grandiose Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). China announced BRI in 2013; it has two components: land driven, famously known as the Silk Road Economic Belt, and maritime driven, twenty-first-century, the Maritime Silk Road. According to different estimates, the worth of this 'project of.....

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### **Is Pakistan drifting away from China?**

Source: [Kamran Yousaf](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-05

The positive vibes generated by Prime Minister Imran Khan's maiden visit to the United States from July 21 to 23 are still being discussed both in Washington and Islamabad. While Imran hailed Trump's 'vision' for the region in a recent high-powered meeting to review the outcome of his trip to Washington, President Donald Trump also spoke about his 'excellent' int.....

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### **Pakistan shared details of CPEC loans with IMF: official**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn](#) , 2019-08-06

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Monday that it had full access to borrowing and maturity terms of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects and its loans were manageable. Addressing Senior Journalists' Forum at the National Press Club, IMF resident representative in Islamabad Teresa Daban Sanchez counted issues relating to the Financial Action Task Force .....

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### **IMF deal overshadows CPEC's ML-I railway project**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-06

ISLAMABAD: The financing issue of the multibillion-dollar Mainline-I (ML-I) project of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) remained unresolved due to ambiguity over taking new loans under the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme, said a top official on Monday. The Ministry of Planning and Development did not have clarity about whether the country could sign a new loan deal with .....

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### **Second Free Trade Agreement panacea for socio-economic development in Pakistan, says experts**

Source: [The Natiopn, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor](#) , 2019-08-06

Experts recommended the government to shift towards sustainable development policies and develop competitiveness in trade. Dr. Wang said that the trade deficit of Pakistan is due to structural issues and finalization of the Second Free

Trade Agreement between the two countries will help resolve this issue. Hassan Daud Butt and Dr. Hina Aslam too termed the agreement symbiotic in nature. Mustafa.....

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### **Korean cos keen to invest in CPEC projects: Razak**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-05

ISLAMABAD: Razak Dawood, Adviser to PM on Commerce & Textile, Industries & Production and Investment concluded visit to South Korea. The Adviser was heading a delegation of textile top players. The delegation had very engaging dialogue with the Korean investors and importers. During the visit Adviser to PM met his Korean counterpart and deliberated upon various issues and opportunities in .....

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### **CPEC framework joint cotton research lab to be set up in Multan**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-05

ISLAMABAD: The Punjab government has proposed numerous new agriculture sector development projects to be included in the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Socio Economic Development Framework. Under the framework, a joint cotton research laboratory would be established in Multan at a cost of Rs 186 million to help improving the productivity of the agriculture sector by increasing cotton.....

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### **A New East India Company?**

Source: [Mahvesh Mahmud](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-14

Will CPEC become a NewEast IndiaCompany? This is a question being asked by many. This solely depends on the planning and execution which is necessary to safeguard interests of Pakistan. The national and provincial government and relevant ministries are dealing with CPEC related projects and working to cooperate with one another to boost economic activity. READ MORE:UN should resolve Kashmir iss.....

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### **'CPEC Authority' being set up for timely completion of projects: PM**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-20

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday announced that the government was forming a 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (CPECA)' to ensure timely completion of corridor's projects. Presiding over a meeting at the Prime Minister Office, PM Khan said: "To ensure uninterrupted progress on CPEC projects, CPEC Authority is being formed." He said the CEPCA .....

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### **Hub plant to meet power needs of millions of people: China**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-21

BEIJING - China has hoped that the successful commercial operations of a \$2 billion 1,320 MW coal-fired power plant will meet electricity needs of the millions of people. READ MORE:Mustafa Kamal hold mayor responsible for Karachi's condition Commenting on its successful operation, a spokesperson of the Chinese Foreign Ministry Geng Shuang said here on Tuesday, "it is an i.....

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### **CPEC Authority**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-21

PM Khan's decision to set up CPEC Authority for quick and judicious completion of CPEC projects is a tacit acceptance that his government is unable to fix the cogs of governance and does not expect to do so in the near future. Hence, the need for an 'authority', will the move be successful? There is no doubt that the cogs of governance, whether in terms of coordination or in.....

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### **Centaur of Friendship**

Source: [Sabah Aslam](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-08-21

China has been always quotes as an all-weather ally to Pakistan. This mark is not been achieved in a day. Pakistan and China have always been close companions to each other whether its diplomatic or economic fronts. The "deeper than oceans" bond was initiated in 1951 when Pakistan was on the list of first countries who had recognized People's Republic of China after it officially.....

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### **Chinese JVs submit bids for building part of Diamer dam**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-22

LAHORE: The Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) commenced on Wednesday the evaluation process for the bids submitted to it separately by two Chinese-led joint ventures for the construction of the part of the much-awaited Diamer-Basha Project. "Finally we have begun process for evaluating technical bids of the JVs. We hope to complete this period as soon as possible," Wapda C.....

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### **Pakistan gets \$440m worth of fresh loans in July**

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan received \$440 million in fresh loans last month amid a gradual shift in the financing source from China to multilateral creditors due to completion of many China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. The

borrowing of \$440 million in July 2019 included \$173.3 million in commercial loans from Dubai Bank and a consortium of Credit Suisse, said sources in the Ministry o.....

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### **Asleep at the wheel**

Source: [Huma Khan](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-08-26

Pakistan envisions becoming an Asian Tiger of the region by the year 2025 under the aspirations of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). To make the CPEC a success, it was pertinent to agree to infrastructural development from Kashgar to Gwadar by laying a state-of-the-art network of roads, sustainable for heavy commercial vehicles and essential for creating a web of trade activity for connect.....

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### **Cabinet body urges talks with China on key railway project**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-27

ISLAMABAD: Amid unease of three cabinet members, the Cabinet Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on Monday decided to start financing discussions with China on the \$8.2bn Main Railway Line (ML-1) project and cleared a draft CPEC Authority bill for cabinet approval. Informed sources told Dawn that Railways Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed had expressed displeasure over almost no .....

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### **CPEC authority**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-28

IT is a little puzzling to hear repeated mentions from government officials about their intention to create what they have termed a “CPEC authority”. Presumably, this means some sort of body to oversee all CPEC-related work for the government, but it is hard to understand how this can be done without creating a massive parallel bureaucracy that significantly usurps powers from the prov.....

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### **Railway Expansion**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-28

Members of the Federal Cabinet are at odds over the \$8.2 billion Main Railway Line (ML-1) project – a part of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) – and this reflects a problem that we have seen festering under the surface. There have been numerous reports of the government’s waning interest in many of the projects linked to the corridor deal with China, and with the Cabin.....

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### **Xinjiang: Far west region, heart of Silk Road**

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### **Pakistan, China to fast-track industrial cooperation**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-31

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have agreed to fast-track industrial cooperation between the two sides under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). During a meeting between delegations of the National Development and Reforms Commission (NDRC) and the Board of Investment (BOI), it was noted that Chinese experience would help ensure speedy development of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) i.....

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### **1st Pakistani gets 5-year working visa for China**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-02

BEIJING - A Pakistani businessman, along with three other foreigners, has been issued first-class working visa valid for five years by the administration of the city of Yiwu, located in the central part of east China's Zhejiang province. Muhammad Arif and three nationals of Afghanistan, Jordan and Iraq are the first batch which received the first-class work permit by the Exit-Entry Administr.....

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### **Chinese delegation discusses preferential tariff on 313 Pakistani products**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-02

RAWALPINDI - A seven-member Chinese delegation visited the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) and held an informative and interactive session on preferential tariff by the Chinese government on 313 Pakistani products. READ MORE:PPP submits adjournment motion in Senate over shifting Zardari to jail The head of the delegation Anderson informed the participants that a supply Cha.....

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### **Chinese company offers free display of Pak commodities**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-01

ISLAMABAD - A delegation of M/s. Zhejiang Eman Supply Chain Management Co. Ltd from Yiwu International Trade City of Zhejiang Province of China visited Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) on Saturday and offered to arrange free display of Pakistani commodities in Pakistan Pavilion in China. The delegation led by Mr Anderson comprised Mr Kim, Mrs Eman, Mrs Judy and others. READ.....

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### **CPEC 2.0: THE PROMISE AND THE PERIL**

Source: [Sherry Rehman](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-09-01

As Pakistan navigates changing power equations in the world, and the crisis in Kashmir, the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) stands out as the one possible silver lining for Pakistan. However, while CPEC is still one of the largest bilateral investment projects underway anywhere in the world, today its momentum in Pakistan is being regularly questioned. The scale of the promise is so large .....

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### **India wants to sabotage CPEC: Dr Alvi**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-09-03

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi said on Sunday India wanted to damage the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) but all its designs would be thwarted. He said this while inaugurating the opening session of Pakistan Navy wargame Shamsheer-e-Bahr VII and logistic exercise Tarseel-e-Bahr II in Karachi. He said that Pakistan is facing a multitude of internal and external challenges, which necessi.....

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### **Pakistan seeks Chinese investment in solar power**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-03

LAHORE: China has always provided support and assistance for Pakistan's economic and social development, said Federal Minister for Science and Technology Chaudhry Fawad Hussain. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the

seventh Pak-China Business Forum and Industrial Expo in Lahore on Monday, the minister highlighted that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) had transformed ties.....

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### **CPEC: what's stopping Pakistan Railways?**

Source: [Hasaan Khawar](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-03

The world's second-longest train route connects Yiwu, a trading centre near Shanghai, to London. The 12,000-plus kilometer-long railway track which opened in 2017 has made possible hauling millions of tons of goods within 18 days, which once took 30 to 45 days of sailing to reach the shores of Great Britain. The China-Europe rail now connects 108 cities across 16 countries, ushering in new o.....

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### **Yuan's fall may increase Pakistan's trade deficit with China**

Source: [Hussain H Zaidi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-03

ISLAMABAD: The recent currency devaluation by China, which has brought the yuan-dollar parity to the lowest level since 2008, as part of its efforts to offset the impact of its tariff war with the United States, doesn't augur well for Pakistan. The yuan's sharp devaluation means that, all else equal, Pakistan's exports to China will become less competitive, while imports fr.....

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### **Pak-China Business Forum-Industrial Expo to end today**

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-04

LAHORE - 7th Pak-China Business Forum-Industrial Expo, being held at the Lahore Expo Centre, is attracting a large number of businessmen, industrialists and general public as the footfall during first two days was recorded at 50,000 people. READ MORE:No one can remove me until PM Imran, cabinet have confidence in me: CM Punjab Buzdar Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar is expected to ad.....

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### **MPs committee rejects setting up CPEC Authority**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-09-06

ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentary Committee on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has unanimously rejected establishment of CPEC Authority, giving a big jolt to the government plan to bring the whole CPEC related work under one umbrella. The Parliamentary Panel on CPEC met under chairmanship of PTI MNA Sher Ali Arbab here at the Parliament House on Thursday. The members expressed their con.....

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### **Kashmir-CPEC nexus**

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-13

In a new geostrategic scenario, situation has tied up Kashmir and CPEC with each other forever. Their correlation has opened up a new window to resolve Kashmir dispute believed to be unfinished agenda of past or leftover from history. READ MORE: Sheikh Rasheed warns New Delhi not to mistake Pakistani economy for defense As Kashmir and CPEC are going to be heavily interdependent on each other in.....

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### **CPEC shelved?**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-09-19

KARACHI: The \$50 billion worth China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects launched amidst lot of fan fare by the PML-N government and they soon became so expedient that practically all political parties lined to take its credit. Some analysts laid credit of the CPEC projects with the former dictator Gen (ret'd) Pervaiz Musharraf and the military leadership. It became so sacrosanct afterwards.....

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### **Gwadar Port and Gwadar Free Zone FBR accused of backing out from agreed incentives**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-16

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Maritime Affairs (MoMA) has accused Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) of backing out from agreed incentives for Gwadar Port and Gwadar Free Zone, two key projects of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), sources close to Minister for Maritime Affairs revealed. On September 5, 2019 Cabinet Division forwarded a letter of September 2, 2019 issued by the Federal Board of Re.....

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### **Is India planning to change game for Pakistan and China in Kashmir?**

Source: [Hassnain Javed](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-09-18

Since British India's partition in 1947, Kashmir, a mountainous valley bordering Pakistan and India, has been a center of the dispute between the two nuclear-armed nations. The British decided to split their former colony into two nations at the moment of the partition: Pakistan, with a Muslim majority, and India, with a Hindu majority. Both countries try to steal and occupy parts of Kashmir.....

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### **Proposed CPEC Authority Cabinet sets up ministerial body to review contours**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-22

ISLAMABAD: The Cabinet has constituted six-member ministerial committee to review the structure and clauses of conflict of interest, immunities and regulation making powers of long-awaited proposed China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (CPEC Authority), well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The proposed CPEC Authority is being established at a time when there are speculations tha.....

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### **Long live CPEC**

Source: [Sabbahuddin](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-09-24

We started with the cliché “game changer” for CPEC. Within few years we came to conclude that CPEC was in fact a Trojan horse. Then our analysts gradually started to tell nation that CPEC was a failure and has already drowned between the gulf of mistrust between China and Pakistan. Then they added that this gulf was probably widening every single day due to terrorism and diploma.....

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### **China expresses satisfaction over pace of CPEC development: Khusro**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-18

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, Makhdom Khusro Bakhtiar has said China had expressed its satisfaction over the speed of development work on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Talking to private news channel on Wednesday, he said Railway line project ‘ML-1’ was the most important project for development of the country. To a question, he said the.....

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### **CPEC 2nd phase to help reviving industrialization in Pakistan**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-23

ISLAMABAD: China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has entered into its second phase where representation from the private sector will accelerate the pace of industrialization in the country, Planning Developing and Reform Secretary Zafar Hasan Monday said. He said the scope of CPEC has been expanded with a focus on industrial and agriculture cooperation, socioeconomic development, trade and .....

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### **PM reiterates resolve to complete ongoing projects under CPEC**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-17

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Wednesday reiterated the resolve to complete ongoing projects under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which had contributed substantially to Pakistan’s development and

prosperity. Talking to Chinese Ambassador Yao Jing, who called on him here at the PM Office, he also reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to further strengthen the All-Weath.....

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### **Financial issues hurdle in land acquisition process for CPEC's Western Route**

Source: [Wasim Iqbal](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-13

ISLAMABAD: The land acquisition process for Western Route under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is slow due to financial problems, a parliamentary panel on Friday was briefed. A meeting of the functional committee on problems of Less Developed Areas held here at Parliament under chair of Usman Khan Kakar. While being briefed on Land Acquisition for CPEC (Western Route) Yarak – DI K.....

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### **All political parties in Pakistan attach high expectations to joint construction of CPEC**

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-12

BEIJING: Governor of Balochistan, Amanullah Khan Yasinzai has said that all political parties in Pakistan were full of expectations for the joint construction of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a pilot project of Belt and Road Initiative. "In recent years, the important pilot project of the Belt and Road Initiative has been put into practice in the Gwadar Port of Balochistan Provin.....

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### **India wants China, Pakistan to end CPEC related activities in Azad Kashmir**

Source: [Aisha Mahmood](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-11

Dismissing a recent Pak-China joint statement, India has called on both of the countries to stop China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) related activities in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman Raveesh Kumar rejected the joint statement and said that India has consistently expressed concerns to both Pakistan and China about CPEC projects in AJK. He claimed AJK .....

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### **CPEC authority being established for ensuring continuous progress on different projects: PM**

Source: [Imaduddin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-20

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan Monday said the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority was being established for ensuring uninterrupted progress on different projects. The authority would be most effective in ensuring timely completion of the CPEC projects, besides ensuring better coordination and cooperation among all the relevant departments, the prime minister said while chairi.....

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### **Pak-China relationship solid, based on mutual trust: Chairman CJSC**

Source: [Usama Fayyaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-02

BEIJING: Pakistan-China relationship is close and solid, and it is based on mutual respect and mutual trust, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) Gen. Zubair Mahmood Hayat told Chinese media. He also stressed that Pakistan-China relationship is far beyond the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, but the projects of CPEC are a mega initiative that Pakistan is very proud of and plea.....

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### **China ready to further expand CPEC for high quality growth: Foreign ministry spokesperson**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-08-20

BEIJING: Terming China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a symbol of practical cooperation, a Chinese foreign ministry's spokesperson Tuesday said that his country would like to work with Pakistan to enrich and expand the CPEC and achieve high quality growth to deliver more benefits to peoples of two countries and the broader region. "China will like to work with Pakistan to enrich.....

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### **Benefits of CPEC**

Source: [Abdullaeva Rokhila](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-25

China and Pakistan had formed partnership to complete China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) under "One-Road, One-Belt" vision. The project has great importance for both the countries. CPEC has potential to transform the socio-economic landscape of Pakistan. According to the estimates, the 'One-Belt One-Road' would establish close land and maritime connections between/amon.....

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### **On CPEC discourse**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-25

Discourse on the once-shiny CPEC initiative has arguably become dismal in Pakistan the last one year. As with rest of the economic discourse among the public, the current somber mood on CPEC is most likely an overreaction. Just as it was a cheerful exaggeration when CPEC was being championed some years ago as the magic tonic for all that ails this country. It's not all gloom and doom, t.....

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### **Govt urged to set up CPEC body at Bol**

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-25

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has urged the government to set up a body at Board of Investment (BoI) comprising all stakeholders for effective coordination to expedite the work for completion and operationalization on Special Economic Zones (SEZs). Chairman of the committee Sher Ali Arabab told this correspondent after the in-camera meeting of.....

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### **Laws for special economic zones under CPEC being revisited**

Source: [Jamal Shahid](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-09-26

ISLAMABAD: The government is revisiting laws pertaining to special economic zones (SEZs) under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to fix deficiencies, Chairman Board of Investment Zubair Gilani told a parliamentary body meeting on Wednesday. "There was no harmony between legislation and ground challenges at the time China-Pakistan Economic Corridor was conceived. The SEZ Act is bei.....

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### **Senate committee discusses setting up CPEC authority**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-25

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Special Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Wednesday directed the Ministry of Planning (MoP) to finalise all the requirements for the establishment of CPEC authority at the earliest. Board of Investment Chairman Zubair Gillani confirmed introducing a policy on special economic zones (SEZs) under CPEC by the end of the current year whereas Planning Secr.....

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### **Pakistan-China ties**

Source: [Amna Ejaz Rafi](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2019-09-26

Pakistan and China bilateral relations established in May 1951, have progressed over the years. During the 1970s, Pakistan played the role of a facilitator in normalizing China-US relations. The US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger meeting with President Zhou Enlai in Beijing was facilitated by Pakistan, which later led to the visit of President Nixon to China. These developments showed the mushr.....

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### **China denies slowdown in CPEC projects**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-30

ISLAMABAD: China has said that there was no slowing down of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as it was laid on a solid foundation and the multi-billion dollar project had entered a new phase. "CPEC is running according to our satisfaction and there is no slowdown in it," Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Yao Jing said during his keynote address at a seminar titled ".....

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### **The high cost of inexperience**

Source: [Afshan Subohi](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-09-30

The development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) over the last one year could have partially cover the growth loss and provided some element of relief in the tragic story of the economy made insufferable by galloping inflation, falling investment and rising joblessness under the current government. Privately, officers of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) establishment in the centre and .....

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### **Reviving CPEC**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-04

The Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan will be in China on 7-8 October. The main agenda of Khan's visit will be discussing China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with the Chinese authorities. Since Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) has come to power, all the enthusiasm surrounding CPEC has died down. Things were going at a fast pace until the previous government of Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (P.....

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### **New projects offered to China as part of CPEC: minister**

Source: [Khaleeq Kiani](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-10-07

ISLAMABAD: Amid a perceived slowdown on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar on Sunday said Pakistan would engage China at the highest level for talks on several big projects in the fields of hydropower, oil refinery and steel mills. Speaking at a press conference a day before Prime Minister Imran Khan's .....

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### **Pak-China FTA phase-II to be implemented shortly**

Source: [Meng Lingjuan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-07

BEIJING: Pakistan Ambassador to China Naghmana Alamgir Hashmi has said that the free trade agreement (FTA) phase-II between Pakistan and China will be implemented shortly as it is still going through the internal ratification process. In an exclusive interview with China Economic Net in late September, Naghmana said, "We hope that in the next few months, it will become operational. Wit.....

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### **CPEC Authority established through ordinance**

Source: [Mariana Baabar / Agencies](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-10-08

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan arrived in Beijing late at night on Monday and will embark on two-day official visit of China on Tuesday. Meanwhile, President Arif Alvi promulgated an ordinance to provide for establishment of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority. The ordinance promulgated by the president on October 5 in exercise of his powers under clause (1) of Article 89 .....

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### **CPEC projects in Azad Kashmir turn murky**

Source: [Munawar Hasan](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-10-08

LAHORE: Protracted delay in the execution of various projects sanctioned for Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K) under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) could result in their escalated costs, and hinder the state's economic development and regional connectivity, people familiar with the matter said on Monday. More:CPEC Authority established through ordinance Sources said four mega .....

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### **Sindh gov't won't allow construction of CPEC's ML-1 project at the cost of KCR, says Murad**

Source: [Azeem Samar](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-10-09

Sindh's chief minister has made it clear that his government will not allow the construction of the Main Line-1 (ML-1) project of the Pakistan Railways as part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) at the cost of the Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) or at the cost of the people of the city. CM Syed Murad Ali Shah said this on Monday while speaking in the provincial assembly, which ad.....

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### **Visit To China**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-08

Imran Khan's upcoming visit to China is a very important meeting for the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaaf (PTI) government in light of recent events. While meeting on the home ground of one of our closest allies, it is important that PM Khan takes the personal relationship with the President of China and their Foreign Office further. A personal connection with the Chinese state will greatly assist .....

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### **China says paying 'close' attention to IOK situation**

Source: [Recorder Report](#) , [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-10

At the invitation of Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Imran Khan, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, visited China from October 8-9, 2019. During the visit, Prime Minister Imran

Khan called on Xi Jinping, President of China, held a meeting with Premier Li Keqiang and met with Li Zhanshu, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Nati.....

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### **Transport infrastructure under CPEC**

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-12

Islamabad, Beijing ink agreed minutes of 7th JWG meeting TAHIR AMIN ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China Friday inked the agreed minutes of the 7th meeting of Joint Working Group on Transport Infrastructure of the two countries under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework. Both sides expressed their commitment and resolve for removing the impediments for timely completion of.....

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### **CPEC and the wages of mismanagement**

Source: [Durdana Najam](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-16

During Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to China, on October 8, 2019, no particular mention was made on the halting pace of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Though Khan expressed his desire to emulate the Chinese model of beating corruption, through either hanging or incarcerating the fraudulent, he could not openly confess about the CPEC becoming victim of corruption itself. Co.....

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## **Regional Integration Under China's B & R**

### **Xinjiang: Far west region, heart of Silk Road**

Source: [Xinhua](#), [China Daily](#) , 2019-08-18

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### **Dialogue urged to resolve Kashmir disputes**

Source: [Cao Desheng](#) , [China Daily](#) , 2019-08-13

China is opposed to any unilateral actions that complicate the situation in Kashmir, and called on both India and Pakistan to resolve related disputes through peaceful means, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Monday. In a meeting with visiting Indian Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Wang said New Delhi's announcement of the establishment of the Ladakh U.....

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### Beijing urges proper resolution of Kashmir dispute

Source: [WANG QINGYUN](#) , [China Daily](#) , 2019-08-10

State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi meets with Pakistani Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi in Beijing on Friday. FENG YONGBIN/CHINA DAILY China is gravely concerned by the escalating tensions in Kashmir and believes there should be no unilateral actions that complicate the situation, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said in Beijing on Friday. Wang spoke when.....

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### A unipolar system

Source: [Ismael Hossein-Zadeh](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-09-23

The emergence in recent years of the economic and military powers in countries like China, Russia and India has given rise to theories and hopes of a multipolar world that could temper the heavy-handed unilateral/unipolar policies of the United States on a global level. Such hopes are further buoyed by the fact that these rising poles of economic development have instituted a number of regional i.....

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## Research, Development & Capacity Building

### China to help launch Pakistani to space: Fawad

Source: [Saqib Virk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-01

Last week, Science and Technology Minister Fawad Chaudhry generated quite some buzz and a whole lot of questions when he announced plans to launch Pakistan's first manned space mission in 2022. "Proud to announce that selection process for the first Pakistani to be sent to Space shall begin from Feb 2020, fifty people will be shortlisted — list will then come down to 25 and in.....

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## SDPI's events, Visits, publications

### Experts for building export capacity to meet Chinese markets' demand

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-06

ISLAMABAD - Experts on Monday called upon the government to build its export capacity to cater the demand of Chinese markets at competitive pricing, amid finalization of second phase of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Pakistan and China. READ MORE:US says closely following events in Indian-occupied Kashmir They termed the FTA as a silver lining for Pakistan's economy and splendid oppo.....

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### Enhance export capacity to cater to Chinese markets, say experts

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-06

ISLAMABAD: Experts at a seminar on Monday called upon the government to enhance its export capacity to cater to the demand of Chinese markets at competitive pricing as the second phase of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Islamabad and Beijing is being finalised. The seminar, 'Pakistan China Free Trade Agreement (FTA): where we are and where we are going?' was organised by the Su.....

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### Telcos power into 5G network

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-23

ISLAMABAD: China Mobile Pakistan (CMPak), popularly known as Zong, carried out the first official test of its 5G network on Thursday. The Secretary Information Technology, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority chairman, economic and commercial counsellor of Chinese Embassy along with the dignitaries tested Zong's 5G network at the ceremony, a company press release said. ....

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### China's tech resilience

Source: [Beelam Ramzan](#), [The News, International, Islamabad/Rawalpindi](#) , 2019-09-12

The US gave Huawei, the privately-owned Chinese telecom giant, a 90-day reprieve on the ban against buying US technology; simultaneously allowing US companies to export to Huawei without restrictions. This truce is temporary yet encouraging in the tumultuous spate of the US-China trade war that shows no sign of abating with tit-for-tat tariffs imposed on each others' products. The relaxatio.....

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### 'China warns India of reverse sanctions if Huawei is blocked'

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-07

NEW DELHI: China has told India not to block its Huawei Technologies from doing business in the country, warning there could be consequences for Indian firms operating in China, sources with knowledge of the matter said. India is due to hold trials for installing a next-generation 5G cellular network in the next few months, but has not yet taken a call on whether it would invite the Chinese telec.....

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### **Despite US ban, Huawei aims to lead tech industry**

Source: [Shahram Haq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-08-16

DONGGUAN / CHINA: Huawei Technologies, the Chinese tech giant, has said that it is determined to take the lead among global tech players despite the ban placed on it by US President Donald Trump earlier this year. Though Huawei has received a temporary relief from the US, it still wants to use Google's Android operating system (OS) in its future devices. The newly announced Harmony op.....

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### **US sanctions on Huawei bite, but who gets hurt?**

Source: [AP](#), [Dawn](#) , 2019-08-22

Chinese technology giant Huawei has yet to feel the full force of US sanctions due to temporary exemptions and other uncertainties. Nonetheless, Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei says he expects no permanent relief because of the political climate in Washington. In an interview with The Associated Press, he also expressed confidence the company will thrive because it is developing its own technology. ....

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### **Beijing: where innovation drives development - (PART-II)**

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-02

The conversion of an old abandoned factory site into a vibrant area for the Olympic Games is proof enough that China never lets anything go to waste. Making a treasure out of waste is a forte of Chinese leadership and that is why China, even in the games, has taken centre stage. When I came to see the flag raising ceremony, my first impression was that it would be a routine event. However, within .....

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### **Beijing: where innovation drives development**

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2019-09-01

Giving a glaring glimpse to the world to comprehend how China is excelling meticulously by merging past legacy into future through innovation, Beijing launched the ceremony of the "China Now: Silk Road Rediscovery Tour of Beijing Upon the 70th anniversary of the People's Republic of China (PRC) with great pomp and show. READ MORE:PPP submits adjournment motion in Senate over shift.....

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### **How China views itself and the world**

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2019-10-07

There are a number of developments in China that Islamabad needs to watch not only because Pakistan is one of the many countries China borders. It is important for those holding the reins of power in Islamabad to understand where

China is today, where it has come from and where it could be going. All that was the subject of discussion both inside and outside China as it celebrated the 70th birthday.....

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