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Daily Times

Pakistan ready to boost partnership with University Alliance of BRI Forum

The University Alliance of Belt & Road Forum at its meeting held at Lanzhou University in Gansu Province has called for digital and green development.

The Forum themed by “International Education Collaboration under the Circumstances of Digital Empowerment, Green Innovation and Shared Development” was inaugurated this week, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Thursday. Nearly 100 experts and scholars from 21 overseas universities and international organizations in 17 countries and regions, as well as 42 Chinese universities gathered in Lanzhou University, besides Secretary-General of the Alliance, to attend the event.

According to Yang Yongping, Member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and President of Lanzhou University, since its establishment in 2015, the Alliance has promoted exchanges and cooperation in education, science and technology, and culture among 184 universities from 27 countries and regions along the Belt and Road.

“I hope more high-quality education cooperation platforms and public education products can be built and shared in the Alliance to make the most of the complementary advantages in curricula, faculty, educational information, technology, and infrastructure among the members.

They can come forward providing support for building a community with a shared future for mankind,” he remarked.

“Gansu Province, boasting advantageous geographical position in the Belt and Road, will continuously contribute to the Belt and Road development as a new engine for boosting the progress of higher education in Northwest China,” said Zhang Guozhen, Secretary of the Party Leadership Group and Director of Gansu Education Department.

Khalil Hashmi, Ambassador of Pakistan to China, and Peter Levai, Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, expressed their willingness to enhance educational exchanges with members of the Alliance in their speeches at the opening ceremony. Experts and scholars from universities of 11 countries, including the United States, Canada, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, and Egypt, shared their views on topics of the prospects for digital education cooperation and the development of international education cooperation mechanisms.

This year, the sixth sub-alliance i.e. the Medical Sub-Alliance was established on the basis of the five sub-alliances of ecology, art, vocational education, etc. Additionally, four universities joined the Alliance as new members and signed MoUs with Lanzhou University.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1235808/pakistan-ready-to-boost-partnership-with-university-alliance-of-bri-forum/>

Planning minister reviews progress on CPEC projects

Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal chaired a high-level meeting here on Thursday to review the progress of ongoing projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The meeting was attended by Secretary of Planning, Awais Manzoor Sumra, Joint Chief Economist Operations Zafar-ul-Hassan, and other senior officials from the Ministry, according to press release issued by planning ministry. During the meeting, Ahsan Iqbal emphasized the need to ensure the success of the five-year CPEC development plan by involving all provinces of Pakistan and promoting equal development opportunities.

He directed that all five corridors be interconnected, including essential components such as CPEC Phase I, CPEC Phase II, and to achieve the project's set objectives.

The minister emphasised on the timely completion of mega projects, such as the ML-1 and the Karakoram Highway (KKH), directed that regular monitoring of these projects be conducted to ensure they are completed within the specified timeline. Highlighting the significance of CPEC, Ahsan Iqbal stated that these projects were fundamental to Pakistan's economic stability and would play a vital role in the country's progress and prosperity.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1236010/planning-minister-reviews-progress-on-cpec-projects/>

The News

Amid hike in power tariff by 155pc: Solar panels worth \$2.1bn imported from China in last fiscal: study

Khalid Mustafa

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan imported around 15 GW solar panels worth \$2.1 billion from China over the past fiscal year, a study titled 'The Great Solar Rush in Pakistan' revealed. "Contributing to this transition is the increased electricity tariffs—up by 155 percent over three years—driving high consumption households and industries to shift toward solar energy solutions."

In the past year, this has resulted in a 10.4 percent drop in grid electricity demand, with projections indicating further decline emphasizing the need for grid modernisation and revised demand forecasts to support decentralised energy generation.

In parallel, falling battery prices are also likely to boost solar adoption, making urgent grid adaptation essential for maintaining the financial viability of Pakistan's utility model. Global and local analysts, during the study launch, here on Thursday attributed Pakistan's rapid shift to solar as a unique, consumer-driven "solar rush" fueled by rising electricity costs, declining technology prices and strong import trends.

At the launch of the study titled 'The Great Solar Rush in Pakistan' by Renewables First explores this shift, highlighting Pakistan's growing prominence in the renewable energy landscape of developing nations, analysts from different parts of the world in the energy transition through renewable means is quite commendable.

“Pakistan’s solarisation drive is indeed impressive but we have also seen these trends being replicated in other emerging markets,” said Jenny Chase, Solar analyst at Bloomberg NEF. What makes Pakistan unique is the rapid nature of these additions, she further emphasized.

It was noted that Pakistan’s market stands out globally, with 27 GW in imports since 2020 and significant growth across residential, industrial and agricultural sectors. On adapting the grid infrastructure to accommodate these imports, Syed Faizan Ali, member Prime Minister’s Solarisation Committee, said, “With strong policy alignment, we can harness this growth while addressing these operational challenges.”

Global experts emphasized the transformative impact of Pakistan’s decentralised, consumer-driven approach, identifying key trends and challenges shaping the future of renewables. “We’re witnessing a convergence of factors—rising electricity prices, falling renewable technology costs, and a supply surplus from China—fueling Pakistan’s solar adoption,” said Sohaib Malik, senior manager, Markets & Strategy, BayWa r.e.

Endorsing his thoughts, Dave Jones of Ember Energy stated that Pakistan’s model demonstrated how a booming solar market could offer a transformative path in places like South Africa, Brazil, and Nigeria, offering alternative for decentralised and people-led energy transitions.

“Pakistan is now the world’s 7th largest import market of Chinese solar panels with 17 GW imported only in 2024. The market’s full magnitude is yet to be quantified. Declining prices of solar and storage are shaping a dynamic landscape that could lead to greater off grid adoption,” Baldesh Singh, a Principal Analyst at S&P Global, said.

Danny Kennedy, a global cleantech entrepreneur said, “Pakistan’s shift is a consumer led model which is inspiring for other countries aiming to leapfrog to renewable energy. This decentralised energy movement, while coming with its own set of challenges, needs to be celebrated and adopted.”

There was a consensus amongst the experts that Pakistan’s people-led energy shift offers valuable insights for other developing nations, with future solar growth anticipated as battery prices are declining rapidly.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=355536>

Express News

سرمایہ کاری میٹنگ B2B فشریز سے متعلق پہلی پاکستان-چین

سرمایہ کاری میٹنگ کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ B2B چینی شہر چنگ ڈاؤ میں فشریز سے متعلق پہلی پاکستان-چین

یہ تقریب ٹڈاپ کے زیر اہتمام مشترکہ منصوبوں اور شراکت داری کو فروغ دینے کیلئے تھی، تقریب دونوں ممالک کے درمیان تجارت اور سرمایہ کاری کو مزید فروغ دینے کے لیے جون 2024 میں وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کے دورہ چین کے تناظر میں منعقد کی گئی۔

تقریب میں 45 چینی اور 27 پاکستانی کمپنیوں نے شرکت کی۔ سی پی سی کے کمیٹی ممبر، چنگ ڈاؤ میونسپل میرین ڈیولپمنٹ بیورو سن ہوان جیانگ نے اپنے ریمارکس میں پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان تاریخی تمام موسموں میں ساتھی کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا،

سرمایہ کاری بورڈ کے سیکریٹری رحیم حیات قریشی نے چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان مختلف شعبوں میں مضبوط تعاون کو سراہا۔ انھوں نے باہمی طور پر فائدہ مند تعاون کو فروغ دینے کے لیے دونوں ممالک کے کاروباری اداروں کے درمیان شراکت داری بڑھانے پر زور دیا۔

مزید برآں انھوں نے پاکستان میں ماہی گیری کے شعبے اور چینی سرمایہ کاروں کیلئے پاکستانی حکومت کی جانب سے پیش کردہ مراعات کے بارے میں ایک جامع پریزنٹیشن پیش کی۔

تقریب کا اختتام پاکستانی اور چینی کمپنیوں کے درمیان 64 ملین ڈالر کے 11 مفاہمتی یادداشتوں اور ایک معاہدے پر دستخط کے ساتھ ہوا۔

ایکس پیسٹریجز، جوائنٹ ویسٹنر B2B پاکستان فشریز ایکسپورٹ ایسوسی ایشن اور سی فوڈ پیپٹریٹس کی کمیٹی آف چائنا کے درمیان ایک ایم او یو پر بھی دستخط کیے گئے جس میں مزید اور فشریز سیکٹر میں تجارت اور سرمایہ کاری کو فروغ دیا گیا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2731002/fishries-se-mutaliq-pehli-pakistan-china-b2b-sarmaya-kaari-meeting>

Nawaiwaqt News

چینی باشندے اہم مہمان، سفیر کو طلب نہ بیان پر احتجاج کیا: پاکستان

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی) پاکستان کے دفتر خارجہ نے سیکورٹی صورتحال پر چینی سفیر کے بیان پر احتجاج کی خبر کی تردید کر دی۔ دفتر خارجہ سے جاری بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ بعض ذرائع ابلاغ پر چینی سفیر کی دفتر خارجہ طلبی کی خبر چلائی گئی جس کی کوئی حقیقت نہیں، چینی سفیر معمول کے مطابق وزارت خارجہ کا دورہ کرتے رہتے ہیں۔ اس سے قبل آج ہونے والی ہفتہ وار بریفنگ کے دوران ترجمان دفتر خارجہ ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ نے چینی سفیر کے بیان کو حیران کن قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ ان کا بیان پاک چین سفارتی روایات کی عکاسی نہیں کرتا۔ ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان میں چینی باشندے ہمارے اہم مہمان ہیں، انکے بھرپور تحفظ و سلامتی کی فراہمی کے لیے پُر عزم ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ چینی سفیر کا نائب وزیر اعظم وزیر خارجہ اسحاق ڈار کو جواب سفارتی آداب کے خلاف نہیں تھا۔ ہفتہ وار بریفنگ میں ترجمان دفتر خارجہ ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ نے کہا ہے کہ سابق چیف جسٹس قاضی فائز عیسیٰ کی گاڑی پر لندن میں ہونے والے حملے کی تحقیقات کر رہے ہیں، حملہ آوروں کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی ہوگی۔ ہائی کمیشن کی گاڑی پر حملے کے حوالے سے تشویش ہے۔ وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف قطر کے دوروزہ دورے پر ہیں، تجارت، سرمایہ کاری اور خطے کی صورتحال پر بات چیت ہوگی۔ وزیر اعظم نے اس سے قبل سعودی ولی عہد محمد بن سلمان سے ملاقات کی۔ ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کا کہنا تھا کہ روس کی اسپیکر نے 27 سے 29 اکتوبر تک پاکستان کا دورہ کیا۔ پاکستان نے برکس میں شمولیت کا خواہشمند ہے، جبکہ برکس کی رکنیت کے لیے تمام شرائط مکمل کرتا ہے۔ کینیڈا میں سکھ علیحدگی پسند رہنما کو نشانہ بنانے کے بھارتی منصوبے کے حوالے سے ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان بارہا عالمی برادری کی توجہ بھارت کی دیگر ممالک میں ماورائے عدالت قتل عام پر دلاتا رہا ہے۔ پاکستان کسی دوسرے ملک کے اندرونی معاملات میں مداخلت کرتا ہے نہ ہی اپنے معاملات میں مداخلت پسند کرتا ہے۔ ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کا زلے خلیل زاد کے بیان پر رد عمل دینے سے گریز۔ ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان میں دہشت گردی کرنے والے گروہوں کی سرگرمیوں پر سنجیدہ تشویش کا اظہار کیا ہے، کہا کہ ان دہشت گرد گروہوں کی افغانستان میں محفوظ پناہ گاہیں ہیں۔ ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ نے جرمن سفیر کی جانب سے انڈیپینڈنٹ پاور پروڈیوسر (آئی پی پی) پر آرمی چیف کو لکھے گئے خط پر رد عمل دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے ان کی جانب سے پاک فوج کے سربراہ کو خط لکھنا سمجھ سے بالاتر ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ جرمن سفیر کو متعلقہ وزارتوں کو اس حوالے سے اعتماد میں لینا چاہیے تھا۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-11-01/page-1/detail-7>

November 03, 2024

Dawn News

Karachi industrial park to be declared model special economic zone

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Privatisation and Investment Abdul Aleem Khan said on Saturday that Karachi Industrial Park will be declared a model special economic zone (SEZ), while one SEZ would be handed over to China on a trial basis as desired by the prime minister.

Karachi Industrial Park is one of the nine special economic zones being developed throughout the country under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Karachi Industrial Park spreading over 1,500 acres is being developed on Pakistan Steel Mills land.

Aleem Khan chaired a meeting of the focal group formed by the prime minister for the progress of industrial zones in the country. The group reviewed the development on the special economic zones and the problems being faced the SEZs, and measures to resolve the issues.

The minister observed that special incentives are mandatory for these SEZs. While Karachi Industrial Park will be declared a model SEZ,

“we have to finalise many steps, including handing over one special economic zone to China on a trial basis”, he said.

Aleem Khan said industrial zones have the potential to promote industries in the country which should have been fully benefited,

but unfortunately for the last several years, industrial zones across the country have been neglected badly and these centers are suffering from various difficulties and problems to deal with for which measures have to be taken on an emergency basis.

Aleem Khan issued directives to ensure provision of special incentives and facilities to the industrial zones and approved the preparation of final recommendations by the Focal Group so that the pending issues could be resolved expeditiously.

He further said that new industries will be established only if special privileges are given in these industrial zones by leaving the traditional old practices.

Secretaries for energy, industry and investment and other senior officials participated in the Focal Group meeting, and presented updates on the industrial zones.

It was also decided that the full agenda will be discussed and finalised in the next meeting of the Focal Group and important decisions will be approved to ensure speedy development in all industrial zones.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1869492>

The News

Push to revitalise SEZs: Pakistan to hand over Karachi Industrial Park to China

Israr Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's government is piloting a strategy to revitalise its Special Economic Zones (SEZs) by handing over the Karachi Industrial Park (KIP) to China, which is being developed on the land of non-functional Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM), a senior government official disclosed to The News. The KIP is one of nine SEZs established under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework. Covering 1,500 acres, the KIP would be developed on the steel mills land which is around 19,000 acres. The federal government is contemplating dismantling the existing steel mill structure, while the Sindh government has been allocated 700 acres to establish a new state-of-the-art steel mill on the same site. Officials said that the transition to Chinese hands will set a precedent for making Pakistan's SEZs more appealing to investors by integrating international standards and practices. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has already approved this initiative aimed at enhancing the investor-friendliness of SEZs through the adoption of global best practices, he said. During a recent meeting, Federal Minister for Board of Investment Abdul Aleem Khan, who leads the Focal Group on Industrial Zones, highlighted key challenges facing SEZs, including inadequate infrastructure and insufficient policy support. "To enable industrial growth and economic progress, SEZs need tailored incentives and an operational overhaul," Khan stated, calling for swift reforms. Currently, Pakistan hosts 21 notified SEZs across the country, each designed to attract a range of investment opportunities. Notable hubs include Bin Qasim Industrial Park, Korangi Creek Industrial Park, and Khairpur SEZ in Sindh; Hattar SEZ in Haripur; and Rashakai SEZ in Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as well as M3 Industrial City, Value Addition City and Quaid-e-Azam Business Park in Punjab. Additional SEZs are also located in Punjab, Balochistan and Islamabad with the National Science and Technology Park, providing ample development prospects.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=356088>

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Daily Times

China-Pakistan technical education Center set up to empower Pakistani youth

The China-Pakistan TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) – Industrial Center of Excellence was unveiled here at the Belt and Road Digital Education Development Forum.

In a bid to train more Pakistani youth in Chinese language and vocational skills, 15 key disciplines including IoT, automation, textile, big data, engineering, etc. would be prioritised in the following year.

According to China Economic Net (CEN) it will be carried with digital curriculum to be developed under a mutually-formulated set of standards, and teachers will be trained to upgrade their vocational knowledge.

Industry-specific committees in textile, resource and environment, and food were set up in tandem, which are expected to equip students with exceptional internship and employment opportunities in these sectors, contributing to economic cooperation and development of Pakistan.

“This move comes in line with the desire for talent by Chinese companies investing in Pakistan and by local companies as well which are catching up with the tide of industrial upgrade”, said Mr. Ammar Muhammad, Secretary General of China Pakistan International Industrial Academic Integration Alliance.

So far, the alliance has attracted the participation of over 300 universities and colleges, and more than 80 enterprises in China and Pakistan, providing vocational training in a variety of key sectors such as agriculture, information, health, energy, etc.

Apart from skill development, the establishment of eight smart Chinese language centers is listed in the first-year plan of the TVET – Industrial Center, with the first one unveiled at the conference, which would be supported by Liaoning Petrochemical College.

China-Pakistan cooperation on vocational education has been on the fast track since 2021.

Earlier this year, the first IT City of Pakistan was inaugurated in Lahore under bilateral cooperation, providing local young people with training on artificial intelligence, cloud computing, graphic design, cybersecurity, data analytics, machine learning, and game development.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1236753/china-pakistan-technical-education-center-set-up-to-empower-pakistani-youth/>

Chinese solar panels ease pressure on Pakistan Grid

Affordable Chinese solar modules accounting for 10,450 MW in the first half of 2024 has eased out pressure on Pakistan national grid system.

Inflow of financially viable Chinese solar panels in Pakistan have also made the people heave the sigh of relief upset by power outage as millions of people in Pakistan have been switching over to renewable energy paradigms powered up by Chinese solar bonanza.

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) official told Gwadar Pro that during the first half of 2024, Pakistan became beneficial of China inverters worth a total of RMB 1.714 billion.

In August alone, the total value of inverter exports to Pakistan reached 326 million yuan, showing a year-on-year surge of 429.04 percent,” he added.

Positive results that came to fore due to Chinese solar panels in Pakistan market has let national grid system to breathe better as previously grid infrastructures that direly needed revamp across the country had to suffer frequent trips.

After the pressure ebbs, September generation on the grid went down 6 percent year-on-year to 12.1 billion units. It was down 17 percent year-on-year in August.

September's generation is the lowest for the month since September 2018. The 12-month moving average monthly generation fell below 10 billion units for the first time in 44 months.

August of 2018 had a higher 12-month moving average than September 2024.

This is the extent to which the grid demand has been eased out. And indeed credit goes to Chinese solar panels that are making a turnaround.

WAPDA official also told Gwadar Pro that nearly 30 percent of electricity consumption is now generated through solar power in Pakistan.

If Pakistan continue to receive affordable Chinese solar systems, installed solar capacity is expected to grow from 1.41 gigawatts in 2024 to 9.53 gigawatts by 2029, at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 46.55 percent.

“This remarkable growth is driven by increasing adoption of Chinese's solar PV systems.

Additionally, reduced costs are making solar energy more accessible and affordable for residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. Rising environmental concerns are also shifting focus towards clean energy sources like solar power,” he added.

The Pakistani government has launched several initiatives to support the growth of the solar energy sector.

The Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) has set a target of generating 30 percent of the country's power from renewable sources by 2030.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1236686/chinese-solar-panels-ease-pressure-on-pakistan-grid/>

Pakistan to benefit from China's logistics and customs operations expertise

Pakistan will benefit from China Linyi's logistics and customs operations expertise, said, Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi during his visit to Linyi, Shandong province. This, he said will help to enhance bilateral trade cooperation between China and Pakistan. The Ambassador met the with Mayor of Linyi Zhang Baoliang, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday. The two sides held extensive discussions to further deepen bilateral cooperation in various sectors and explore new avenues for enhancing trade and investment, particularly in developing logistics networks and training initiatives, Gwadar Pro reported. The Ambassador expressed Pakistan's keen interest in benefiting from Linyi's logistics and customs operations expertise. The two sides also discussed cooperation in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). The Ambassador underscored enhanced partnership with Linyi would strengthen the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and contribute to shared prosperity through mutually beneficial initiatives. As part of his visit, Ambassador Hashmi visited several key facilities in Linyi, including the Linyi Import Commodity City Mall, Linyi International Trade Centre, Linyi Trade City Holding Group, Linyi Port, and Linyi Logistics Park. He received detailed briefings at each site on the latest developments in trade facilitation and logistical infrastructure. These visits underscored the strategic importance of Linyi in China's regional and global trade frameworks, highlighting how the city's advanced

logistics capabilities can serve as a trade and economic cooperation model. Linyi, located in Shandong Province, China, and is renowned for its extensive trade and logistics networks. As one of China's largest logistics centres, Linyi plays a pivotal role in domestic and international commerce, facilitating the movement of goods across borders through its modern infrastructure, including Linyi Port and comprehensive logistics parks.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1236685/pakistan-to-benefit-from-chinas-logistics-and-customs-operations-expertise/>

The Express Tribune

Lammy's 'progressive realism' begins from China

David Lammy's China visit signals Labour's bid to rebuild UK-China ties with a balanced approach in trade.

Britain's Foreign Secretary David Lammy wrapped up an official trip to China as part of new Labour government's effort to take a "pragmatic" approach to engage Beijing, reconsolidating relations with world's second largest from scratch.

Under Conservatives, the China-UK "golden era" relationship towards the end of 2020 shifted into a higher gear as Theresa May in 2018 visited Beijing and discussed cooperation with Xi Jinping. Boris Johnson, despite America's pressure to block Huawei, in 2020 allowed Chinese telecom giant to operate in the UK on a limited level, seen as a "strategic defeat" for US.

But ecstasy didn't last long with London, just six months later, banning purchase of new Huawei equipment and announcing rooting out its 5G networks by 2027, shoving both countries into a vicious circle of a diplomatic war. The UK parliamentary committee's recommendation to counter Beijing's "'whole-of-state' threat" poured gasoline on fiery relationship. This "violent" shift from "courtship to aversion" was Tories "biggest mistake" that tipped the China-UK ties into further ambiguity.

Things seem to have slightly changed with new Labour Prime Minister Keir Starmer in a call with Xi in April sought to forge a long-term and closer economic relations with China and work together on international challenges, hoping to have "open, frank and honest discussions" on disagreements.

This helped melt the ice between two large economies, making some significant developments as UK's Chancellor Rachel Reeves is reportedly planning to visit China early next year to mull over resumption of Economic and Financial Dialogue with Beijing.

Britain's economy, after falling into recession in H2-2023, bounced back, posting an average of 0.6% growth H1-2024. As the China-UK trade dropped 21.1% to £86.5 billion in 2023 and Beijing accounted for just 0.2% of the total UK FDI in 2022, Starmer is seeing an opportunity to strengthen trade and investment ties with China and build on this year's economic gains. Reeves' remarks that Britain benefits from trade links, including with China, exports and imports and FDI suggest London's inclination towards an economic dialogue with Beijing.

It's the same mission former Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair embarked on two decades earlier, predicting China to become world's largest economy in next 20 to 30 years. By augmenting trade and investment relations, he paved the way for "golden era", which lasted for more than a decade before collapsing over the US edginess of China's remarkable economic and technological advancement. Those heydays may be hard to emanate but impart diplomatic wisdom on how to rebuild relationship.

Other instances also suggest that London is cozying up to China. For example, UK Trade Secretary Jonathon Reynolds recently slammed previous government for doing little to build China-UK relationship and sought "more engagement with China", ruling out imposing tariffs on China-made electric vehicles.

Labour's approach is hinging on "progressive realism", a fusion of policies adopted by Britain's two former foreign secretaries, Robin Cook and Ernest Bevin, who respectively brought climate action and human rights to the diplomatic fore and helped create NATO and country's accession to military alliance.

Setting out his vision of "progressive realism", which American author Robert William claimed to have coined in 2006, Lammy in April criticised that UK's China policy had "oscillated wildly over the past 14 years" of Tory rule, urging Britain to "adopt a more consistent strategy, one that simultaneously challenges, competes against, and cooperates with China".

This strategy pursues a realist approach to advance progressive goals rather than just confining to disagreements. Lammy's doctrine is being widely vilified; it could enable Britain to explore realistic means of cooperation with the world's largest producer of clean energy, solar panels and electric cars that without engagement isn't possible.

The "broad consensus that economic globalization would inevitably breed liberal democratic values proved false. Instead, democracies have become more economically dependent on authoritarian states... China provides a particularly stark case," Lammy wrote. "In today's world, Western governments must partner with the Global South," he added, acknowledging western powers "undermined" sovereignty of weaker states.

While this economic dependence, with Beijing's exports also relying on foreign demand, has been reciprocal, West itself is responsible for the decline in the share of world trade between democracies from 1997 to 2022. As West squandered trillions of dollars in wars and operations to change regimes it deemed were incompatible with its liberal values, China spent those years in producing and flooding world market with cheap goods.

As West retreated over economic fallouts of wars after killing hundreds of thousands of people, triggering antipathy for it in Global South, China became aggressive and channeled trillions of dollars in infrastructure development across developing world. The West has only itself to blame for China ending the era of the US "hegemony".

With America focusing on Indo-Pacific to counter China, Britain is being warned against consequences of any retrenchment from region out of new British Defence Secretary John Healey's comments last year that Britain can't be a "strong military force in Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic simultaneously" and "there needs to be a realism about military commitments".

Both Britain and Europe are cautious. Over the US sea-change, EU is being urged to "defend Europe with less America" as Britain prioritises "NATO First" and limits its engagement in Indo-Pacific to "advancing technology (and) developing military capabilities".

China's role in net-zero and world trade is driving Labour into maintaining a "constructive" relationship with China even in areas where both countries' "viewpoints" diverge. British government's readout - accentuating significance of "working together" on global challenges and commitment to promote "secure and resilient growth through increased trade and investment" - suggests Lammy's realism has come into play in Labour's foreign policy. How his vision will meet the progressive ends though remains to be seen.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2507203/lammys-progressive-realism-begins-from-china>

Implications of EU-China trade dispute

Trade spat will not only affect auto sectors of both sides, but will also impact global value chains

KARACHI: Undoubtedly, the relations between the European Union and China have played a pivotal role in the global business landscape and the repercussions of current parleys following a trade war about protecting their respective electric vehicle (EV) industries could envelope the economies of both countries, especially their automobile sectors.

Moreover, the economic interdependence and technological competition may trigger volatility and frequent adjustments in bilateral trade, resulting in reshaping their long-standing ties.

The elections of the European Parliament, held in early June 2024, have heralded a new era for European ties with China. This geopolitical shift has influenced the EU's approach, leading to conflicting perspectives.

In the aftermath of the 2024 vote, the increased fragmentation within the EU Parliament suggests a more complex and uncertain path to forming a cohesive strategy towards Beijing. This uncertainty poses challenges for the European companies conducting business with China as well as Chinese and global companies operating in Europe, which must now navigate a more unpredictable regulatory environment, according to China Briefing.

Amid these developments, the Chinese government is keenly observing the evolving dynamics. It aims to cultivate allies within the European bloc, reflected during President Xi Jinping's recent European tour, which included official visits to France, Serbia and Hungary. During the trip, Xi reiterated the significance of the 27-nation bloc as China's major trading partner.

The European Commission is formalising new import tariffs on Chinese EVs, soon after the EU's inconclusive vote left final decision to be taken by the commission. The EU remains divided on the imposition of tariffs of up to 45%. In retaliation, China is taking temporary anti-dumping measures.

The EU-China trade dialogue may impact automobile trade between the two sides and ultimately could take a heavy toll on the global auto industry following the US ban on China's internet-connected cars.

The restriction is actually an attempt to further cut off the entry of smart internet-connected cars into the United States, which imposed a 100% tariff on new energy vehicles, and sought to extend its "long arm" to allies as much as possible.

In the days to come, global automakers will reshape their supply chains around the two major markets of China and the US.

Those companies that rely heavily on the Chinese market, such as German and Japanese carmakers, and GM and Tesla in the United States, may have to use the dual supply chain of China and the US.

The Economist reported that new EU tariffs on imported Chinese-made EVs had come into force. The new duties, which come on top of an existing 10% levy, range from 7.8% for Tesla's imports to 35.3% for SAIC (Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation)'s cars.

The EU says China's carmakers benefit from state aid that undercuts European rivals. A furious China has retaliated by imposing an anti-dumping measure and is considering other punitive policies.

In terms of earnings, quarterly revenue at BYD overtook that of Tesla for the first time. The Chinese maker of electric cars chalked up \$28 billion in sales for the third quarter, ahead of Tesla's \$25 billion.

BYD is facing an additional 17% tariff in the EU, a market that is driving its global growth ambitions. Elon Musk has pledged to increase Tesla sales by 20-30% next year, a goal that many investors doubt he will be able to achieve.

International trade expert and auto sector analyst Aadil Nakhoda said, "The EU and US both are likely to face retaliation from China if a trade war erupts. However, the impact of the trade war can be different as the bundles of goods are different.

"Also, the EU has several smaller economies that are in close proximity to China than the US and they often receive greater benefits from trading with China than the US as a whole. The implications are different."

The EU imported about 500,000 EVs from China last year, which accounted for about 10% of market share. It was roughly one-third of exports from China in 2023. This will likely impact the Chinese EV production strategies.

The US is not only one of the most important producers of technologically advanced products, its consumers are also likely to demand the most technologically sophisticated goods.

Cutting off access to such an important market will have far-reaching implications, which can hurt the overall research and development (R&D) work in the industry and the scope of technological advancements as the economies of scale matter much for such investments.

The auto industry relies heavily on regional value chains than the global value chains, where trading in parts and accessories is restricted within three blocs – the EU, North America and Asia.

It is likely that EVs will follow suit as technology becomes more widespread. China will find avenues to invest in regional neighbours to ensure that it continues to maintain its edge in the industry and take advantage of linkages across the US, EU and its Asian neighbours.

China not only has the cheapest EVs but it also is successfully developing the battery segment. The US and EU believe that protecting their markets (under a false pretense) is likely to hurt Chinese producers and reduce their competitiveness.

So far this has not been the case. Unfortunately, politicians have a completely different understanding of economics than the experts and this is quite obvious in the case of EVs and batteries as restrictions have not discouraged Chinese companies from investing in this industry.

Nakhoda said, "There will be a need to adopt different strategies as trade wars involve retaliations that lock out suppliers from the trading partner. Hence, it will be crucial for other firms to seek alternative avenues to enter China. We will see further divergence of investments into Southeast Asian countries. Also, Mexico is likely to be a beneficiary of such a trade war between the US and China."

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2507279/implications-of-eu-china-trade-dispute>

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پاک فضائیہ کے آپریشنل ایئر بیس پر منعقدہ پاک چین انڈسٹریل شیلڈ 2024 مشقیں اختتام پذیر

چین اور پاکستانی فضائیہ کے درمیان الگ الگ منعقد کی گئی انڈسٹریل شیلڈ چائنیز مشق 2024 اختتام پذیر ہو گئیں۔

آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق مشق پاک فضائیہ کے آپریشنل ایئر بیس پر منعقد کی گئی جس میں چینی فضائیہ کے اہلکاروں نے ہائی ٹیک آلات کے ساتھ شرکت کی۔

انڈسٹریل شیلڈ مشق نے دونوں افواج کی جنگی صلاحیتوں میں اضافہ کیا، آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق مشق میں اے ای ایس اے ریڈار اور جے 16 اور جے 10 سی جنگی طیاروں نے حصہ لیا۔

مشق میں ایچ کیو 22 زمین سے فضائیہ مار کرنے والے دفاعی نظام نے بھی حصہ لیا، اس کے علاوہ مختلف فوجی حکمت عملیوں کا بھی مظاہرہ کیا گیا۔

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Daily Times

Indus Shield Chinese exercise 2024 concludes

Indus Shield-Chinese, a bilateral module of Exercise Indus Shield 2024, being conducted separately between Chinese and Pakistan Airforces has concluded at an operational air base of Pakistan Air Force.

The exercise witnessed participation from People's Liberation Army Air Force of China, with its personnel and high-tech equipment comprising AESA Radar and Long Range BVR Equipped J-16 & J-10C fighter aircraft, Lethal HQ-22 Surface to Air Defence system, Potent Airborne Electronic Warfare YTG-9 Platform, alongside KJ-500 Airborne Early Warning system pitched against PAF's J-10C and JF-17 Block-III fighter jets simulating contemporary aerial combat scenarios.

The successful execution of such a large-scale exercise demonstrates Pakistan Air Force's joint operational readiness among allied nations while addressing contemporary security challenges, said an Inter Services Public Relations news release.

Aimed at validating interoperability between China and Pakistan in the face of contemporary air combat challenges and by simulating various military tactics in near realistic multi domain operations training environment, Indus Shield-Chinese has maximized the warfighting potential of both the participating air forces, it further said.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1237212/indus-shield-chinese-exercise-2024-concludes/>

The News

Simulating contemporary combat scenarios: Pakistan, China hold aerial exercise

ISLAMABAD: In a bid to further strengthen its capabilities for defending the country's territorial integrity and sovereignty, the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has held an aerial exercise conducted "separately" with the Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF), said the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Tuesday.

The military's media wing said that Indus Shield-Chinese, a bilateral module of Exercise Indus Shield 2024, concluded at an operational air base of the PAF and featured Chinese personnel and high-tech equipment simulating contemporary aerial combat scenarios.

The exercise witnessed Chinese AESA radar and long-range BVR missile equipped J-16 and J-10C fighter aircraft, lethal HQ-22 surface-to-air defence system, potent airborne electronic Warfare YTG-9 Platform, alongside KJ-500 Airborne Early Warning System being pitched against PAF's J-10C and JF-17 Block-III fighter jets.

"The successful execution of such a large-scale exercise demonstrates PAF's joint operational readiness among allied nations while addressing contemporary security challenges," read the ISPR's statement. The exercise was aimed at validating interoperability between China and Pakistan in the face of contemporary air combat challenges and by simulating various military tactics in near-realistic multi-domain operations training environment.

The Indus Shield-Chinese has maximised the war-fighting potential of both the participating air forces, added the statement, noted the ISPR. The exercise comes as the three branches of the country's armed forces often hold exercises along with their counterparts from various other countries.

Last month, Pakistan and Russia held two-week-long bilateral exercise titled Joint Exercise Druzhba-VII which aimed at refining professional skills through joint training besides harnessing the historic military-to-military relations among the friendly countries.

Before that, a Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) participated in a bilateral exercise at the Arabian Sea with US Navy Ship USS O'Kane during the latter's visit to Karachi.

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Chinese firms seeking policy stability, security

Israr Khan

ISLAMABAD: Chinese businesses on Tuesday called on the Pakistani government to enhance security for investors, prioritize one-window operations and ensure the continuation of supportive policies to foster industrialization and business growth in the country.

Wang Huihui, Chairman of the China Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Pakistan (CCCPK), emphasized that Pakistan must create a secure investment environment to encourage Chinese private sector participation. He specifically pointed to the importance of

learning from China's Green SEZ model, which emphasizes eco-friendly development and sustainable practices, including the use of renewable energy.

According to Wang, these zones not only contribute to long-term industrial growth but also play a critical role in poverty alleviation and job creation. "SEZs have the potential to boost Pakistan's industrial sector, reduce poverty and foster trade liberalization," Wang said, noting that CPEC's infrastructure development could be a game-changer for the country's economy. He urged Pakistan to focus on modernizing industries, leveraging technology and boosting industrial competitiveness.

A recent survey by the CCCPK revealed a Business Climate Index of 49.63 for Chinese firms in Pakistan, just below the crucial 50-point threshold separating optimism from pessimism. It surveyed its major companies and found that 83.4 per cent of companies cited deteriorating security as a primary barrier to business, alongside concerns over foreign exchange controls and policy inconsistencies. Nevertheless, 70 per cent of respondents remained optimistic about future economic conditions.

The remarks came during a high-level policy dialogue hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), titled "Driving Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Development Under CPEC 2.0: Opportunities for Sustainable Industrial Growth." The event was held in Islamabad. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of Pakistan-China Institute, underscored the need for Pakistan to take decisive steps to benefit from China's global rise, particularly through CPEC and other infrastructure initiatives. "There are multiple institutions involved in managing these projects, but too 'many cooks spoil the broth'. Pakistan needs a single, independent, and autonomous authority to oversee CPEC-related investments, especially SEZs," he argued.

Mustafa Haider Syed, Executive Director of the Pakistan China Institute (PCI), also echoed calls for an autonomous body to oversee SEZ development in Pakistan. He argued that bureaucratic instability, with frequent changes in ministers and officials, hinders progress in the SEZ sector. "The key to success is creating a stable and empowered authority that does not depend on changing political leadership," Syed said.

He also pointed out that with rising trade barriers in Europe and the US against China, Pakistan has a unique opportunity to become a hub for industries related to electric vehicles, solar panels, and renewable energy. He emphasized that China's private sector is increasingly making market-based decisions on investments, shifting from government-to-government agreements. As Phase II of the Belt and Road Initiative progresses, he said, Pakistan must position itself as a competitive investment destination by improving its ease of doing business.

Hassan Daud Butt, Senior Advisor to Energy China, stressed the importance of localization for the success of SEZs. He pointed to the growing interest from Chinese companies in packaging and energy but warned that the government must implement a clear roadmap to address existing challenges. "China has a long-term vision for CPEC, but we must ensure real ease of doing business for investors," Butt said.

Erfa Iqbal, Additional Secretary from the Board of Investment, emphasized that while Pakistan faces challenges, the SEZs are not in a dire situation, and there is room for growth in Phase II of CPEC. She also mentioned ongoing roadshows in Chinese cities aimed at attracting investment in Pakistan's seven export-oriented sectors, which will continue until December 2024.

Addressing concerns from the International Monetary Fund over incentives for SEZs, she clarified that the IMF had recommended phasing out, not eliminating, these incentives.

Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, CEO of the Asian Institute of Eco-civilization, Research, and Development, criticised the inefficiencies arising from overlapping institutional roles, such as the Special Investment Facilitation Center and BoI. Ramay said that security for investors must be prioritized.

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Pakistan reaffirms commitment to safety of Chinese nationals

ISLAMABAD: The office of the spokesperson for Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said the incident involving two Chinese nationals in Karachi is under investigation, and Pakistan remains resolute in bringing to justice the responsible individual.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, it said: "This morning two Chinese nationals were injured in Karachi as a result of a firing incident following a dispute with a private guard. The injured were immediately taken to hospital and are under treatment. We extend our sympathies to the families of the injured and offer prayers for their swift recovery."

According to the statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is in close contact with the Ministry of Interior and the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad.

"Pakistan and China are close partners and iron-brothers, united by a bond of mutual respect and shared destiny. Pakistan reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects, and institutions in Pakistan."

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Express News

سی پیک اور ماسٹر پلان کے دوسرے فیز پر کام شروع کر رہے ہیں، ڈائریکٹر گو اور ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی

گو اور ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی (جی ڈی اے) کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل شفقت انور شاہ ہوانی نے 2025 کو گو اور کا سال قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ پاک-چین اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) اور گو اور اسمارٹ پورٹ سٹی ماسٹر پلان کا پہلا مرحلہ مکمل ہو گیا اور دوسرے مرحلے کا کام جلد شروع کر رہے ہیں۔

اے پی پی کی رپورٹ کے مطابق گو اور ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی کے تعاون سے ماس ہیو مین ریسورس سروسز اور چائنا اور سیز پورٹ ہولڈنگ کمپنی کے زیر اہتمام گو اور چائنا بزنس سینٹر میں ایک پلور اینڈ اپ لفٹ گو اور کے حوالے سے تقریب منعقد ہوئی جہاں بڑی تعداد میں سیاسی، سماجی اور کاروباری شخصیات نے شرکت کی، تقریب کا مقصد بلوچستان بالخصوص گو اور کی تعمیر و ترقی کی راہ میں حائل مشکلات کو دور کرنا تھا۔

ڈائریکٹر جنرل گوادریو پلینٹ اتھارٹی شفقت انور شاہوانی نے تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ سی پیک اور گوادریو اسمارٹ پورٹ سٹی ماسٹر پلان کا پہلا مرحلہ مکمل ہو گیا ہے، سی پیک اور ماسٹر پلان کے دوسرے فیز پر کام شروع کر رہے ہیں اور 2025 گوادریو کا سال ہو گا۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ گوادریو میں سرمایہ کاری کے وسیع مواقع سے فائدہ اٹھانے کے لیے حکومت پر امن اور محفوظ ماحول فراہم کرے گی۔

ان کا کہنا تھا کہ چین کے تعاون سے سی پیک کے پہلے فیز میں جی ڈی اے پاک چائنا اسپتال، نیو گوادریو انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ، پاک چائنا فرینڈ شپ ٹریڈنگ انسٹیٹیوٹ، ایسٹ بے ایکسپریس سمیت متعدد منصوبے مکمل ہوئے ہیں جن سے مقامی سطح پر لوگ مستفید ہو رہے ہیں۔

شفقت انور شاہوانی نے کہا کہ سی پیک منصوبوں کے ثمرات عوام تک پہنچانا شروع ہو گئے ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ جی ڈی اے اولڈ بحالی منصوبے کے تحت جامع حکمت عملی پر کام کر رہی ہے جس میں پرانی آبادی میں شاہراہوں کی تعمیر و توسیع، تعلیمی اداروں کی بحالی، آثار قدیمہ کی تعمیر و تحفظ، سیوریج و ڈرنیج سمیت انفراسٹرکچر کی بہتری کے متعدد منصوبے شامل ہیں۔

تقریب میں آبادی کی نمائندگی حسن بخشی، ادیس تھانوی اور افنان قریشی نے کی، چیئرمین آبادی کا کہنا تھا کہ گوادریو میں کام کرنے کے بہت سے مواقع موجود ہیں حکومت اگر سرپرستی کرے تو یہاں بڑے پراجیکٹس لگائے جاسکتے ہیں۔

اس موقع پر چین کے فوئصل جنرل یانگ یانگ نے بھی گوادریو کی تعمیر و ترقی اور سی پیک کی تیزی پر زور دیا، کمانڈنگ آفیسر جنید علی نے شرکا کو گوادریو کی صورت حال سے آگاہ کیا۔

تقریب کے مہمان خصوصی رکن صوبائی اسمبلی ہدایت الرحمان نے بھی گوادریو کی تعمیر و ترقی اور اس میں حائل رکاوٹوں کا تذکرہ کیا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2731908/si-pik-aor-masr-plan-k-dosr-fiz-pr-kam-shroaa-krr-i-aerikr-goadr-iolpmn-atari>

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IGP orders security audit of guards assigned to Chinese nationals

Salis bin Perwaiz

karachi: Sindh police chief Ghulam Nabi Memon held a meeting at the Central Police Office on Wednesday to review the security arrangements of Chinese and other foreign nationals.

IG Memon said the hosts and private security companies would be obliged to hire former law enforcement personnel to protect Chinese nationals in the province. A thorough security audit of private security guards engaged in the security of Chinese nationals will be conducted on the project premises, he added.

The meeting was briefed about the strategy adopted by the Karachi police chief, the operations chief, and the chiefs of the Special Protection Unit (SPU) and the Special Branch for the security of Chinese nationals.

Memon said security clearance at the accommodations and the project locations is crucial for the movement of Chinese nationals as well. "We have to ensure the implementation of the zero-tolerance policy regarding security. The hosts and sponsors of Chinese nationals, and

project owners should be regularly informed about the services of former law enforcement personnel.”

He said the hosts and project owners should be made aware of the SOP issued regarding security, and make it possible to keep Chinese nationals working in owners’ and hosts’ projects away from unnecessary interactions and meetings.

He directed the Special Branch and the SPU to jointly ensure the implementation of the SOP formulated by Pakistan’s government. He said that all district and unit incharges, including the SPU, should inform their staff about the SOP. Action should be taken against those who are negligent, he added.

Memon said that Chinese nationals’ movement should be restricted, and their security plan should be reviewed on a daily basis, adding that their usual and unusual movements must be shared with the local police so that their security measures can be made concrete.

He said SSPs should devote the maximum time possible to their offices to ensure all steps are taken to solve the public’s problems. He also said the police officials engaged in the security of unauthorised persons should be placed at police stations’ disposal. All police security cases should be sent to the Threat Assessment Committee, he added.

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Case registered under ATA against security guard who injured Chinese nationals

karachi: A case has been registered under attempted murder and terrorism charges over Tuesday’s shooting incident at a textile mill targeting foreign nationals.

The FIR No 510/24 was registered under the Section 324 of the Pakistan Penal Code and Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act on the complaint of the textile company’s security incharge, Najeebul Rab, at the Site A Police Station. According to the FIR, two Chinese nationals, who commuted daily from their residence in Defence Housing Authority to the Liberty Textile in a bulletproof vehicle with heavy security, arrived at 8:02 am on Tuesday, November 5, and proceeded to the knits department on

the first floor to work on the installation of new machinery.

At around 8:15 am, Sharifullah, a security guard employed by the company for past four to five months, went up to the first floor and opened fire with his 9mm pistol on the Chinese nationals with the intent to kill them for reasons not known yet.

As a result, the Chinese nationals, Zheng Luwen and Wang Xingzhong, were severely injured.

After the shooting, the guard fled the scene, and 16 bullet casings were seized from the crime scene. The injured Chinese nationals were rushed to Liaquat National Hospital.

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Express News

چینی شہریوں اور منصوبوں کی حفاظت کو یقینی بنانا اولین ترجیح ہے، وزیر داخلہ

وفاقی وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی کا کہنا ہے کہ ہم ترقی اور سیکورٹی کو مربوط کرنے کے چینی تصور سے پوری طرح متفق ہیں، چینی شہریوں اور منصوبوں کی حفاظت کو یقینی بنانا اولین ترجیح ہے۔

چینی سفارت خانے آمد پر سفیر جیانگ زی ڈونگ سے ملاقات کے دوران وزیر داخلہ نے کہا کہ سی پیک منصوبوں کی سیکورٹی کے لیے تمام ممکن اقدامات کو یقینی بنایا جا رہا ہے، حفاظتی اقدامات کو مزید بہتر اور مضبوط بنایا جا رہا ہے تاکہ چینی شہریوں کے لیے محفوظ و پرامن ماحول کو یقینی بنایا جاسکے۔

محسن نقوی نے کہا کہ کراچی واقعے میں ملوث افراد کو انصاف کے کئہرے میں کھڑا کیا جائے گا، پاکستان اور چین آہنی بھائی اور پائیدار شریک دار ہیں۔

ملاقات میں وزیر داخلہ نے کراچی میں گارڈ کی فائرنگ سے دو چینی شہریوں کے زخمی ہونے کے واقعے پر اظہار افسوس کرتے ہوئے زخمی چینی شہریوں اور انکی فیملیز سے دلی ہمدردی کا اظہار کیا۔ محسن نقوی نے واقعے کی تفصیلات اور تحقیقات میں پیش رفت سے چینی سفیر کو آگاہ کیا۔

وزیر داخلہ نے چین کے سفیر، حکومت اور زخمی چینی شہریوں کے خاندانوں کے ساتھ مکمل پیچھے کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے جلد صحتیابی کے لیے دعا کی۔

وفاقی وزیر داخلہ اور چینی سفیر کے درمیان ملاقات کے دوران مستقبل میں ایسے واقعات کو روکنے کے لیے مشترکہ حکمت عملی بنانے پر اتفاق کیا گیا۔

اس موقع پر، چینی سفیر کا کہنا تھا کہ مشترکہ کوششوں سے پاک چین دوستی مسلسل پروان چڑھ رہی ہے اور عملی تعاون میں جامع پیش رفت ہوئی ہے، اس تناظر میں ایک محفوظ اور مستحکم تعاون کا ماحول انتہائی اہم ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چین دو طرفہ سیکورٹی تعاون کو مزید آگے بڑھانے اور پاکستانی اداروں کی صلاحیتوں میں اضافے کے لیے تیار ہے۔

چینی سفیر نے چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورہ پاکستان پر بہترین انتظامات پر وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی کا شکریہ ادا کیا جبکہ صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری کی صحت کے متعلق دریافت کیا اور جلد صحتیابی کے لیے دعا کی۔ چینی سفیر نے کہا کہ چینی صدر شی جن پنگ نے صدر پاکستان کو خط لکھا ہے اور ان کے لیے نیک خواہشات کا اظہار کیا ہے۔

وفاقی سیکریٹری داخلہ اور چینی سفارت خانے کے اعلیٰ حکام بھی اس موقع پر موجود تھے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2731951/interior-minister-mohsin-naqvi-meets-chinese-ambassador>

Jang News

پاکستانی اداروں کی سیکورٹی صلاحیتوں میں اضافے کیلئے تیار ہیں: چینی سفیر

پاکستان میں چین کے سفیر جیانگ زی ڈونگ کا کہنا ہے کہ مشترکہ کوششوں سے پاک چین دوستی مسلسل پروان چڑھ رہی ہے، عملی تعاون میں جامع پیشرفت ہوئی ہے۔

وفاقی وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی نے چینی سفارت خانے میں چین کے سفیر جیانگ زی ڈونگ سے ملاقات کی۔

اس موقع پر گفتگو کرتے ہوئے چینی سفیر نے کہا کہ چین دو طرفہ سیکورٹی تعاون کو مزید آگے بڑھانے اور پاکستانی اداروں کی صلاحیتوں میں اضافے کے لیے تیار ہے۔

چینی سفیر نے چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورہ پاکستان پر بہترین انتظامات پر وزیر داخلہ کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔

ملاقات کے دوران جیانگ زی ڈونگ نے وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی سے صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری کی صحت سے متعلق دریافت کیا، ان کی جلد صحتیابی کے لیے دعا اور ان کے لیے نیک خواہشات کا اظہار کیا۔

چینی سفیر کا کہنا ہے کہ چینی صدر شی جن پنگ نے صدر پاکستان آصف علی زرداری کو خط لکھا ہے اور ان کے لیے نیک خواہشات کا اظہار کیا ہے

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چینی شہریوں اور منصوبوں کی حفاظت کو یقینی بنانا اولین ترجیح ہے: وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی

وفاقی وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی کا کہنا ہے کہ چینی شہریوں اور منصوبوں کی حفاظت کو یقینی بنانا اولین ترجیح ہے۔

وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی نے چینی سفارت خانے میں چین کے سفیر جیانگ زی ڈونگ سے ملاقات کی۔

ملاقات میں محسن نقوی نے کراچی میں گارڈ کی فائرنگ سے 2 چینی شہریوں کے زخمی ہونے کے واقعے پر اظہار افسوس کیا۔

وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی نے واقعے کی تفصیلات اور تحقیقات میں پیشرفت سے چینی سفیر کو آگاہ کیا۔

انہوں نے چین کے سفیر، حکومت اور زخمی چینی شہریوں کے خاندانوں کے ساتھ مکمل یکجہتی کا اظہار کیا۔

اس موقع پر گفتگو کرتے ہوئے محسن نقوی نے کہا ہے کہ ہم ترقی اور سیکورٹی کو مربوط کرنے کے چینی تصور سے پوری طرح متفق ہیں۔

محسن نقوی کا کہنا ہے کہ سی پیک منصوبوں کی سیکورٹی کے لیے تمام ممکن اقدامات کو یقینی بنایا جا رہا ہے، حفاظتی اقدامات کو مزید بہتر اور مضبوط بنایا جا رہا ہے تاکہ چینی شہریوں کے لیے محفوظ و پُر امن ماحول کو یقینی بنایا جاسکے۔

وفاقی وزیر نے یہ بھی کہا کہ واقعے میں ملوث افراد کو انصاف کے کٹہرے میں کھڑا کیا جائے گا۔

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Business Recorder

Attack on Chinese workers

Pakistan, China to develop joint security strategy

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China agreed on Thursday to develop a joint security strategy, following an incident where two Chinese nationals suffered gunshot wounds in an attack by a security guard at a factory in Karachi, an official statement said.

The understanding came when Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi met with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong to discuss the situation and Pakistan's response to the rising security risks faced by Chinese nationals.

“We fully agree with China's vision of integrating development and security,” Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi was quoted as saying in a statement released by his office after the meeting.

“The safety and security of Chinese citizens working on different projects in the country, including those related to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was a top priority for the government of Pakistan and all those involved in acts of terrorism against the neighbouring country’s citizens would be brought to justice,” said the Interior Minister.

The minister expressed his shock over the incident in which two Chinese were injured due to firing by a guard in Karachi. He expressed his sympathies with the families of those injured and informed the envoy of the progress made in an investigation into the incident so far. He also prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Pakistan and China, he went on to say, are time-tested friends. “The government is taking steps to increase the security of the Chinese nationals so that they could work in a safe and secure environment,” Naqvi said. The interior ministry statement informed that the two officials “agreed to develop a joint strategy to prevent such incidents in the future.”

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Jiang also underscored the need for a stable environment for ongoing bilateral cooperation and expressed his country’s readiness to strengthen bilateral security ties.

“China is ready to enhance bilateral security cooperation and build the capacities of Pakistani institutions,” he said.

The envoy said that due to joint efforts Pakistan- China friendship was strengthening by the day.

“China is ready to increase cooperation between the two countries in security and enhance the capacity of Pakistan’s law-enforcement agencies,” the Ambassador said.

Zaidong also thanked Naqvi for making the best arrangements during the Chinese prime minister’s visit to Pakistan.

He also inquired from the minister about the health of President Asif Ali Zardari.

Secretary Interior and senior officials of the Chinese embassy were also present at the meeting.—NNI

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/11/08/12-page/1014895-news.html>

Daily Times

Sindh seeks foreign investment in SEZs in return for incentives

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah during his meeting with Australian High Commissioner Neil Hawkins said that his government has launched various initiatives to attract both local and foreign investment.

The meeting was held at CM House and was attended by Secretary to CM Raheem Shaikh. The CM and the Australian High Commissioner discussed matters of mutual interest, including investment, climate change, the Indus Delta, Archaeology and others.

Hawkins said that the Indus Delta was historic and most importantly needed to be protected. At this, the CM said that Pakistan was a water-starved country. “Sindh being the lower riparian province is faced with water shortage, therefore the water required to be released to

[downstream Kotri] sea has been an invincible job,” he said and added as a result, sea intrusion has become a big threat.

Shah said that apart from Dhabeji SEZ, other key zones are ready for investment including the Bin Qasim Industrial Park (BQIP) and Korangi Creek Industrial Park (KCIP), where utilities and land are readily available. Additionally, following the Sole Enterprise Special Economic Regulations, 2020, single enterprises investing at least USD 50 million can attain SEZ status, with two such zones already operational in Sindh.

The Sindh Enterprise Development Fund (SED) has mobilized private investments amounting to Rs 7 billion in sectors such as agriculture, mining, and mineral processing, offering a subsidy scheme to boost productivity, the CM said and added this initiative has generated an economic impact worth 10 times the invested amount.

During the discussion, Murad Shah told the visiting Australian top diplomat that the provincial Investment Department has also conducted pre-feasibility studies in key areas such as Stones & Granite, Livestock, Agriculture, Food Processing, Fisheries, and Dairy which are now available on their website for potential investors. “To further improve the business climate, the Sindh government partnered with the World Bank Group, implementing the Doing Business Reforms Agenda, resulting in Pakistan’s 39-position rise in the Ease of Doing Business Index.

According to the chief minister as part of the Competitive and Liveable City of Karachi (CLICK) project, a one-stop regulatory approval system for 16 departments is in development to streamline investment procedures. Additionally, the department is collaborating with the Mines & Minerals Department to establish an SEZ in Tharparkar.

The Investment Department remains committed to facilitating investors and showcasing Sindh’s investment-ready projects at both national and international forums.

Australian High Commissioner said he visited Bambhore where while recording his impressions in the visitors’ book, he spotted the message Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto had recorded was of great value in terms of the content, the [English] language. “I have taken its photo, and it would be part of my personal record,” he said.

The CM and the visiting envoy also discussed hockey because both are hockey players. Murad said that he has developed hockey grounds with blue turfs all over Sindh, but the result of the investment has not been achieved in terms of the emergence of new talent.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1237631/sindh-seeks-foreign-investment-in-sezs-in-return-for-incentives/>

Pakistan vows to bolster security of Chinese workers after Karachi attack

* Interior Minister Naqvi says Islamabad agrees with Chinese approach of aligning development with security

Federal minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi visited the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad following an incident in Karachi where two Chinese nationals were injured by gunfire from a security guard.

Showing solidarity and diplomatic engagement during his meeting with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zedong, Minister Naqvi expressed regret over the incident and conveyed Pakistan's commitment to ensuring justice and enhancing security for Chinese nationals in the country. He conveyed heartfelt sympathy to the injured Chinese nationals and their families, underscoring that Pakistan places the utmost priority on the well-being and security of Chinese citizens, particularly those working on projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He briefed Ambassador Jiang on the incident's details and assured him of a swift, transparent investigation to bring those responsible to justice. Naqvi highlighted Pakistan's commitment to aligning its developmental goals with robust security measures, referencing China's own model of integrated development and security. Naqvi stated, "We fully agree with the Chinese approach of combining development with security, and we will ensure the safety of Chinese nationals and projects as a top priority." Addressing concerns surrounding the security of CPEC projects, Naqvi affirmed that Pakistan is taking "all possible measures" to protect Chinese citizens and assets linked to CPEC. He revealed that additional security protocols are being implemented to create a safe and stable environment, especially in regions where Chinese nationals reside or work. Security forces are actively working to bolster protective measures, particularly in Karachi, to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

Naqvi further assured that Pakistan's law enforcement agencies are coordinating to enhance security at all CPEC project sites, with a focus on strengthening communication, surveillance, and emergency response capabilities. Ambassador Jiang expressed China's appreciation for Pakistan's quick response to the Karachi incident and its dedication to securing Chinese interests in the region. He reiterated that China views Pakistan as a "true and enduring partner," describing the two nations as "iron brothers" who share a resilient and strategic partnership. "Through joint efforts, our friendship and cooperation have grown continuously. We value Pakistan's support and are committed to building a secure environment for mutual growth," Jiang stated. He emphasized that China is willing to further advance security cooperation and provide resources to enhance Pakistan's institutional capabilities to protect Chinese nationals. The two officials reached an agreement on developing a joint strategy to prevent similar incidents in the future, emphasizing the need for close communication and a shared approach to security. Ambassador Jiang thanked Minister Naqvi for Pakistan's hospitality and security arrangements during the recent visit of Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang. He also inquired about the health of President Asif Ali Zardari, conveying well wishes for his recovery. Jiang shared that Chinese President Xi Jinping had sent a letter to President Zardari, extending personal wishes for his health and expressing goodwill toward Pakistan's leadership. The meeting included senior officials from Pakistan's Ministry of Interior and high-ranking representatives from the Chinese Embassy, underscoring the enduring commitment on both sides to maintaining a secure environment for Chinese citizens in Pakistan and enhancing cooperation between the two countries.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1237736/pakistan-vows-to-bolster-security-of-chinese-workers-after-karachi-attack/>

Pakistan Observer

Shafay meets Chinese investors

Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain here Thursday met Chinese investors' delegation, led by Madam Scarlett Xiang, Head of China Government Investment.

It was agreed upon in the meeting to increase investment and cooperation in health, technical education, agriculture, manufacturing of electric vehicles and other sectors. Chinese investors have shown interest in setting up an electric car assembling plant in Punjab.

The head of Chinese investors' delegation said that China's Huawei Group would start a programme to provide online training to 300,000 people in Pakistan, asserting that an agreement would be made with federal government and TEVTA in this regard. The training program would be launched from Punjab.

Under the Huawei ICT Talent Programme 2024, 260,000 students will be given ICT skill training. Under this program, 30,000 people will be provided professional and 10,000 government officials with online training in digital economy.

A Chinese investor group has expressed interest in setting up an electric vehicle assembling and chemical plant in Punjab. The China Group will also launch Pakistan Digital Primary Healthcare Improvement Programme worth US \$ 300 million from Gujrat. Under the programme, 3,000 mobile clinics will be built in Pakistan. An agreement would be made with the Ministry of Health Punjab in this regard. Under the programme, people in remote and rural areas will get better diagnostic and treatment facilities. The Chinese group will introduce high-tech technology projects in the agriculture sector in Pakistan.—APP

<https://pakobserver.net/shafay-meets-chinese-investors/>

The News

BRICS also rises

Khalid Bhatti

The 16th BRICS Summit took place in the Russian city of Kazan from October 22 to 24, marking a significant milestone for the coalition of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

The event saw the participation of leaders and high-level delegations from 35 countries, including Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. At the summit, the BRICS nations agreed upon the Kazan Declaration, a 35-page document that is the most comprehensive and ambitious statement since BRICS was established 15 years ago. This declaration covers a broad range of global issues, such as the ongoing conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine, economic sanctions, and various economic initiatives aimed at promoting a more balanced world order.

A key aspect of the Kazan Declaration was its condemnation of Israel's actions against Palestinians and Lebanon. The BRICS nations called for an immediate ceasefire, the

recognition of Palestine as an independent state, and the adoption of concrete steps toward a two-state solution. In a symbolic show of support for Palestinian sovereignty, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas was invited to the summit and attended as a guest, underscoring the BRICS commitment to addressing long-standing Middle Eastern conflicts.

The Kazan Declaration also voiced the need for reforms within the United Nations (UN). The BRICS nations called not only for an expanded Security Council membership to include more diverse voices but also for structural changes to the UN Secretariat and operational reforms throughout the organization. This is part of a broader push by BRICS to democratise international institutions, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), both of which are often criticised for being too heavily influenced by Western powers.

The summit's discussions and decisions demonstrated that BRICS is evolving from a forum for general diplomatic statements into a body that actively coordinates its members' economic policies. One of the summit's most impactful initiatives was the establishment of a BRICS Trading System, alongside several Commodity Exchanges, to promote international trade outside of traditional Western-dominated exchanges. These new platforms are expected to disrupt existing markets for commodities like agriculture and metals, posing a challenge to the dominance of exchanges based in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Another major financial development was the decision to facilitate cross-border transactions in local currencies among BRICS countries, to reduce dependency on the US dollar. While there are currently no immediate plans to create a unified alternative currency, the shift toward local currency transactions could reduce transaction costs and gradually weaken the dollar's global dominance. Evidence of this trend is already visible, as the proportion of global trade conducted in dollars and the percentage of dollars held in central bank reserves have been declining.

Further expanding BRICS's role in development financing, the Kazan summit agreed to increase capital and lending through the BRICS New Development Bank, as well as to involve more developing countries in its activities. This move is part of a larger effort to diversify the funding sources for developing economies and lessen reliance on Western-controlled financial institutions.

The BRICS countries also announced the creation of an investment platform designed to make loan applications more accessible and transparent. Complementing this, a BRICS Investment Arbitration Centre is set to be established to help resolve investment disputes, providing a legal framework for protecting investments across member states.

Western commentators often dismiss BRICS as merely an economic bloc, but this perspective overlooks the coalition's broader ambitions. The BRICS nations view economic strength as a foundational element of geopolitical influence and recognise that much of the historical exploitation of Africa, Latin America, and Asia was rooted in economic subjugation.

BRICS is therefore committed to addressing this imbalance in global wealth and power, working toward economic policies that support the growth and resilience of their member states. By prioritising economic development and integration, BRICS hopes to elevate the

global standing of developing nations and reduce their dependency on more established economies.

One of the distinguishing characteristics of BRICS is its drive for economic integration, setting it apart from previous attempts by the developing world to address poverty and economic marginalization. Efforts to leverage the United Nations for these goals have often been stymied by the economic power of neo-imperialist countries, particularly those in the G7.

These wealthy nations, representing only 10 per cent of the global population, exert significant influence over international organisations, often sidelining the needs and interests of the broader global community. Despite their rhetoric on democracy and equality, G7 countries have shown little willingness to share decision-making power on the world stage.

A critical topic of discussion at the Kazan summit was BRICS membership expansion. This issue has gained prominence following the previous summit in South Africa, which extended invitations to six new countries. However, not all of these invited nations have formally joined, indicating the need for a more flexible approach to membership.

To address this, the Kazan summit introduced a new ‘partner state’ status, which allows countries to associate themselves with BRICS and participate in its activities without committing to full membership. This intermediary status could attract a wider range of countries to the BRICS fold, allowing them to gradually deepen their engagement with the bloc over time.

As of now, BRICS has begun consultations with 13 prospective ‘partner states’ including Turkey, Indonesia, Algeria, Belarus, Cuba, Bolivia, Malaysia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Vietnam, Nigeria, and Uganda. In addition, approximately 33 other countries have expressed interest in joining BRICS. This growing interest underscores the appeal of BRICS as a platform for emerging economies seeking alternatives to Western-dominated global institutions.

During the summit, it was announced that BRICS now accounts for 36.7 per cent of the global GDP based on purchasing power parity, surpassing the G7, which represents only 30 per cent. Furthermore, BRICS countries are projected to grow at an average rate of 3.8 per cent in 2024–2025, outpacing the estimated global GDP growth rate of 3.2–3.3 per cent. In contrast, many G7 economies, particularly in Europe and Japan, are struggling with stagnation or recession. This economic vitality gives BRICS members a significant advantage and positions them as a formidable force in the global economy.

The alliance between China, Russia, and other emerging economies, coupled with support from developing nations across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, is driving the BRICS agenda forward. Together, these countries are working toward establishing a more equitable global order, one that prioritize]ses poverty alleviation and economic prosperity for all. To support this mission, the BRICS nations have launched the ‘Partnership for the New Industrial Revolution’, a strategic initiative to promote industrialization and economic modernisation across member states. This platform aims to harness the latest technologies

and facilitate the industrial growth of BRICS countries, setting them on a path toward sustainable development.

To achieve this ambitious industrialisation goal, BRICS leaders recognise the importance of coordinated economic activities and economies of scale. The alliance is therefore creating a network of platforms and mechanisms to streamline collaborative efforts and maximize the impact of joint initiatives. This strategy is intended to foster greater economic integration among BRICS nations, positioning them to compete more effectively on the world stage.

The 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan represents a turning point for the coalition, as it shifts from a forum for broad declarations to a robust platform for action-oriented economic policies and institutional reform. Through initiatives like the BRICS Trading System, increased use of local currencies, and expanded development financing, BRICS is taking tangible steps to reduce its members' reliance on Western financial systems and to reshape global economic structures in a way that benefits the developing world.

As BRICS continues to expand its influence and membership, it has the potential to redefine the global economic landscape, creating new opportunities for countries seeking to build their economies independently of Western hegemony. The Kazan summit has laid the groundwork for a more inclusive and multipolar world order, one in which developing nations play a more prominent role and can advocate more effectively for their interests on the global stage.

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Pakistan agrees with China's approach of linking development with security, says Naqvi

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Thursday assured Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong that Islamabad was fully on board with Beijing's approach of combining development with security. "We fully agree with the Chinese approach of combining development with security, and we will ensure safety of Chinese nationals and projects as a top priority," said Naqvi while expressing solidarity with Ambassador Zaidong over an incident which saw two Chinese nationals being injured after being shot at by a security guard at a textile mill in Karachi. During the meeting at the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad, the security czar highlighted that Pakistan places the utmost priority on well-being and security of Chinese citizens, particularly those working on projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The minister also briefed Ambassador Jiang on the incident's details, assured him of a swift, transparent investigation and reiterated Pakistan's commitment to ensuring justice and enhancing security for Chinese citizens in the country. Addressing concerns surrounding the security of CPEC projects, Naqvi affirmed that Pakistan is taking "all possible measures" to protect Chinese citizens and assets linked to CPEC. He revealed that additional security protocols were being implemented to create a safe and stable environment, especially in regions where Chinese nationals reside or work. Security forces were actively working to bolster protective measures, particularly in Karachi, to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future, Naqvi noted.

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Gwadar Port and Free Zone: Chinese envoy briefed on 22-acre security project

Mehtab Haider

ISLAMABAD: After granting assurances for the safety of Chinese nationals working in Pakistan at the highest level, the government has informed the Chinese ambassador it will utilize 22 acres for security at the Gwadar Port and Free Zone out of the total of 97 acres under controversy.

Out of 2,281 acres transferred to the China Overseas Ports Holding Company, 97 acres remain a stumbling block. Now it has been decided and conveyed to China that out of 72 acres in the possession of Pakistan Navy, the federal government will use 17 acres for safety and security.

Furthermore, it would also use another five acres for the same purpose out of 25 acres in possession of the Pakistan Coast Guard while the remaining will be handed over to China.

An official statement on Thursday said Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong called on Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal in Islamabad. Jiang said the Chinese side was ready for collaboration in agriculture, mines & mineral and industrial cooperation on a priority basis, reiterating his commitment to further strengthen the security of Chinese personnel and projects in Pakistan.

Ahsan highlighted the importance of convening the Joint Working Groups' meetings. He said: "The Ministry of Planning holds a fortnightly CPEC progress review meeting with all federal and provincial stakeholders to ensure smooth implementation of CPEC projects." He said the ministry was in coordination with the National Development and Reform Commission of China to arrange high-level workshops for bringing together experts from both sides to outline the future direction of CPEC Phase 2. This initiative aims to define the specific goals and scope of CPEC's "five corridors" and align them with "Eight Points Roadmap of BRI" and "5Es Framework of Pakistan".

The meeting was also attended by senior officials, including Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi, secretaries of communications, railways and interior as well as officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Planning.

Ahsan, in his opening remarks, condemned the recent attack on Chinese nationals in Karachi, emphasizing that Pakistan would take all necessary measures to bring the perpetrators to justice. He said: "This heinous act, aimed at damaging Pakistan-China relations, will not be tolerated. The government and people of Pakistan stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Chinese friends during this challenging time and extend condolences to the families of victims."

He assured the ambassador that the safety of Chinese nationals in Pakistan remained a top priority and Pakistan would continue working closely with China to ensure the security of Chinese citizens, projects and institutions. Highlighting the robust bilateral ties, he appreciated the recent visit of Chinese premier to Pakistan, emphasizing the need for concrete mechanisms to ensure smooth and effective implementation of bilateral projects. "The

ministries concerned are developing their roadmap/action plan for effective implementation of the consensus reached by the leadership of both countries to make CPEC Phase-II successful and implement recommendations by Chinese experts,” he said.

Both sides also deliberated on advancing key projects, including the Karachi-Hyderabad section of Main Line-1 (ML-1) and Karakoram Highway (Thakot-Raikot Section) and agreed to their timely execution.

Regarding the Gwadar Port and Free Zone, both sides expressed a mutual commitment to ensuring the continued development of Gwadar in a holistic manner.

Jiang expressed gratitude for Pakistan’s comprehensive engagement and stated: “During the visit of the prime minister of Pakistan to China in June 2024, the leadership of both countries agreed to promote cooperation in the areas of politics, international affairs, pragmatic projects and security. The recent visit of Chinese premier to Pakistan is the continuity of this cooperation. Pakistan and China share an unbreakable iron brother bond. The leaders of both countries are committed to fostering the relationship to new heights.”

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=357631>

Express News

سی پیک میں شامل ریلوے کا اہم منصوبہ مسلسل تاخیر کا شکار

پاکستان نے ایک بار پھر چین سے مشترکہ مالیاتی کمیٹی کا اجلاس بلائے کی درخواست کی ہے تاکہ ریلوے کے ایک بڑے منصوبے ایم ایل ون کے لیے ایک ارب ڈالر قرض کی شرائط و ضوابط کو طے کیا جاسکے۔

تفصیلات کے مطابق یہ درخواست گزشتہ ہفتے چین میں پاکستانی سفارتی ذرائع کے ذریعے بیجنگ سے کی گئی تھی اور واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ ایک سال کے دوران چین سے دوسری بار اس حوالے سے درخواست کی گئی ہے۔

یہ بات پاکستان ریلوے کے ایک سینئر اہلکار نے جمعرات کے روز قومی اسمبلی کی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے منصوبہ کو بتائی کہ بیجنگ میں پاکستانی سفارت خانے کی جانب سے چین سے درخواست کی گئی ہے کہ وہ دونوں ممالک کی مالیاتی کمیٹی کا پانچواں مشترکہ اجلاس بلائے تاکہ اس میں سی پیک کے ایک اہم منصوبے ایم ایل ون کے حوالے سے پیش رفت ہو سکے۔

قائمہ کمیٹی کی صدارت پیپلز پارٹی کے عبدالقادر گیلانی کر رہے تھے۔ پاکستان ریلوے کا ایم ایل ون واحد ایسا منصوبہ ہے جسے سی پیک میں اسٹریٹجک اہمیت حاصل ہے تاہم پاکستان کی کمزور مالی حالت کے باعث یہ منصوبہ چھ سال سے تاخیر کا شکار ہے۔

پاکستان کی خواہش تھی کہ 10 ارب ڈالر مالیت کا یہ منصوبہ مکمل تعمیر کیا جائے جبکہ چین کا کہنا تھا کہ فی الحال کراچی تاحیدر آباد منصوبے کو تعمیر کیا جائے جس پر ایک ارب 10 کروڑ ڈالر لاگت آئے گی جس کے حوالے سے ریلوے افسرنے قائمہ کمیٹی کو بتایا کہ اس منصوبے کے لیے پاکستان چین سے 95 کروڑ ڈالر قرض حاصل کرے گا۔

کمیٹی کو مزید بتایا گیا کہ چار اجلاس ہونے کے باوجود اس منصوبے کی تعمیر کے لیے شرائط و ضوابط تاہم ابھی تک طے نہیں ہو سکے ہیں اس کے علاوہ وزارت سطح کی کمیٹیوں کے نو اور مشترکہ ورکنگ گروپ کے بھی بیس سے زیادہ اجلاس ہو چکے ہیں تاہم اس منصوبے پر پیش رفت نہیں ہوئی۔

ایک سوال پر ریلوے سینئر افسر کا کہنا تھا کہ اس منصوبے کے لیے چین سے قرض شاید 12 اعشاریہ 3 فیصد شرح سود پر لیا جائے جبکہ پاکستان نے 1 فیصد شرح سود کی درخواست کی تھی تاہم اس پر کوئی پیش رفت نہیں ہو سکی ہے۔

ذرائع کے مطابق ایسا نظر آتا ہے کہ اس بار بھی اس منصوبے کے حوالے سے کوئی پیش رفت ہوتی نظر نہیں آتی کیونکہ حکومت نے اس منصوبے کے لیے پیشکش کی وصولی کی حتمی تاریخ 30 اکتوبر مقرر کی تھی جبکہ مالیاتی اور تکنیکی تخمینے کا کام مکمل کرنے کے لیے 25 نومبر کی تاریخ حتمی طے کی گئی تھی اس کے علاوہ حکومت چاہتی تھی کہ انجینئرنگ اور تعمیراتی کام کے ٹیکوں کو بھی 26 دسمبر تک حتمی طے کر لیا جائے اور پھر چین سے قرض معاہدے پر دستخط کیے جائیں تاکہ اگلے سال جنوری میں اس منصوبے کا باقاعدہ آغاز ہو سکے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2732080/cpec-mein-shaamil-railway-ka-ahem-mansoobah-musalsal-takheer-ka-shikaar>

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Pakistan sees huge trade potential at CIIE

Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi, emphasized the immense potential for Pakistani businesses to expand their reach in China through the ongoing 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE) held in Shanghai. He highlighted the Expo as an invaluable platform for developing countries like Pakistan to showcase their products and establish connections with Chinese consumers and businesses. Over two dozen Pakistani companies are present at this year Expo, showcasing a range of traditional handicrafts, textiles, and agricultural goods, including well-known rice and clothing brands he told China Economic Net (CEN). Ambassador Hashmi underscored that China economic approach, which combines openness with shared prosperity, provides a powerful avenue for Pakistani companies, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). As the e-commerce industry is making an increasingly significant contribution to China GDP, the ambassador urged Pakistani businesses to explore online platforms to boost their visibility and sales within this expansive market. He expressed his hopes for more sectors to follow suit, encouraging Pakistani enterprises in food, electronics, and IT to take advantage of this dynamic marketplace, and to innovate and partner with the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) for support in accessing this vast opportunity. Ambassador Hashmi said at last year CIIE, over 3,400 exhibitors and 410,000 professional visitors have registered to attend the event, including a substantial number of business leaders and investors interested in import partnerships. According to customs statistics, China's total imports and exports reached 41.76 trillion yuan (\$5.88 trillion) in 2023, up 0.2% year on year. Hashmi called on Pakistani companies to seize the opportunity, work with TDAP, and broaden their networks to bolster Pakistan exports to China and beyond.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1238013/pakistan-sees-huge-trade-potential-at-ciie/>

Pak-China firms sign MoUs worth \$156m in leather, footwear sectors

A dozen memorandums of understanding (MoUs) totaling \$156 million were signed between Chinese and Pakistani enterprises at the Pakistan-China B2B Investment Conference on Leather and Footwear held in Guangzhou, China.

In his opening remarks, Acting Consul General of Pakistan in Guangzhou, Sardar Muhammad, welcomed participants, emphasising Pakistan's potential for joint ventures and investment.

According to China Economic Net, he encouraged attendees to capitalise on the investment opportunities and incentives offered by Pakistan.

He highlighted that seven Pakistani and 46 Chinese companies participated in over 150 business meetings, resulting in the signing of more than 12 MoUs and one letter of intent (LoI) valued at \$15 million, contributing to the overall commitment of \$156 million.

Rahim Hayat Qureshi, Secretary of the Board of Investment Pakistan, provided an in-depth overview of Pakistan's investment policies and extended an invitation to Chinese enterprises to consider Pakistan as a prime destination for investment in the leather and footwear sector.

Suilong Liu, Vice Director of the China Leather Industry Association, underscored China's status as a significant importer of raw leather and a top exporter of leather and footwear products. He also highlighted Pakistan's potential as an attractive location for investment in this sector.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1237866/pak-china-firms-sign-mous-worth-156m-in-leather-footwear-sectors/>

Pakistan Observer

Security for Chinese nationals

INTERIOR Minister Mohsin Naqvi has pledged to enhance security for Chinese nationals in Pakistan, particularly in response to a recent attack in Karachi that left two Chinese injured. During a meeting in Islamabad with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong, Naqvi expressed solidarity and regret over the Karachi incident. Naqvi underscored that protecting Chinese citizens remains a top priority, especially in the light of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects, which are integral to the bilateral partnership.

There is no doubt that Pakistan authorities are fully resolved to take all possible measures for an improved security environment for Chinese nationals working on different projects in the country but the issue of security remains a daunting challenge in view of what we have witnessed during the last two years. It is an open secret that some foreign powers are apprehensive of the strategic partnership between Pakistan and China and are opposing tooth and nail all initiatives aimed at developing Pakistan on modern lines in close collaboration with Beijing, especially through the CPEC. A country has a dedicated wing of the intelligence agency with sizable budget to conspire against the CPEC and all out attempts are being made to dent the cooperative partnership between Islamabad and Beijing. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Pakistan Army has raised a special division to provide security to Chinese nationals and development projects and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is personally

looking after the issue of security for Chinese nationals. The very fact that the Prime Minister himself visited the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad on Wednesday to condemn the shooting incident in Karachi speaks volumes about the importance that Pakistan attaches to the issue of security. The PM emphasized that security of Chinese nationals is top priority for the Government of Pakistan. However, in view of repeated incidents of attacks on Chinese nationals and their repercussions for the ongoing and future projects, the two countries need to intensify their cooperation in the realm of security to jointly foil designs of the enemy. Pakistan is grateful to the Chinese leadership for proper understanding of the situation and willingness to continue to partner with Pakistan in its search for progress and prosperity. It is understood that the foreign agencies cannot succeed without collusion of some local elements, which should be unmasked and taken to task.

<https://pakobserver.net/security-for-chinese-nationals/>

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The Express Tribune

Chinese tech helps ease cotton crisis

Over 1,000 farmers test intercropping system, getting promising results

BEIJING: The Chinese intercropping technology has been invigorating Pakistan's agriculture sector since it put down its roots in the country in 2018. This year, various achievements have been made in optimisation and localisation, especially in cotton. Now, the National Research Centre of Intercropping (NRCI) of Pakistan is registering farmers who are interested in adopting the technology for maize, wheat, sugarcane and cotton production. In the upcoming maize sowing season, the NRCI plans to extend demonstrations of its maize-soybean intercropping system to additional districts, with a special focus on Punjab. It has learnt that the intercropping technology has already been tested by over 1,000 farmers on their own farms, delivering promising results in terms of yield and resource efficiency. Early field trials have shown promising results, with some farmers in Punjab achieving yields of 10-14 maunds of soybean along with 15-18 maunds of cotton per acre, Dr Muhammad Ali Raza, NRCI Director and International Research Fellow at Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GAAS) told China Economic Net (CEN). Particularly, this year, the NRCI is promoting a new approach to encourage cotton farmers to adopt strip intercropping of Bt cotton and soybean with early February sowing, which helps rejuvenate cotton production in the context of a declining sowing area and yield per acre in the country from 2014 to 2023. "We have optimised cotton-soybean intercropping technology, which is crucial for Pakistan, as farmers previously suffered great losses from white fly attacks and pink bollworm infestations, leading some to hesitate while sowing cotton," Raza said. "However, with Bt cotton and soybean intercropping, farmers can achieve higher soybean yields while maintaining cotton production." Additionally, professors from Peking University have provided Pakistan with high-yield maize and soybean varieties, along with specialised herbicides to manage weeds in maize-soybean intercropping fields, according to Raza.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2508442/chinese-tech-helps-ease-cotton-crisis>

Pakistan, Tajikistan to leverage China trade routes

Tajik delegation seeks import-export avenues via CPEC, Central Asia routes

LAHORE: A five-member delegation from Tajikistan visited the Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) on Friday to explore import and export opportunities between Pakistan, China, and Tajikistan. The delegation was led by Daler Qodiri, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fayz Technology (Group of Companies), and welcomed by PCJCCI President Nazir Hussain, along with Senior Vice President Brig (Retd) Mansoor Saeed Sheikh and other PCJCCI executives.

The PCJCCI president highlighted that strengthening trade ties with Tajikistan aligns with Pakistan's goal of fostering economic stability in the region. He noted Pakistan's plans to establish a direct trade route to Tajikistan, granting road access to Central Asia via China and Afghanistan.

"Tajikistan views China as a vital trade partner and top source of foreign investment," Hussain said, pointing out Tajikistan's commitment to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). With its mountainous terrain, Tajikistan relies on infrastructure investments for enhanced connectivity and economic growth, aiming for better regional integration.

Qodiri shared insights on Tajikistan's trade trends, stating, "According to China Customs, China-Tajikistan trade volume reached \$1.68 billion in 2019, marking an 11.21% increase year-on-year." He noted the impact of COVID-19 on trade in 2020, but said it made a strong recovery with a 44.6% year-on-year growth in early 2021. Meanwhile, Pakistan's exports to Tajikistan have been growing at an annualised rate of 4.88%, rising from \$15.8 million in 2017 to \$20.1 million in 2022.

Senior Vice President Brig (Retd) Mansoor Saeed Sheikh said that enhanced bilateral trade could benefit both resource-rich, developing countries. He pointed to the high demand in Tajikistan for worn clothing, an area where Pakistan could secure a competitive edge by negotiating a 15% tariff reduction.

Zafar Iqbal, Vice President of PCJCCI, called for expedited progress on CPEC and Gwadar port projects, which would facilitate connectivity from Pakistan to Tajikistan through strategic routes like Gwadar-Peshawar-Kabul-Kunduz-Dushanbe.

Secretary General Salahuddin Hanif affirmed PCJCCI's commitment to fostering trade across Pakistan, China, and Tajikistan, expressing optimism that BRI and CPEC projects would drive mutual prosperity among these nations.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2508441/pakistan-tajikistan-to-leverage-china-trade-routes>

Express News

پاکستان کی چین سے 3.4 ارب ڈالر کے ایک اور قرضہ ری شیڈولنگ کی درخواست

پاکستان نے چین سے 3.4 ارب ڈالر کا ایک اور قرضہ دو سال کیلئے ری شیڈول کرنے کی درخواست کر دی۔ قبل ازیں پاکستان چین سے 16 ارب ڈالر کے انرجی قرضے کی ری شیڈولنگ کی بھی درخواست کر چکا ہے۔

ذرائع نے ایکسپریس ٹریبیون کو بتایا کہ مذکورہ قرضہ آئی ایم ایف پروگرام کے دوران مپچور ہو رہا ہے، پانچ ارب ڈالر کی بیرونی فنانشنگ کا خسارہ پورا کرنے کیلئے 3.4 ارب ڈالر کے اس قرض کی ری شیڈولنگ پاکستان کیلئے انتہائی اہم ہے، آئی ایم ایف نے اس خسارے کی نشاندہی ستمبر میں پینکیج پر دستخط کے موقع پر کی تھی۔

ذرائع نے بتایا کہ پاکستان چین کے ایکزم بینک سے سرکاری ضمانت پر لئے گئے قرضے کی واپسی میں دو سال کی توسیع کا خواہاں ہے، یہ قرضہ جس کا بڑا حصہ ریاستی ملکیتی اداروں کی جانب سے لیا گیا، اس میں توسیع کی پاکستان نے گزشتہ ڈیڑھ سال میں دوسری درخواست کی ہے۔ رابطے پر ترجمان وزارت خزانہ قمر عباسی اس سوال کا جواب نہ دیا کہ آیا چین قرضے کی ری شیڈولنگ پر راضی ہو گیا ہے کہ نہیں۔ تاہم حکام ہمیشہ خاموشی سے مدد کرنیوالے چین کی ایک مرتبہ معاونت کیلئے پر امید ہے۔

ذرائع نے بتایا کہ چینی ایکزم بینک کے قرضے نے اکتوبر 2024 سے ستمبر 2027 کے درمیان مپچور ہونا ہے، ان میں 75 کروڑ ڈالر کا قرض رواں مالی سال میں مپچور ہو رہا ہے، اس کا ری شیڈول ہونا پاکستان اور آئی ایم ایف کیلئے اہم ہے تاکہ وہ تصدیق کر سکیں کہ سات ارب ڈالر کا پروگرام مکمل طور پر فنڈ ڈاؤر پاکستان کا قرض پائیدار ہے۔

ذرائع نے بتایا کہ آئی ایم ایف کی ٹیم سوموار کو اسلام آباد پہنچے گی، پانچ روزہ قیام کے دوران پروگرام کی اب تک کی کارکردگی اور پیش رفت پر بات چیت کرے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آئی ایم ایف بورڈ کے شیڈول کے مطابق سات ارب ڈالر کے پروگرام کا پہلا جائزہ مارچ 2025 میں ہونا تھا، آئی ایم ایف ٹیم کی قبل از وقت آمد سے ان خدشات کی تصدیق ہوتی ہے کہ سات ارب ڈالر کی ڈیل پر فریقین کی بات چیت میں خامیاں تھیں۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2732242/pakistan-ki-china-se-34-billion-dollar-ke-aik-aur-garza-rescheduling-ki-darkhwast>

Nawaiwaqt News

چین کی انٹر کرپنگ ٹیکنالوجی، پاکستان زرعی شعبہ میں کامیابیاں سمیٹے گا

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار) چین کی انٹر کرپنگ ٹیکنالوجی 2018ء میں پاکستان میں اپنے قدم جمانے کے بعد سے پاکستان کے زرعی شعبے کو تقویت بخش رہی ہے۔ اس سال، خاص طور پر کپاس میں آپٹیمائزیشن اور لوکلائزیشن میں مختلف کامیابیاں حاصل کی گئی ہیں۔ چائنہ اکنامک نیٹ کے مطابق اب پاکستان کا نیشنل ریسرچ سینٹر آف انٹر کرپنگ (این آر سی آئی) ان کسانوں کو رجسٹر کر رہا ہے جو ملٹی، گندم، گنے اور کپاس کی پیداوار کے لیے ٹیکنالوجی اپنانے میں دلچسپی رکھتے ہیں۔ ملٹی کی بوئی کے آئندہ سیزن میں این آر سی آئی پنجاب پر خصوصی توجہ مرکوز کرتے ہوئے پاکستان کے دیگر اضلاع میں ملٹی اور سویا بین کے مخلوط کاشت کے مظاہرے کو وسعت دینے کا ارادہ رکھتا ہے۔ 1000 سے زیادہ کسانوں نے پہلے ہی اپنے کھیتوں پر مخلوط کاشت ٹیکنالوجی کا تجربہ کیا ہے، جس سے پیداوار اور وسائل کی کارکردگی کے لحاظ سے امید افزا نتائج برآمد ہوئے ہیں۔ چائنہ اکنامک نیٹ کے مطابق این آر سی آئی کے ڈائریکٹر اور گانسوا کیڈمی آف ایگریکلچرل سائنسز (جی اے اے ایس) کے انٹرنیشنل ریسرچ فیلو ڈاکٹر محمد علی رضانی سی ای این کو بتایا کہ ابتدائی فیلڈ ٹرائلز نے امید افزا نتائج دکھائے ہیں، پنجاب کے کچھ کسانوں نے 10-14 من سویا بین اور 15-18 من کپاس فی ایکڑ پیداوار حاصل کی ہے۔

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Business Recorder

Improvement in economic indicators

Govt alludes to ties with China, deals with KSA

LAHORE: Information Minister Attaullah Tarar has said on Saturday that Pakistan's trade agreement with Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) worth over six billion dollars and strengthened relations with China are its clear evidence. Talking to newsmen after visiting Mazar-e-Iqbal in Lahore on Saturday, he said that country's economy has improved due to steps taken by the incumbent government. The economic indicators are showing positive signs, he said, adding, "They are working days and night for the uplift of the country and well-being of the people." Attaullah Tarar said that Pakistan's relations with other countries have improved due to the government's effective foreign policy. He said that following Allama Iqbal's philosophy of self-reliance by whole Muslim Ummah is need of the hour. He said present government is implementing the vision of Allama Iqbal's philosophy of self-reliance by empowering youth. The minister said the country's interests are supreme and the other things are secondary. <https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/11/10/1-page/1015005-news.html>

Pakistan Observer

Chinese wisdom in carbon finance shared for closer South-South cooperation

China experience and resource in climate change finance and investment were shared with 21 officials and professionals from 13 countries including Pakistan, Indonesia, Brazil, Laos, Cambodia and Honduras at the Belt and Road Capacity-building Seminar on Financing Mechanisms and Carbon Finance.

The seminar hosted by the Department of Climate Change of the Chinese Ministry of Ecology and Environment was just concluded in Guangzhou, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Saturday.

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<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-wisdom-in-carbon-finance-shared-for-closer-south-south-cooperation/>

K2 Daily

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بقیہ
 کے دوران چینی فریڈا میں سے کھنڈ کر کے ہوئے
 پاکستانی مصنوعات حریف کر دے۔ وہ آٹھ
 فی لائسنس نہ صرف فارچون 500 کمپنیوں کا ایک
 پلیٹ فارم ہے بلکہ صوبہ اراکھن کی طرز پر کام کر
 نے والے چھوٹے کاروباری اداروں کو بھی کاروباری
 مواقع فراہم کر رہی ہے۔ صوبہ اراکھن ہر سال
 لائسنس میں کئی مصنوعات لاتے ہیں۔ اس میں لکھ
 کے لپ، اونٹ کی کھال سے لیکر اس مرچہ لائسنس
 کے اونٹ کی ہڈیوں سے بننے والی پلیٹ شامل ہیں۔ ان
 کی دکان میں کئی اور پاکستانی مواد کے وہ جان
 تعلق میں اونٹ کو کام بخانی اہلیت حاصل ہے اور
 اس بار اونٹ کواری اسپینوں کا ٹھکانے ہیں۔
 یہاں کی علاقوں میں موہلیات سے بننے والے لکھ کے
 لپ پاکستان میں مشہور ہیں تاہم کئی مارکیٹ میں
 یہ سٹے ہیں۔ صوبہ اراکھن نے چینی جاننے جان
 الاقوامی درآمدی لائسنس میں کئی مرچہ لائسنس
 کے لئے حرکت کی تھی۔ اس لائسنس میں وہ پاکستانی
 لکھ کے لپ لائسنس کے تحت چینی کی خرید و بیچ
 "سب سے زیادہ فروخت" ہوئی۔ انہوں نے کہا
 کہ جاننے جان الاقوامی درآمدی لائسنس میں کئی بار
 حرکت کا تجربہ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ "خرید و بیچ" لائسنس

کے بعد ونگٹن کی مشہور روزنامہ ٹائمز آف انڈیا نے
 پر مدعا ہے کہ وہ چین میں چینیوں کے مروجہ کے دوران
 دن کی فروخت کا 3 گنا زیادہ فروخت کرنے میں
 کامیاب رہے۔ نتیجتاً جاننے جان الاقوامی درآمدی
 لائسنس کے بعد انہوں نے لکھ سے تیار کردہ لپ
 کے لپ 3 کینیڈا فروخت کے جس میں مختلف سائز
 کے لپ 60 ہزار لپ تھے۔ لکھ کے لپ کی
 فروخت نے صوبہ اراکھن کو لائسنس سے تعلق
 اور فراہم کیا۔ کرشنو برس یعنی چینی جاننے جان
 الاقوامی درآمدی لائسنس میں وہ پاکستانی لپ کو فروخت
 یعنی اونٹ کی کھال سے تیار کردہ لائسنس لے کر آئے
 تھے۔ یہ "غیر ملکی طاقتی ورٹ" دکھائی ہے جو
 900 برس سے انگریزوں سے تیار ہوا تھا۔
 اس نے اپنی موہلیات اور سائز بھرتی لائسنس
 کی فروخت بہت زیادہ فروغ حاصل کی ہے۔ لائسنس
 کے صرف 6 ماہ میں انہوں نے 20 سے زائد
 مروجوں سے آڈارٹے تھے۔ صوبہ اراکھن کا کہا
 ہے کہ اونٹ کی کھال کی لائسنس ایک طاقتی ورٹ ہے۔
 یہ کئی تریاں پر لکھ میں استعمال ہوتی تھی تاہم اب
 دیگر سے لکھ سے درآمد ہوتی ہے۔

چائے عالمی درآمدی نمائش میں پاکستانی لپ توجہ کا مرکز
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 تھیں (جس میں پاکستانی کاروباری اہلیت) درآمدی لائسنس میں "صرف دن 11" کر رہا ہے
 صوبہ اراکھن نے 7 ویں جاننے جان الاقوامی لائسنس میں چینی لائسنس (پلیٹ 6 ستمبر 14)

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Daily Times

China shares climate expertise with 13 nations

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<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1238482/china-shares-climate-expertise-with-13-nations/>

Pakistan Observer

Pakistani electric fan manufacturer taps into global opportunities at 7th CIIE

Pakistani electric fan manufacturer has tapped into global opportunities at 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE).

Electric fan manufacturing prowess is on full display at the CIIE, with Royal Fans from Gujrat, exhibiting a diverse range of ceiling fans, bracket fans, pedestal fans and other cooling appliances. This is the company's maiden appearance at the expo, where it focuses on showcasing its fan products made from wood, metal, plastic and other materials.

The Royal Fans, represented by Yasir Waseem Arshard, export marketing manager of Royal Home Appliances, noted that the CIIE serves as an excellent platform to showcase a wide variety of consumer goods and that the exhibition provided an opportunity for the company to explore, network, and gain insights from global peers.

The consumer goods section of this CIIE occupies over 80,000 square meters, bringing together more than 700 enterprises from over 70 countries and regions.

Arshard expressed optimism about gaining new export customers not only for the Chinese market but also for other international markets.

China's increasing openness and its specific measures to attract foreign businesses, such as deepening multilateral and bilateral cooperation, promoting high-quality trade development and technological innovation cooperation, and opening up to the least developed countries, have created a favorable environment for Pakistani businesses alike.

"Currently, I see a huge potential for Pakistani home appliance manufacturers to enter the Chinese market and supply our products locally, as China shifts its focus from these products to higher-value items," Arshard said, according to Gwadar Pro on Sunday. "We are already exporting worldwide, with our major customers in Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, and across the Middle East. We are also exporting to Europe and the UK."

What sets Royal Home Appliances apart from other exporters is its own manufacturing facilities.

The company produces about 95% of its products in-house, allowing it to maintain strict quality control and offer high-quality products at competitive prices.

According to the Pakistan Electric Fans Manufacturers Association (PEFMA), the fan industry in Pakistan is concentrated mainly in Gujrat and Gujranwala, where 98% of the country's fan production takes place.

The industry, categorized as a light engineering sector, has been in existence since Pakistan's independence.

The geographical concentration of fan manufacturers in Gujrat and Gujranwala has created a cluster that facilitates cost reduction, product complementarity and diffusion of knowledge and information within the local industry.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistani-electric-fan-manufacturer-taps-into-global-opportunities-at-7th-ciie/>

Express News

پاک چین تعلقات کو سبوتاژ کرنے کی تمام سازشوں کو ناکام بنا دیں گے، چین

بیجنگ: چینی وزارت خارجہ کے ترجمان لین جیان نے کہا ہے کہ چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان باہمی اعتماد اور تعاون کو کمزور کرنے کی کوئی بھی کوشش کامیاب نہیں ہوگی۔

چینی ترجمان نے کہا کہ چین انسداد ہشت گردی کی کارروائیوں کو آگے بڑھانے میں پاکستان کی حمایت جاری رکھے گا اور بیرون ملک چینی شہریوں کی سرگرمیوں اور

اداروں کی سلامتی کی ثابت قدمی کے ساتھ حفاظت کرے گا۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ فریقین چین پاکستان تعلقات کو سبوتاژ کرنے والی تمام سازشوں کو ناکام بنانے اور دہشت گردوں کو کیفر کردار تک پہنچانے کا عزم اور صلاحیت رکھتے ہیں۔

لین جیان نے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ چین اور پاکستان سد ابھار سٹریٹجک تعاون کے شرکاء ہیں، چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان باہمی اعتماد اور تعاون کو کمزور کرنے کی کوئی بھی کوشش کامیاب نہیں ہوگی۔

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تعاون مضبوطی سے آگے بڑھائے گا تاکہ دونوں ممالک کے عوام کو فوائد پہنچائے جائیں۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2732578/will-thwart-conspiracies-to-sabotage-pak-china-relations>

K2 Daily News

<p>سور میں زہرات کی اداں کوئی۔ اہم نقل نے کہا کہ اس نمائش نے مجھے احساس دلایا کہ میری مصنوعات کی کتنی منڈی میں بہت پذیرائی ہوئی۔ جس نے مجھے شور کھولنے کا اہم دلا۔ اہم نقل نے اس کے مطابق عالیہ برسوں میں بیرون کی چیزوں میں نمایاں کی آئی ہے۔ جبکہ روٹی اور ٹیلیم کی چیزوں میں اضافہ بھی ہوا ہے۔ نتیجتاً بہت سے سارن سب معنی کی انگوٹھی کے لئے روٹی اور ٹیلیم کا انتخاب کر رہے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ کھن بین الاقوامی درآمدی نمائش ایک بہترین پلیٹ فارم ہے۔ یہ نہ صرف نمائش کے دنوں میں بلکہ کاروباری میل ملاپ کی سرگرمیوں کے ذریعے دیگر کی شہروں کے لئے بھی اہم موقع ہے۔</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">بقیہ 43</p> <p style="text-align: center;">چین میں بین الاقوامی نمائش، پاکستانی زیورات کی دھوم</p> <p style="text-align: center;">کلور کی شکل کے زیورات کے 6 نئے ڈیزائن نمائش میں پیش کیے گئے</p> <p style="text-align: center;">چین بین الاقوامی درآمدی نمائش ایک بہترین پلیٹ فارم ہے، اہم نقل</p> <p style="text-align: center;">شکسائی (شہر) پاکستانی نمائش اور درآمدی نمائش کی شکل کے زیورات کے 6 ڈیزائن (سی آئی آئی ای) میں شرکت کا پہلی بار 43 نمائش کے مرکزی علاقے میں اداوں کی نمائش</p>
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Business Recorder

Zardari thanks Chinese President for goodwill message

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday extended gratitude to the Chinese President Xi Jinping for the goodwill message, adding he would visit China in near future on a suitable date. In his letter dated November 3, President Xi expressed concern over the President of Pakistan's injury and conveyed his best wishes for a speedy recovery, according to a press release issued by the President House Press Wing. President Xi, in his letter reaffirmed the deep friendship between Pakistan and China. Chinese President Xi Jinping also extended a warm invitation for President Zardari to visit China. President Zardari stated that he was deeply moved by the messages inquiring his health by the leadership and people of China.

"I will visit China in the near future at an appropriate time," the president said.

He said this visit will further strengthen the long-standing and ironclad bonds between the two countries. Both leaders highlighted the importance of the "All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership" between the two countries. President Xi emphasised the commitment to building a China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era. President Zardari thanked President Xi Jinping for his insight, leadership, and cooperation in advancing Pakistan-China relations.—APP

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/11/12/12-page/1015373-news.html>

PLA Commander meets CGS

ISLAMABAD: As regional security challenges intensify, Pakistan and China took another step in reinforcing their strategic partnership.

General Li Qiaoming, Commander of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), met with Lieutenant General Muhammad Avais Dastgir, Chief of General Staff (CGS) of the Pakistan Army, at the PLA Army Headquarters in Beijing, Monday.

According to Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), both leaders engaged in focused discussions to strengthen military cooperation and respond to shifting global and regional dynamics.

Lt Gen Dastgir expressed his heartfelt condolences for the recent loss of Chinese lives in a terrorist attack in Karachi, affirming Pakistan's unwavering commitment to the security of Chinese nationals. He reassured Gen Li of Pakistan's proactive stance in ensuring enhanced protection for Chinese citizens within its borders.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40331933/pla-commander-meets-cgs>

Daily Times

Gwadar: A Zero-Sum Game

Dr Hasnain Javed

Pakistan's inability to maintain a sound relationship with its neighbours is a real cause for concern. Our leadership has always prided themselves in being one of the closest allies of China. However, amidst the current wave of terror attacks and continuous IMF interference, Pakistan is falling from China's grace. One major indication of it was when the Chinese Ambassador, Jiang Zaidong, showed his displeasure with Ishaq Dar's statement snubbing him rightly for his senseless remarks. This must be taken as a turning point in Pak-China relations.

The recent deteriorating relationship between the two countries has led to a situation where India is inching closer to China. Prime Minister Modi confirmed that "stable" bilateral relations "contribute" to a multi-polar world and will have a "positive impact on regional and global peace and prosperity."

Amidst its many problems is Pakistan's failure to meet its debt obligations to China. The total debt to China is estimated to be around \$ 26.6 billion, making China the largest bilateral creditor to Pakistan. The cherry on top of these failed payments is a move that stemmed from desperation to mend broken Pak-China relations.

According to the officials, Pakistan will clear 100 percent of the invoices generated by the seventeen power plants. While the "how" remains unanswered, officials claim that they have significantly reduced its payables to Chinese energy projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Rs 391 billion (\$1.4 billion). This move, aimed at managing its financial constraints, could potentially delay payments to other power plants or necessitate additional budgetary allocations.

Despite claims by the central bank that all outstanding dividend payments to Chinese investors, amounting to \$16.3 billion, were cleared by the end of June 2024, Chinese companies have disputed this assertion.

Currently, fourteen power projects with a combined capacity of 8,020 MW, backed by Chinese investment, are operational under CPEC. However, Pakistan still owes substantial amounts to these projects, including Rs 80.2 billion to the Sahiwal power plant, Rs 66.3 billion to the Hub power project, Rs 82 billion to the Port Qasim power plant, and Rs62.5 billion to the Thar coal project.

The CPEC project, touted as a game-changer, has yet to deliver on its promises, with Gwadar Port remaining largely underutilized. Pakistan's foreign policy missteps, particularly regarding its stance on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, have further strained its relationship with China.

As India continues to strengthen its economic ties with both China and Pakistan, the strategic landscape in South Asia is undergoing a significant shift. The recent meeting between Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi is a testament to this changing dynamic.

China's concerns regarding the security of its citizens in Pakistan are genuine, given the increasing incidents of violence and instability in the region. Also valid are its concerns over the non-payment and the very threat these challenges carry for its BRI project. However, to think that China will take a backseat and forgo its investment in Pakistan would be sheer stupidity. In all of my years of interaction with the Chinese, I firmly believe in the resilience of the nation and the ability of its leadership to turn the tables.

Beijing has more than once shown its ability and willingness to take security matters into their own hands. Multiple sources reveal that a potential agreement would allow Chinese security personnel to operate within Pakistan. This proposal, though previously resisted by Islamabad, has gained traction due to increasing pressure from Beijing. The agreement could further entail the use of armoured vehicles for transporting Chinese nationals.

China's increasing security involvement in Pakistan, particularly in the strategic Gwadar Port, has significant geopolitical implications. Direct Chinese security operations could further solidify Beijing's influence over Islamabad, potentially impacting Pakistan's foreign policy and strategic autonomy. This heightened Chinese presence in the region could exacerbate tensions with other regional powers, notably India, which views Gwadar with suspicion.

The deployment of Chinese security personnel could introduce complex security dynamics, potentially leading to coordination challenges with Pakistani security forces. While necessary, enhanced security measures could also impede the smooth functioning of trade and economic activities in the region. The delicate balance between China's security concerns and regional sensitivities will be a key determinant of the future trajectory of Sino-Pakistani relations and their broader impact on regional stability.

The other side of the picture would be the US's perspective on the matter. Since Chinese boots on Pakistan's soil undermine traditional US influence in the region and could

potentially shift the geopolitical balance of power in South Asia. The US response to China's growing security presence in Pakistan will most likely involve a combination of diplomatic engagement, strategic partnerships, and counterbalancing measures. It would be further interesting to see how India aligns itself economically with China and the US amidst this complex nexus.

What stands true, however, is that in the absence of any Foreign Policy direction, Gwadar will prove to be a zero-sum game for China and Pakistan. A deciding factor for the fate and friendship of these two countries.

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Pakistani merchants thrive in China's market

Pakistani merchants thrived in China's market exploring new opportunities to sell their products like jewelry, carpets, bronze sculptures, onyx artifacts, camel-skin lamps and Himalayan pink salt lamps.

According a Gwadar Pro's report, the 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE) held here from November 5 to 10 has emerged as a place of opportunities for businesses across the globe.

Pakistani jeweler Aqeel Chaudhry is one of the many international entrepreneurs who have benefited from this annual exhibition. For the seventh consecutive year, Chaudhry has brought his family's jewelry brand to CIIE, making his company one of the 186 companies around the world that have participated in all the seven editions of the world's first national-level import-themed exhibition.

Over the past 6 editions, Chinese and international enterprises have recorded intended transactions totaling more than \$420 billion, underscoring the expo's effectiveness in facilitating international trade.

"CIIE is a global trade carnival, and it's a fantastic platform for us to showcase our products to the world," said Aqeel Chaudhry, who is busy engaging with visitors and potential customers throughout the exhibition.

This year, handicrafts made from camel bones debut in his booth, attracting a steady stream of customers.

Chaudhry observes that China's competitive market favors quality products.

With 11 years of experience in the Chinese market, he has built a loyal customer base and is now looking to expand his presence in the country.

"We want to expand our presence in China, not just in Shanghai, but also in Beijing and other cities," he added. "China's market is open and inclusive, and it's full of vitality." Capitalizing on the spillover effect of CIIE, Aqeel Chaudhry has opened his own stores in prime commercial districts in Shanghai and Shenyang. Currently, dozens of additional franchise

stores are in the pipeline for more than ten cities. Furthermore, this year, he launched the Pakistan Pavilion at the Shanghai Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone, showcasing Pakistani handicrafts throughout the year.

Habib, a seasoned Pakistani handicraft merchant with years of residence in Shanghai and a six-time CIIE exhibitor, also sees great potential in the Chinese market.

Along with his two brothers, Habib runs three handicraft stores in Shanghai that offer a wide selection of items, including carpets, bronze sculptures, onyx artifacts, camel-skin lamps and Himalayan pink salt lamps.

Furthermore, they have ventured into a new arena by establishing the Pakistan Pavilion at the Global Commodity Trading Port, strategically situated opposite the CIIE venue.

“This platform serves as an exceptional venue for us to showcase our products to a broader audience throughout the year,” he said.

After the six-day CIIE concludes each year, the trading port continues to operate as a “365-day CIIE”, providing a continuous showcase and sales outlet for China’s imported goods, fostering global trade and cultural exchange.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1238695/pakistani-merchants-thrive-in-chinas-market/>

China reiterates support for counter-terror efforts

Attempts to undermine the mutual trust and cooperation between Pakistan and China would not succeed as both countries shared a long history of cooperation in difficult times.

Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Lin Jian made these remarks during his regular press conference on Monday.

At his presser he was asked, following the recent attacks on Chinese nationals in Pakistan, has the concern for the security of Chinese citizens increased in Pakistan?

He said, “China reiterates that terrorism is a common enemy of humanity so it is a shared responsibility of the international community to fight terrorism and prevent tragedies from happening again. China will continue to support Pakistan in fighting terrorism.”

He added, “We are firm in our commitment to protecting the safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects and institutions overseas. China and Pakistan have the resolve and capability to foil any attempt to harm China-Pakistan relations and ensure that terrorists will pay the price.” Jian continued, “China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic cooperative partners as our iron-clad friendship has taken deep roots among our peoples. Attempts to undermine the mutual trust and cooperation between the two countries will not succeed. He finished on this note, “China will continue to support Pakistan in developing its economy and society and improving people’s life. We will firmly carry out cooperation with Pakistan in various fields for the benefit of the two peoples.”

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Pakistan Observer

Chinese CG stresses people-centric projects in Pakistan

The Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Karachi, Yang Yundong, underscored the importance of Chinese initiatives in Pakistan, emphasizing that these projects are designed with the welfare of the people in mind and aimed at strengthening Pakistan's economic foundations.

Speaking at a meeting with Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of Pakistan Observer Group, Faisal Zahid Malik, at the Chinese consulate, Yang noted that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) serves as a "transformative corridor" that integrates advanced technology for a sustainable, climate-friendly approach. CG Yang expressed gratitude for Pakistan's warm hospitality, noting that Pakistan feels like a second home for Chinese citizens.

He shared progress updates on CPEC, which, he said, is paving the way for sustainable development and long-term economic growth in Pakistan. Yang highlighted major projects under CPEC, such as the deep-water Gwadar port will emerge as a central hub for maritime trade, supported by a free trade area and special economic zones.

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The establishment of the China-Pakistan Technical and Vocational Training Institute aims to equip workers with the skills required to support operations at the expanded Gwadar Port. During the meeting, both dignitaries discussed bolstering security for Chinese nationals, promoting cultural exchanges, and exploring scholarship opportunities for Pakistani students in China. They also reviewed visa policies to enhance travel between the two nations. Faisal Zahid Malik reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to its longstanding friendship with China, describing it as a partnership built on trust and mutual support.

The leaders highlighted the need for further media cooperation, person-to-person connections, and tourism exchanges to strengthen ties. CG Yang thanked Faisal Zahid Malik for Pakistan Observer Group's support in promoting the Pakistan-China partnership and underscored the role of media in fostering greater understanding and collaboration between the two countries.

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China to thwart efforts to sabotage ties with Pakistan

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian, on Monday, reaffirmed Beijing's support for Pakistan, saying no efforts to undermine the trust and cooperation between the two countries would succeed.

Lin assured that China would continue backing Pakistan's counter-terrorism actions and would "steadfastly protect" Chinese nationals and institutions abroad. He added, "China and Pakistan remain committed to defeating any schemes to sabotage our relations and bringing terrorists to justice."

Describing the China-Pakistan partnership as an "evergreen strategic cooperative partnership," Lin emphasised the strength of mutual trust between the two nations. "Any attempt to weaken our mutual trust and cooperation will not succeed," he declared.

He further noted China's ongoing commitment to Pakistan's economic and social progress, adding that cooperation across various sectors would persist, aiming to benefit the people of both nations.

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The News

Pakistan, China to enhance military cooperation to counter threats

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RAWALPINDI: Senior military officials from Pakistan and China met at the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Headquarters in Beijing on Monday, agreeing to enhance cooperation against common adversaries threatening peace and development in the region. The meeting at the PLA Headquarters took place between Gen. Li Qiaoming, Commander of the PLA Army, and Lt. Gen. Muhammad Avais Dastgir, Chief of General Staff (CGS) of the Pakistan Army. "Both sides agreed to further enhance cooperation to counter common enemies working against the peace and development of the region," stated the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). Discussions centred on the evolving global and regional situation, with follow-up measures to strengthen bilateral military-to-military cooperation. During the meeting, the CGS expressed heartfelt condolences over the recent loss of Chinese lives in a terrorist attack in Karachi and reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering commitment to enhancing the security of Chinese nationals in Pakistan. Gen. Li acknowledged the Pakistan Army's efforts and initiatives to improve security for Chinese citizens and assured Pakistan of China's full support. Other areas of defence cooperation were also discussed, including military education, training, equipment, and technology. Both sides reviewed the progress in these collaborative efforts and agreed to further institutionalise mechanisms for sharing experiences and increasing regular interactions.

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China to continue supporting Pakistan in fighting terrorism

BEIJING: China will continue to support Pakistan in counter-terrorism operations, a foreign ministry spokesperson said on Monday, after two Chinese nationals were wounded in a shooting in the country's commercial hub Karachi last week. China and Pakistan have the determination and ability to thwart all attempts to undermine China-Pakistan relations and make terrorists pay the price, spokesperson Lin Jian told a regular news conference in Beijing, reported foreign media. He said China reiterates that terrorism is a common enemy of humanity. It's the shared responsibility of the international community to fight terrorism and prevent tragedies from happening again. China will continue to support Pakistan in fighting terrorism. We are firm in our commitment to protecting the safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects and institutions overseas. China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic cooperative partners. Our iron-clad friendship has taken deep roots among our peoples. Attempts to undermine the mutual trust and cooperation between the two countries will not succeed. China will continue to support Pakistan in developing its economy and society and improving people's life. We will firmly carry out cooperation with Pakistan in various fields for the benefit of the two peoples.

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صدر شیکت صحتیابی پیغامات سے متاثر ہوا: مناسب وقت پر چین کا دورہ کرونگا، تعلقات کو تقویت ملے گی: زرداری

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری نے چینی ہم منصب شی جن پنگ کی جانب سے خیر سگالی پیغام پر شکر یہ ادا کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ مستقبل قریب میں مناسب تاریخ پر چین کا دورہ کروں گا۔ صدر مملکت کا کہنا تھا کہ چین کی قیادت اور عوام کی جانب سے صحتیابی کے پیغامات سے متاثر ہوا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دورے سے دونوں ممالک کے درمیان دیرینہ، آہنی بندھن کو مزید تقویت ملے گی۔ چینی صدر نے 3 نومبر کے خط میں صدر زرداری کے زخمی ہونے پر اظہار تشویش کیا تھا۔ چینی صدر نے آصف علی زرداری کی جلد صحتیابی کے لیے نیک خواہشات کا اظہار کیا تھا۔ شی جن پنگ نے خط میں صدر زرداری کو دورہ چین کی گرجوشی سے دعوت دی تھی۔ واضح رہے کہ 30 اکتوبر کو صدر پاکستان آصف علی زرداری دہلی ایئرپورٹ پر جہاز سے اترتے ہوئے حادثے کا شکار ہو گئے تھے اور جہاز سے اترتے ہوئے ان کے پاؤں میں فریکچر ہو گیا تھا۔ صدر آصف علی زرداری کو فوری طور پر ابتدائی طبی امداد کے لیے ہسپتال منتقل کیا گیا تھا، جہاں ڈاکٹرز نے معائنے کے بعد ان کے پاؤں پر پلاسٹر کر دیا تھا۔ صدر مملکت آصف علی زرداری کا 4 سے 7 نومبر تک چین کا دورہ ملے تھا۔ دورے کے دوران انہیں چینی صدر شی جن پنگ سے بھی ملاقات کرنی تھی۔ صدر زرداری کو 5 نومبر کو شنگھائی عالمی نمائش میں بھی شرکت ہونا تھا۔ تاہم وہ چین کے دورے پر نہیں جاسکے تھے۔

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کراچی ایئرپورٹ، چینی انجینئرز پر حملے کت ماسٹر مائنڈ سمیت 4 دہشت گرد گرفتار

کراچی (نیٹ نیوز + سٹاف رپورٹر) وزیر داخلہ سندھ ضیاء الحسن انجینئرز نے کہا ہے کہ کراچی ایئرپورٹ کے قریب چینی انجینئرز پر خود کش حملے کے ماسٹر مائنڈ سمیت 4 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا جن میں خاتون، رکشہ ڈرائیور اور بینک ملازم شامل ہیں۔ آئی جی سندھ غلام نبی میمن کے ہمراہ کراچی میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے وزیر داخلہ سندھ نے کراچی ایئرپورٹ پر چینوں کے قافلے پر خود کش حملے کے بارے میں بریفنگ دی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ حملے میں 2 چینی انجینئرز سمیت تین افراد ہلاک جبکہ 11 زخمی ہوئے۔ حملے کی ذمہ داری کا عدم تنظیمی ایل اے نے قبول کی۔ خود کش حملہ آور کا نام شاہ فہد تھا، اس نے جو نی بیٹریک کھینچا، گاڑی دھماکے سے پھٹ گئی، اس کا دھڑ اور ایک ہاتھ باقی رہا باقی جسم ختم ہو گیا، ہاتھ کے فنگر پرنٹ سے اس کی شناخت ہوئی۔ سی سی ٹی وی سے بھی خود کش بمبار اور دو سہولت کاروں کی پہچان ہوئی۔ جائے وقوعہ سے حملے میں استعمال ہونے والی گاڑی کے چیسز کا ٹکرا بھی ملا۔ حملے میں استعمال ہونے والی گاڑی شوروم سے 71 لاکھ روپے میں خریدی گئی۔ رقم حب کے علاقے سے بینک ٹرانسفر کی گئی تھی۔ فیصل علی کے بینک اکاؤنٹ سے رقم منتقل ہوئی۔ ایسا نڈیٹا سے معلوم ہوا کہ فرحان اور شریف گاڑی کی خریداری میں شامل تھے۔ خود کش حملہ آور خود بھی گاڑی خریدنے کے لئے ساتھ گیا تھا۔ خود کش بمبار کے سہولت کار سامنے آئے۔ دہشت گردوں کی فہرست میں بلال نامی بینک ملازم سمیت 12 افراد ملوث رہے۔ گاڑی حب سے آگے کہیں گئی جہاں اس میں بارودی مواد فٹ کیا گیا۔ بارودی مواد میں آر ڈی ایکس اور پیٹ نامی مواد شامل تھا، جس کا وزن 30 سے 40 کلوگرام تھا۔ جرمنی میں دوسری جنگ عظیم میں یہ بارودی مواد استعمال ہوا تھا۔ دہشت گردوں نے چیکنگ سے بچنے کیلئے خاتون کو کار میں بٹھایا۔ گل نساء نامی خاتون کی مدد سے دہشتگرد بارود سے بھری گاڑی شہر میں لے کر داخل ہوئے۔ خاتون کو بھی گرفتار کیا جا چکا ہے، جس سے تفتیش جاری ہے۔ حملے کا مرکزی ملزم جاوید نامی شخص ہے جو سارے معاملات دیکھتا رہا۔ اسی نے ریکی بھی کی اور ایئرپورٹ سے چینی شہریوں کے نکلنے کی اطلاع بھی اسی نے فون پر دی۔ حملے میں ملوث تین ملزمان دانش، گل رحمان اور بشیر زید مفرور ہیں۔ جاوید نامی ملزم کو سی سی ٹی وی فوٹیج کی مدد سے شناخت کیا گیا، جو مین ہینڈلر ہے، اس نے ریکی کی، اسی نے فریز ہال کے سامنے ہوٹل کے قریب سے آخری ویڈیو بنا کر بھیجی۔ 9 بجے کے بعد جاوید ایئرپورٹ کے علاقے میں پیدل گیا تھا اور چائینیز کے ایئرپورٹ سے باہر نکلنے کی اطلاع دی تھی، اسے وندر سے گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے۔ گل رحمان نامی کردار بی ایل اے کو ہیڈ کر رہا ہے۔ بشیر زیب بیرون ملک میں موجود ہے اور بی ایل اے کو چلا رہا ہے۔ دانش نامی سہولت کار کے تعاقب میں بھی سی سی ٹی وی اور دیگر ادارے کام کر رہے ہیں۔ ایک کردار وشنے نام کا سامنے آیا ہے جو اب تک ایک فرضی نام معلوم ہوتا ہے۔ خود کش حملہ آور کے بارے میں کہا کہ اس کا کوئی

مجرمانہ بیک گراؤنڈ نہیں تھا۔ کالعدم تنظیمیں ہمارے نوجوانوں کا ذہن خراب کر رہی ہیں۔ ان واقعات کی تفتیش میں کراچی اور بلوچستان کی یونیورسٹیز کے بچے ملوث ہونے کا انکشاف ہوا جن کا کوئی مجرمانہ بیک گراؤنڈ نہیں۔ جامعات کے وائس چانسلرز اور طلبہ تنظیموں کو دیکھنا ہو گا کہ اس طرح کے عناصر کو بے نقاب کریں۔ ہم ایک ایسی ثقافت رکھتے ہیں جس میں خواتین کی بہت عزت کی جاتی ہے۔ بی ایل اے انہیں استعمال کر کے گھٹیا حرکتیں کر رہی ہے۔ خواتین کو استعمال کر کے جذبات سے کھیلا جا رہا ہے۔

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چیف آف جنرل سٹاف کی چینی کمانڈر سے ملاقات، تعاون بڑھانے پر اتفاق

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی) پیپلز لبریشن آرمی کے کمانڈر جنرل لی کیو منگ اور پاک فوج کے چیف آف جنرل سٹاف (سی جی ایس) لیفٹیننٹ جنرل محمد اویس دستگیر کے درمیان ملاقات گزشتہ روز پی ایل اے آرمی ہیڈ کوارٹر، بیجنگ میں ہوئی۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق دونوں کمانڈرز کے درمیان عالمی اور علاقائی صورتحال کو تبدیل کرنے اور دو طرفہ فوجی تعاون کو بڑھانے کے اقدامات پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ جنرل محمد اویس دستگیر نے کراچی میں حالیہ دہشت گردانہ حملے میں چینی سفارتی عملے کے جانی نقصان پر دلی تعزیت کا اظہار کیا اور پاکستان میں چینی شہریوں کی بہتر حفاظت کو یقینی بنانے کے لیے پاکستان کے غیر متزلزل عزم کی تصدیق کی۔ پی ایل اے کمانڈر نے چینیوں کی سکیورٹی کو بہتر بنانے کے لیے پاک فوج کی کوششوں اور اقدامات کو سراہتے ہوئے پاکستان کو دل سے حمایت کا یقین دلایا۔ دونوں اطراف نے خطے کے امن اور ترقی کے خلاف کام کرنے والے مشترکہ دشمنوں کا مقابلہ کرنے کے لیے باہمی تعاون کو مزید بڑھانے پر اتفاق کیا۔ دفاعی تعاون کے دیگر شعبوں پر بھی غور کیا گیا اور دونوں فریقین نے فوجی تعلیم، تربیت، آلات اور ٹیکنالوجی کے شعبوں میں تعاون کی پیش رفت کا جائزہ لیا۔ دونوں فریقوں نے تجربات کے باہمی اشتراک اور باقاعدہ بات چیت کو بڑھانے کے لیے میکانزم کو مزید ادارہ جاتی بنانے پر اتفاق کیا۔

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Daily Times

‘Enforcement of China-like air quality plan vital to tackle smog’

Air quality experts in Pakistan have praised the Chinese Air Quality Action Plan, considering it one of the most effective strategies for long-term implementation.

They believe that if executed correctly, this plan could significantly reduce smog levels in major cities across the Punjab province.

The Chinese Air Quality Action Plan includes a comprehensive set of measures such as stringent emissions standards, promoting clean energy alternatives, and enhancing public transportation systems, Gwadar Pro reported on Tuesday.

Experts emphasize that adopting similar initiatives in Pakistan could drastically improve air quality, leading to healthier living conditions and a reduction in pollution-related health issues.

Lahore’s high Court recently identified heavy traffic emissions as the main cause of the smog. In order to quickly prepare their fields for the wheat crop, many farmers simply burn leftover plant debris after harvesting rice.

The practice is known as paddy stubble burning. Every year, Punjab rice farms collectively burn about 7 to 8 million metric tons of leftover plant debris in October and November.

At present, smog is inescapable in many major cities across Punjab, including Lahore, Multan and Faisalabad.

Over the weekend, Multan saw air quality readings up to 2000. The North Western plains of India and parts of Pakistan are experiencing dense smog recently, which has caused the air quality index (AQI) to surpass record highs (1,000 – 2,000 in Pakistan).

China has faced similar air pollution for years due to rapid industrialization, urbanization, and a reliance on coal as a primary energy source.

However, in recent years, the country has made significant strides in reducing air pollution through a combination of strict policies and technological innovations. Experts believe that these efforts offer valuable lessons for other cities struggling with severe air quality issues.

China's strict policy actions led to a swift reduction in pollution. Particulate pollution in China declined by 41 percent between 2013 and 2022 and by 3.4 percent from 2021 to 2022 alone.

Because of these air quality improvements, the average Chinese citizen can expect to live 2 years longer, provided the reductions are sustained, according to the report.

The most heavily-polluted areas in China were assigned specific targets, and applying similar measures in Pakistan could be beneficial in the long term.

The Chinese government's strategies for achieving these goals included: First, building pollution reduction into government officials' incentives, so promotions depended on both environmental audits and the economic performance of their jurisdictions.

Provincial and local officials are now incentivized to improve the environment in their jurisdictions.

Second, prohibiting new coal-fired plants in the target regions and requiring existing coal plants to reduce emissions or be replaced with natural gas. Increasing renewable sources for energy generation and reducing iron and steel making capacity in industry.

Third, control vehicle in large cities emissions by restricting the number of cars on the road on any given day. Each of these cities must have a quota on the number of new license plates issued each year, capping the number of cars on the road.

Fourth, better enforcement of emissions standards and increased transparency in government reporting of air quality statistics.

Fifth, introducing affordable electric vehicles, including scooters, to the public and enhancing the electric public transport system.

As per the Pakistan Ministry for Climate Change, to solve the issue of air pollution, Pakistan developed a National Clean Air Policy (NCAP) in 2021 and revised it in 2023. Provinces also have their own plans to implement the NCAP. For example, Punjab developed its Clean Air Action Plan in 2023.

These national and provincial policies aim to improve the air quality of Pakistan by setting emission standards, promoting cleaner energy resources, and extending monitoring systems.

Despite these well-documented policies and action plans, their enforcement, monitoring, and compliance remain questionable. Several factors contributed to the inadequate implementation, including insufficient funding for air quality control and monitoring, lack of political will, and limited public awareness.

Effective implementation of the NCAP will require active participation from all stakeholders, including government, the media, research institutions, civil society, advocacy groups, and most importantly, the public.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1239018/enforcement-of-china-like-air-quality-plan-vital-to-tackle-smog/>

Beijing ‘pushes to join security efforts for citizens’ in Pakistan

Beijing is pushing Pakistan to allow its own security staff to provide protection to thousands of Chinese citizens working in the country, during talks after a car bombing in Karachi that was seen as a major security breach, sources said.

Last month’s airport bombing in the southern port city that killed two Chinese engineers returning to work on a project after a holiday in Thailand was the latest in a string of attacks on Beijing’s interests in Pakistan.

Five Pakistani security and government sources with direct knowledge of the previously unreported negotiations and demands spoke to Reuters on condition of anonymity, as the talks are sensitive.

“They (Chinese) want to bring in their own security,” said one official, who sat in on a recent meeting, adding that Pakistan had not so far agreed to such a step. The source, and two other officials, said there was a consensus on setting up a joint security management system, and that Pakistan was amenable to Chinese officials sitting in on security meetings and coordination.

But there was no agreement on their participating in security arrangements on the ground.

The first official said Pakistan had asked China for help in improving its intelligence and surveillance capabilities instead of direct involvement.

A spokesman for China’s foreign ministry told Reuters it was not familiar with talks on a joint security scheme, but added, “China will continue to strengthen co-operation with Pakistan and make joint efforts to do its utmost to maintain the security of Chinese personnel, projects and institutions.”

In a statement last week, Pakistan’s interior ministry said both sides agreed to develop a joint strategy to prevent similar incidents in the future.

A pick-up truck rigged with nearly 100 kg (220 lbs) of explosives waited unchecked for about 40 minutes near the outermost security cordon of the heavily guarded airport before its driver rammed it into a vehicle carrying Chinese engineers, officials said.

“It was a grave security breach,” admitted one of the officials investigating the bombing, which came just a week before Chinese Premier Li Qiang’s visit to Islamabad, the first such trip in a decade.

The official said investigators believe the attackers had “inside help” in securing details of the itinerary and route of the engineers, who had returned from a month off in Thailand.

They were to be escorted back to a power plant set up as part of plans for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

China has thousands of nationals working on projects grouped under the CPEC, a \$65-billion investment in President Xi Jinping’s Belt and Road Initiative, which seeks to expand China’s global reach by road, rail and sea.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1239052/beijing-pushes-to-join-security-efforts-for-citizens-in-pakistan/>

Pakistan Observer

SUPARCO, China partner for groundbreaking Lunar Exploration with 2028 Chang’e-8 Rover

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan’s national agency SUPARCO joins hands with China for 2028 Chang’e-8 lunar mission, marking Islamabad’s first major involvement in lunar exploration.

The major collaboration aims to contribute groundbreaking scientific research on the Moon, particularly in the study of its south pole. The Chang’e-8 mission will serve as foundation for Beijing’s future International Lunar Research Station (ILRS).

The mission will conduct Earth observation, analyze lunar samples, and test resource utilization techniques. and will asses sustaining a terrestrial ecosystem in the lunar environment.

As part of joint mission, Pakistan Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission SUPARCO will provide 35-kilogram rover designed to explore the lunar south pole. Pakistani rover will play a vital role in advancing lunar surface research, contributing to China’s broader goals for lunar exploration, SUPARCO spokesperson said.

The partnership between Iron Friend nations builds on previous joint collabs in space exploration. In May this year, Pakistan’s iCube Qamar CubeSat satellite successfully entered lunar orbit after being launched aboard China’s Chang’e-6 mission.

CubeSats, which are small, modular satellites, have become increasingly popular in space research due to their low cost and versatile applications. These compact satellites are designed to carry out a wide range of tasks, from Earth observation and atmospheric research to technology testing and communications.

<https://pakobserver.net/suparco-china-partner-for-groundbreaking-lunar-exploration-with-2028-change-8-rover/>

The News

China seeks control of its citizens' security in Pakistan: report

ISLAMABAD: China is pushing Pakistan to allow its own security staff to provide protection to thousands of Chinese citizens working in the country, during talks after a car bombing in Karachi that was seen as a major security breach, sources told a British news agency.

Last month's bombing in Karachi that killed two Chinese engineers was the latest in a string of attacks on Beijing's interests in Pakistan.

The attacks have angered China, which has pushed Pakistan to begin formal negotiations for a joint security management system. Reuters spoke to five Pakistani security and government sources with direct knowledge of the previously unreported negotiations and demands on condition of anonymity, as the talks are sensitive, and reviewed a written proposal sent by Beijing to Islamabad. "They (Chinese) want to bring in their own security," said one official, who sat in on a recent meeting, adding that Pakistan had not so far agreed to such a step.

A written proposal sent to Islamabad by Beijing, and forwarded to Pakistani security agencies for review, mentioned a clause allowing the dispatching of security agencies and military forces into each others' territory to assist in counter-terrorism missions and conduct joint strikes.

The dispatching would be done after discussions, but Pakistani agencies were averse to the proposal, one official said.

Neither Beijing nor Islamabad confirmed the talks officially.

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Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the information wing of the Pakistan army, declined to comment. The interior and planning ministries also did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

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The nature of the Karachi bombing has frustrated Beijing, which is now pushing harder to achieve a long standing demand to control security arrangements for its citizens.

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Publicly China has mostly backed Pakistan’s arrangements, even as it calls for enhanced security. Privately, Beijing has expressed frustration. At one recent meeting, the Chinese side provided evidence that Pakistan had failed to follow security protocols agreed on twice in recent months, three officials said. Only China’s embassy in Islamabad and its consulates are allowed Chinese official security personnel, the Pakistani officials said.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=359084>

Express News

پاکستان میں کام کرنے والے چینی ہمارے قومی مہمان ہیں، احسن اقبال

وفاقی وزیر احسن اقبال نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں کام کرنے والے چینی ہمارے قومی مہمان ہیں جن کی سیکیورٹی ہماری اولین ذمہ داری ہے۔

اسلام آباد میں ایکسپریس نیوز سے خصوصی گفتگو کرتے ہوئے وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں موجود چینی شہریوں کو سیکیورٹی فراہم کرنا ہماری اولین ذمہ داری ہے کیونکہ وہ ہمارے قومی مہمان ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ گزشتہ دنوں پیش آنے والے واقعات منظم دہشتگردی کا نتیجہ ہیں، جن کا مقصد پاک چین تعلقات میں خلل ڈالنا اور سی پیک کو روکنا ہے، دونوں ممالک سیکیورٹی صورتحال سے نمٹنے کیلئے رابطے میں ہیں اور ایسے فریم ورک پر اتفاق کریں گے جو دونوں ممالک کیلئے قابل قبول ہو گا۔

احسن اقبال نے کہا کہ چینی شہریوں کی سیکیورٹی کے نظام کو مزید بہتر بنانے میں کامیاب ہوں گے، اس حوالے سے قیاس آرائیوں سے گریز کرنا ہو گا جہاں ضروری ہو گا سیکیورٹی کے نظام کو مزید موثر بنائیں گے۔

اُن کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ پہلے سے منظور شدہ اسپیشل اکنامک زونز پر آئی ایم ایف کی شرائط عائد نہیں ہوتیں تاہم آئی ایم ایف کی شرائط نئے اکنامک زونز (اقتصادی رابداری) سے متعلق ہیں۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2733018/chinese-who-is-working-in-pakistan-are-our-national-guests-ahsan-iqbal>

چین کی پاکستان میں اپنے شہریوں کی سیکیورٹی کیلئے مشترکہ کوششوں کی تجویز

چین نے پاکستان میں کام کرنے والے اپنے شہریوں کی سیکیورٹی کیلئے خود انتظامات کرنے کی تجویز دی ہے۔

غیر ملکی خبر ایجنسی رائٹرز کی رپورٹ کے مطابق ذرائع نے بتایا کہ کراچی میں کارجم دھماکے کے بعد دونوں ممالک کے درمیان ہونے والے مذاکرات میں چین نے پاکستان سے زور دیا ہے کہ انہیں یہاں کام کرنے والے اپنے شہریوں کی سیکیورٹی کے انتظامات خود کرنے کی اجازت دی جائے۔

خبر ایجنسی کی رپورٹ کے مطابق پاکستان کے عسکری اور حکومت کے 5 ذرائع سے بات کی جو چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان ہونے والے مذاکرات سے باخبر ہیں اور انہوں نے اپنی شناخت ظاہر نہ کرنے کی شرط رکھی کیونکہ مذاکرات ایک حساس معاملہ ہے اور بتایا کہ بیجنگ کی جانب سے اسلام آباد کو بھیجی گئیں تحریری تجاویز کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ حال ہی میں منعقدہ مذاکرات کا حصہ رہنے والے ایک پاکستانی عہدیدار نے بتایا کہ چینی اپنی سیکورٹی یہاں لانا چاہتے ہیں اور پاکستان نے تاحال ایسے کسی اقدام سے اتفاق نہیں کیا ہے۔

رپورٹ میں بتایا گیا کہ بیجنگ سے بھیجی گئیں تحریری تجاویز سلامتی کے اداروں کو جائزے کے لیے بھیجی گئیں، جس میں اس شق کو نمایاں کیا گیا تھا کہ جس میں تجویز تھی کہ انسداد دہشت گردی اور مشترکہ کارروائیوں میں تعاون کے لیے ایک دوسرے کے سیکورٹی اداروں اور افواج کے تہاذولوں کی اجازت ہو۔ عہدیدار نے بتایا کہ فورسز کی روانگی مذاکرات کے بعد ہوگی لیکن پاکستانی ادارے اس تجویز کے مخالف تھے۔ واضح رہے کہ بیجنگ یا اسلام آباد میں سے کسی بھی حکومت نے اس طرح کے کسی قسم کے مذاکرات کی تصدیق نہیں کی ہے۔

تاہم ذرائع اور دوسرے عہدیداروں نے بتایا کہ مشترکہ سیکورٹی منجمنٹ سسٹم تشکیل دینے پر اتفاق تھا اور پاکستان کو سلامتی کے اجلاس اور رابطہ کاری میں شامل چینی عہدیداروں پر اعتماد تھا۔

اس ضمن میں اتفاق رائے کے باوجود دونوں فریقین میں عملی طور پر سیکورٹی انتظامات میں حصہ لینے پر کوئی معاہدہ نہیں ہوا۔

ایک عہدیدار نے بتایا کہ پاکستان پہلے چین کو کہہ چکا تھا کہ وہ براہ راست مداخلت کے بجائے انٹیلیجنس اور نگرانی کی صلاحیت میں بہتری کے لیے مدد کرے۔

ادھر چین کی وزارت خارجہ کے ترجمان نے مذاکرات کے حوالے سے بتایا کہ وہ اس طرح کی پیش رفت سے آگاہ نہیں ہیں کہ مشترکہ سیکورٹی منصوبہ زیر غور ہے لیکن ان کا کہنا تھا کہ چین پاکستان کے ساتھ اپنے تعاون کو مضبوط بنانے اور چینی شہریوں، منصوبوں اور اداروں کی سیکورٹی برقرار رکھنے کے لیے مشترکہ کوششوں کے لیے اپنی کوششیں جاری رکھے گا۔

دوسری جانب پاکستان کی وزارتوں اور متعلقہ اداروں نے بھی مذاکرات سے متعلق خبروں پر رابطوں کے باوجود کوئی جواب نہیں دیا۔

قبل ازیں گزشتہ ہفتے پاکستان کی وزارت داخلہ نے ایک بیان میں کہا تھا کہ مستقبل میں اس طرح کے واقعات سے بچنے کے لیے دونوں فریقین نے مشترکہ حکمت عملی اپنانے پر اتفاق کیا ہے۔

پاکستان کے دیرینہ دوست چین کے پاکستان میں صدر شی جن پنگ کے منصوبے بیلٹ اینڈ روڈ کے تحت اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) کے مختلف شعبوں میں ترقیاتی منصوبوں پر 65 ارب ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری کر رکھی ہے، جس پر کام جاری ہے اور ہزاروں کی تعداد میں چینی ماہرین کام کر رہے ہیں۔

خبر ایجنسی کی رپورٹ میں دعویٰ کیا گیا ہے کہ چین اکثر پاکستان کے سیکورٹی انتظامات کی تائید کرتا ہے حالانکہ بعض اوقات بہتری کا مطالبہ کرتا ہے لیکن اندرون خانہ اپنے غصے کا اظہار کرتا ہے۔

تین ذرائع کا حوالہ دیتے ہوئے مزید بتایا گیا ہے کہ حال ہی میں ہونے والے ایک اجلاس میں چین کی جانب سے ثبوت فراہم کیے گئے کہ پاکستان حالیہ مہینوں میں دودھہ اتفاق کیے گئے سیکورٹی پروٹوکولز کی پیروی کرنے میں ناکام رہا ہے۔

ان پروٹوکولز کے تحت چینی عہدیداروں کی نقل و حرکت کے موقع پر انتہائی اعلیٰ سطح کی سیکورٹی فراہم کی جاتی ہے اور پاکستان نے فوج، پولیس کے اعلیٰ افسران اور اسپیشل پروٹیکشن یونٹ کے نام سے مخصوص فورس کو چینی شہریوں کی سیکورٹی کے لیے مختص کر دیا ہے۔

پاکستانی عہدیدار نے بتایا کہ اسلام آباد میں قائم چینی سفارت خانہ اور قونصل خانوں کو چینی سیکوریٹی اہلکار رکھنے کی اجازت ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ گزشتہ ماہ کراچی میں ایئرپورٹ کے قریب خود کش کار دھماکے میں دو چینی باشندے جاں بحق ہو گئے تھے جو ایک منصوبے پر کام کر رہے تھے اور تھائی لینڈ میں ہفتہ وار چھٹیاں گزارنے کے بعد واپس آئے تھے۔

بعد ازاں دونوں ممالک کے درمیان اختلافات کا تاثر ابھرا تھا تاہم وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سمیت اعلیٰ حکام نے اسلام آباد میں چینی سفارت خانے میں جا کر تعزیت کی تھی اور سیکوریٹی کے بھرپور اقدامات کی یقین دہانی کروائی تھی۔

دوسری جانب چین نے بھی بیان میں کہا تھا کہ وہ پاکستان کے ساتھ جاری منصوبوں کے حوالے سے ہونے والے پروپیگنڈے کو رد کرتا ہے اور سیکوریٹی کے لیے تعاون جاری رکھیں گے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2732862/chin-ka-pakistan-mi-apn-shrio-ki-sikiori-kile-mshtk-koshsho-ki-tjoiz>

Nawaiwaqt News

چین کا پاکستان کے ساتھ باہمی تعاون بڑھانے کا عزم

چینی وزارت خارجہ کے ترجمان لین جیان نے کہا ہے کہ چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان باہمی اعتماد اور تعاون کو کمزور کرنے کی کوئی بھی کوشش کامیاب نہیں ہوگی۔ چین انسداد دہشت گردی کی کارروائیوں کو آگے بڑھانے میں پاکستان کی حمایت جاری رکھے گا اور بیرون ملک چینی شہریوں کی سرگرمیوں اور اداروں کی سلامتی کی ثابت قدمی کے ساتھ حفاظت کریگا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چین اور پاکستان سد اہوار سٹریٹجک تعاون کے شراکت دار ہیں، تمام شعبوں میں تعاون مضبوطی سے آگے بڑھایا جائے گا تاکہ دونوں ملکوں کے عوام کو فائدہ پہنچے۔ فریقین چین پاکستان تعلقات کو سبوتاژ کرنے والی تمام سازشوں کو ناکام بنانے اور دہشت گردوں کو کبفر کر داری تک پہنچانے کا عزم اور صلاحیت رکھتے ہیں۔

چین اور پاکستان کیخلاف بڑھتی اندرونی و بیرونی سازشوں بالخصوص پاک چین دوستی اور چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) کو سبوتاژ کرنے کی سازشوں کے تناظر میں ہی دونوں ملکوں کی قیادتوں کو آئے روز اس عزم کا اظہار کرنا پڑتا ہے کہ پاکستان چین کی بے مثال دوستی میں نہ کوئی دراڑ ڈال سکتا ہے اور نہ اس خطے کے گیم چینیجر منصوبے سی پیک کو ناکام بنایا جاسکتا ہے۔ تقریباً گیارہ سال قبل جب چین نے سی پیک منصوبہ شروع کیا تو اس پر کئی ممالک کی طرف سے تحفظات کا اظہار کیا گیا بالخصوص امریکہ اور بھارت نے تو اسکی کھل کر مخالفت کی اور اس کیخلاف سازشوں کے جال بھی بننا شروع کر دیئے۔ ان دونوں نے صرف اس پر ہی اکتفا نہیں کیا بلکہ پاکستان میں موجود اپنے ایجنٹوں اور سہولت کاروں کے ذریعے سی پیک پر کام کرنے والے چینی انجینئروں کو بھی دہشت گردی کا نشانہ بنایا تاکہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان نفرتوں کی دیوار کھڑی کر کے سی پیک کو ناکام بنایا جاسکے۔ لیکن دونوں ملکوں کی قیادتوں نے فہم و تدبیر سے کام لیتے ہوئے ان سازشوں کو ناکام بنایا اور شہد سے میٹھی، سمندر سے گہری اور ہمالیہ سے اونچی دوستی کے بندھن کو مزید مضبوط بنانے کا عزم ظاہر کیا۔ گزشتہ کچھ عرصے سے ایک منظم پراپیگنڈے کے تحت یہ تاثر دینے کی کوشش کی جا رہی ہے کہ پاکستان میں موجود چینی انجینئروں کو دہشت گردی کا نشانہ بنانے اور شہریوں کے غیر محفوظ ہونے کی وجہ سے دونوں ملکوں میں دوریاں بڑھ رہی ہیں جس سے سی پیک منصوبہ بھی متاثر ہو رہا ہے۔ اسی تناظر میں گزشتہ روز چینی وزارت خارجہ کے ترجمان لین جیان نے پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان باہمی اعتماد اور تعاون کو مضبوط بنانے کے عزم کا اظہار کر کے سازشی عناصر کے حوصلے پست کر دیئے۔ بے شک دونوں ملک دوستی کے آہنی بندھن میں بندھے ہوئے ہیں اور اپنے خلاف تمام سازشوں کو ناکام بنانے کیلئے پرعزم بھی ہیں، اسکے باوجود دونوں کو اپنے دشمنوں پر کڑی نظر رکھنے کی ضرورت ہے۔

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China ready to work with Pakistan on building ‘upgraded version’ of CPEC

* Ambassador says China and Pakistan have always maintained close coordination and cooperation to effectively safeguard international fairness and justice

Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong has said that China is willing to work with Pakistan to focus on building an ‘upgraded version’ of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Talking to students after attending a Chinese language competition at the National University of Modern Languages Islamabad, Ambassador Jiang Zaidong said China and Pakistan are All-Weather Strategic Partners and iron-clad friends. He said the China-Pakistan friendship has stood the test of the times and is as solid and stable as Mount Tai.

He said the political foundation of China-Pakistan relations is extremely strong. In particular, President Xi Jinping and the leaders of Pakistan have taken the helm and led the development of bilateral relations, set the positioning of China-Pakistan All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership, and carried forward the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor from “1+4” basic layout to a new stage of building an “upgraded version”. Since the beginning of this year, President Xi Jinping has maintained close communication with President Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz and reached important consensus. We are willing to work with Pakistan to better implement the consensus, and speed up the building of a closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era.

He said the economic foundation of China-Pakistan relations is very solid. In particular, CPEC, as an important landmark project in the joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative, has brought a total of US \$25.4 billion in direct investment, 236000 jobs, 510km of highways, more than 8000 megawatts of electricity and 886km of core transmission network. We are willing to work with Pakistan to focus on building an “upgraded version” of CPEC, further consolidate, expand and deepen practical cooperation in various fields, continuously improve the all-weather strategic cooperation level between China and Pakistan, and better help Pakistan develop its economy and improve people’s livelihood.

He said the mass foundation of the China-Pakistan relations is particularly solid, according to what I have heard and seen after I came to Pakistan. There are builders who have worked hard for the early implementation of the CPEC project, tens of thousands of entrepreneurs who have returned from studying in China, and also friendly envoys like all of you here who learn Chinese, understand China, and carry forward China-Pakistan friendship. It is you who have made the tree of China-Pakistan friendship deeply rooted and flourish. We are willing to work with Pakistan to further enhance people’s livelihood, strengthen people-to-people exchanges, continue the special friendship between the two countries, and consolidate the foundation of bilateral cooperation.

To another question, the ambassador said under the visionary leadership of President Xi Jinping, the Chinese people have worked hard together to write a new chapter in the miracle

of achieving economic development and long-term social stability, opening up a new pattern of benefiting the world and promoting building a community with a shared future for mankind. “We have maintained the world’s second largest economy, and our average contribution to world economic growth has exceeded 30% for the past 10 consecutive years; we have made victory in poverty alleviation, lifting nearly 100 million rural poor people out of poverty, and our contribution to world poverty alleviation has exceeded 70%; We promote the joint construction of the “Belt and Road” and have achieved more than 3,000 cooperation projects, driving nearly one trillion US dollars in investment. Currently, we are thoroughly implementing the spirit of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, further deepening reforms and comprehensively promoting Chinese modernization. We are willing to provide the world with new opportunities of Chinese modernization and benefit our iron brother Pakistan first, working together to create a bright future for common prosperity and people’s well-being.”

Regarding Pakistan’s development, he said Pakistan has a superior geographical location and is known as the “pivot of Asia”; secondly, Pakistan has a huge demographic dividend, with people under the age of 30 accounting for more than 60%; thirdly, Pakistan is rich in natural resources, ranking fifth in cotton production, sixth in mango production and seventh in wheat production in the world. In addition, Pakistan ranks first in pink salt reserve and second in coal reserve in the globe. Especially when confronting complex and severe exterior situations, Pakistani new government has led the people to unite and work hard to achieve economic stabilization and improvement.

The GDP has turned from negative to positive, and it is expected that the new growth will be achieved in the new fiscal year.

The inflation rate has been reduced to the lowest level since the past five years and foreign exchange reserve has achieved the highest since the past two years. The foreign exports have increased by 14% in the first two months of the new fiscal year. We are sincerely glad for our Pakistani brothers and sisters and are full of confidence with your country’s development prospects.

To a question, the ambassador said China and Pakistan have always maintained close coordination and cooperation to effectively safeguard international fairness and justice and the common interests of developing countries.

The ambassador said as an iron-clad friend of Pakistan, while providing talents for promoting China’s modernization, we are also willing to train talents for Pakistan through educational cooperation.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1239324/china-ready-to-work-with-pakistan-on-building-upgraded-version-of-cpec/>

Pakistan ‘assures’ IMF China will rollover \$3.4bn debt

Pakistan has assured the International Monetary Fund that despite initial delays, it still remained hopeful of securing the Chinese debt rescheduling and will receive oil from Saudi Arabia on deferred payments as part of its efforts to fill the \$5 billion external funding gap.

The hopes are rooted in the assurances that the executive directors of those countries gave to the IMF board at the time of approval of the \$7 billion bailout package.

The government also requested the IMF visiting delegation to review its condition on drastically amending the Pakistan Sovereign Wealth Fund law by end of December. The IMF remained non-committal on Wednesday on the request.

Pakistan has hired the services of Alvarez & Marsal Sovereign Advisory Services to plead its case before the IMF. The former central bank governor, Dr Reza Baqir, is a managing director with Alvarez and also attended the IMF meeting on Wednesday.

The sources said that the IMF took a briefing on the external financing commitments, which are necessary to fill the \$5 billion funding gap from 2024 to 2027. Pakistan assured again that China’s Exim Bank would rollover \$3.4 billion project debt and Saudi Arabia will provide a \$1.2 billion facility.

However, so far there are no significant developments on both the issues, although China has engaged the government. The executive directors of these countries had directly given assurances to the IMF board and Islamabad hoped that these transactions would materialize soon.

Out of a total \$5 billion external financing gap for the 2024-27 periods, \$2.5 billion is estimated for this fiscal year. At the time of the \$7 billion package, Pakistan had anticipated raising \$3.2 billion against the \$2.5 billion in debt needs. This included a \$1.2 billion Saudi oil facility.

Each month of delay in finalising the oil facility reduces the available funds by \$100 million within the fiscal year. Pakistani authorities remain hopeful of persuading Riyadh to extend the facility.

Out of the \$3.4 billion rescheduling request to China’s Export-Import (Exim) Bank, roughly \$750 million is due in the next 11 months year; the rescheduling is factored into the external financing calculations. A \$2.7 billion Chinese project debt extended by Exim Bank will be maturing from October 2025 to September 2027.

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb went on a foreign trip for three days to attend the COP 29 meetings. A Finance Ministry handout stated that Aurangzeb would join the IMF discussions on the last day Friday.

The Pakistani authorities and Alvarez & Marsal give briefing to the IMF about the required amendments in the Pakistan Sovereign Wealth Fund Act. Under the IMF deal, Pakistan has given commitment to the IMF that it would amend the law, in line with IMF requirements, by the end of December.

Pakistan has now proposed that the IMF should not push for drastic legal changes in the law and should accept that the sovereign fund cannot be treated as a State-Owned Enterprise. The government offered that it stood ready to address issues related to best international practices for managing the Fund.

The IMF did not immediately respond to the proposal but it in the past raised serious transparency concerns in the management of the fund.

The IMF is also of the view that Pakistan is a cash-starved country, which does not have money for setting up such ventures.

In September this year, the government conceded to the IMF demand to rewrite the Pakistan Sovereign Wealth Fund (PSWF) Act, aiming to end secrecy in its fiscal and governance affairs and ban the direct sale of assets to foreign nations.

The Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) government had enacted the PSWF Act to transfer shares of seven profitable entities in the first phase and then sell them overseas to raise money.

These entities include the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Pakistan Petroleum Limited, Mari Petroleum, National Bank of Pakistan, Pakistan Development Fund, Government Holdings (Private) Limited, and Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Company.

As a major concession, Pakistan has already agreed to omit Section 50 from the PSWF Act, applying the State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Act 2023 to these seven companies. The existing law exempts state-owned enterprises majority-owned by the fund from the SOE Act.

Pakistan has also committed to amending all relevant sections of the law that deal with the objectives, businesses, governance, sources of revenue, withdrawal of funds, and public asset management of the wealth fund.

Currently, the fund is empowered to handle the sale and purchase of domestic and foreign equity securities, debt securities, derivatives, commodities, and other financial assets. It can also enter agreements as a private party or implementing agency in Public-Private Partnerships, and it can acquire, own, sell, or transfer any tangible and intangible, movable or immovable assets.

The existing law permits the sovereign fund to participate in the privatisation process to acquire ownership of state-owned enterprises or provide financial advisory services in the privatisation process.

However, after the new amendments, all these rights will be terminated.

All these special rights will be foregone, if the IMF's drafted amendments are approved by parliament before the end of next month.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1239585/pakistan-assures-imf-china-will-rollover-3-4bn-debt/>

Dawn News

China security ties

AFTER a slightly turbulent patch, during which officials publicly used uncharacteristically direct language, Pakistan-China ties appear to have returned to cordiality.

While speaking to the media on Monday, the Chinese foreign ministry's spokesperson reiterated Beijing's desire to strengthen bilateral ties with Pakistan. He said China would help Pakistan in its fight against terrorism, while resolving to "foil any attempt" to destabilise ties. The relationship has mainly been tested by the targeting of Chinese personnel in Pakistan by terrorists. Two major deadly attacks have occurred this year — last month in Karachi and in March in KP.

While reacting to unguarded comments by the foreign minister at an Islamabad seminar in October, the Chinese ambassador reiterated the need for Pakistan to take steps to safeguard the lives of his compatriots working in this country. Matters were further complicated after the Foreign Office termed the ambassador's remarks "perplexing. However, the latest comments from Beijing indicate that this incident may be behind us.

Yet the fact remains that Beijing remains concerned about the security of its nationals in Pakistan, and if this matter is not addressed satisfactorily, it may affect bilateral ties. Some media reports have stated that China wants a joint security mechanism with Pakistan. These reports say the Chinese proposal involves the deployment of their own security personnel in this country. Pakistani officials are reportedly not comfortable with this suggestion, and no one in Islamabad or Rawalpindi has publicly commented on these plans.

While training of local forces and intelligence-sharing can be considered, putting Chinese boots on the ground in Pakistan is not a good idea. In fact, having any foreign armed force present in the country should be discouraged. Security should solely be the prerogative of Pakistan's military and civil armed forces. The Chinese concerns cannot be dismissed, as the relationship with Beijing, particularly in view of CPEC, is a key pillar of our foreign and economic policy. It is also a fact that lapses on Pakistan's part have allowed terrorists to target Chinese nationals.

Yet instead of allowing foreign forces to operate on Pakistani soil to protect their nationals, closer CT cooperation with Beijing should be pursued. A dedicated division to protect CPEC schemes — manned by thousands of personnel — already exists. Capacity-building of this division, such as the provision of modern equipment and improvement in intelligence-gathering capabilities, should be the state's priority to ensure the security of Chinese nationals and projects. If Pakistan is serious about attracting foreign investment, the state must improve the security situation so that investors feel safe in bringing their citizens here. Moreover, foreign projects should prioritise the hiring and training of locals in their areas of operation to bring jobs and prosperity to underdeveloped and economically deprived regions.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1872278>

Pakistan Observer

Pak's efforts to stabilize economy reflect through improving indicators:

Jiang

Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong Wednesday acknowledged Pakistan government's efforts towards stabilizing its economy reflected through improvement in the economic indicators.

"The economic indicators have shown improvement which has been recognized by the international institutions", the ambassador said while addressing an enthusiastic audience at the Chinese Speech Contest held at National University of Modern Languages (NUML).

He described the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as a "landmark project" within the Belt and Road Initiative, which he believes will greatly enhance the prosperity for Pakistan and the region.

Reflecting on the deep-rooted bonds and strong strategic partnership between the two countries, the ambassador praised the university's efforts in promoting the Chinese language and culture among Pakistani youth. "It's an honor to speak to you all," he began, expressing admiration for the cooperation between Pakistani universities and Chinese institutions.

He commended NUML's Rector for fostering an environment where students can learn Chinese, emphasizing that such initiatives strengthen mutual understanding and bilateral ties.

The ambassador also expressed appreciation for the speeches and performances by the students, which he described as a heartwarming display of cultural exchange and friendship.

Recounting memories of his own university days, the ambassador shared that campus life was filled with both joy and challenges.

<https://pakobserver.net/paks-efforts-to-stabilize-economy-reflect-through-improving-indicators-jiang/>

The Express Tribune

Beijing's firmness

China reaffirms support for CPEC despite Pakistan's security challenges, emphasizing continued partnership.

China stood with Pakistan in reiterating that ongoing fissures and downslide will not be a deterrent in their time-tested ties. Beijing's kindness to put it in so many words has come at a time when there were speculations that China is taking a backseat, and many of the developmental ventures could hit snags owing to a new spike of terrorism and revulsion inside Pakistan.

This consolidated resolve is an asset and goes on to confirm the strategic wavelength that the two states enjoy. A spokesperson from the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Lin Jian, put it in unequivocal terms that dedication to CPEC's success is unconditional and the speculation that violence will derail the momentum is unfounded.

This promising geopolitical abstract is in need of being carried further, and cemented with substantial measures to plough the loopholes in the system that give way to disgruntled elements to create space for themselves.

The dilapidated security situation deserves a renewed appraisal and can best be countered with political and economic muscles. Perhaps, this is why Beijing has reposed its complete trust in Pakistan's professional security edifice, and has also hinted at collaborating with it by putting in its expertise for finding a perpetual solution to the issues at hand.

Apparently a clause mentioning the buoyed role of security agencies and military forces to assist in counter-terrorism missions and conduct joint strikes is the way to go forward in all humility.

This is smart diplomacy aimed at bolstering Pakistan's economy, which also goes on to propose a way out to strengthen the evolving connectivity and geo-economics in the region and beyond.

Pakistan has come a long way and as CPEC enters its second decade of progression, it's time to handle the intricacies with due diligence.

Nailing down unscrupulous elements and at the same time ensuring that the bounties of development reach the locals is sine qua non for doing away with the intruded resentment in bilateralism.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2509409/beijings-firmness>

The News

All steps being taken for Chinese nationals' protection: PM

BAKU: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday said that the government of Pakistan was taking all possible steps to ensure the security of Chinese nationals.

The prime minister met with Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang on the sidelines of the Climate Action Summit of COP-29 and highlighted the steps taken by the government for the security of the Chinese nationals in Pakistan. Both leaders also discussed the bilateral cooperation.

PM Shehbaz also highlighted the steps taken by the government to completely eradicate the menace of terrorism and reiterated that the government was committed to root out terrorism from the country.

Referring to the recent visit of the Chinese premier to Pakistan, Shehbaz said that China was a long-standing friend of Pakistan and a new era of strengthening relations between the two countries had begun.

The Chinese vice premier expressed his desire to work with Pakistan to overcome security challenges and further expand Pak-China cooperation for the development and prosperity of the peoples of the two countries.

Meanwhile, addressing the High-Level Segment of the "World Leaders' Climate Action Summit" of the 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate

Change (COP29), the prime minister, while sensitising the global community on the risks posed by climate change and the vulnerabilities of developing countries, called for grant-based climate finance that should not add to the debt burden of the developing nations.

He called for fulfilling the pledges of COP27 and COP28 as well as those made in Paris 10 years ago.

He viewed that the COP29 would help understand the calamities already faced by some of the countries and others might face if counter-measures were not taken to create a conducive environment to avert calamities.

Highlighting the devastation faced by the people of Pakistan caused by the climate change-induced floods in 2022, he recalled his interaction with a boy Ikramullah in the flood-hit Balochistan who had lost everything to the calamity including his home, school, and entire village.

Shehbaz told the summit that his government had taken concrete actions to deliver on its commitment to producing 60 percent of all energy from clean sources and shifting 30 percent of vehicles to electric vehicles (EVs) by the end of this decade. At the same time, Pakistan is going through a renewable energy revolution, he said and also mentioned the presentation of a comprehensive National Adaptation Plan last year and the National Carbon Market Framework this year.

Meanwhile, in a meeting with Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev on the sidelines of the COP-29, Prime Minister Shehbaz praised the strong ties between Pakistan and Azerbaijan and expressed optimism about further enhancing cooperation in various fields, including technology sharing and joint ventures in renewable energy.

Separately, on his X handle, the prime minister posted that he held a most warm and cordial meeting with brother President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar called on the developed nations to honour their climate finance pledges to provide accessible and grants-based climate financing to achieve developing countries' climate goals.

The deputy prime minister attended a high-level event convened by the United Secretary-General on 'Delivering Early Warnings for All (EW4All) and Addressing Extreme Heat' on the sidelines of the COP29.

Addressing the high-level event, Dar reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to safeguarding lives and protecting communities from the unpredictable and severe impacts of climate change.

He said that they stood united in their commitment to safeguard the livelihood, lives, protect communities and ensure that no one was left unprotected from the unpredictable and severe impacts of the climate change.

Later, PM Shehbaz left for Pakistan after wrapping up his three-day official visit to Azerbaijan.

Separately, in a message on World Diabetes Day being observed on November 14 (today), PM Shehbaz said that the Government of Pakistan was fully committed to controlling the escalation in diabetes and delivering well-being to diabetic population.

“Alarmingly, there are still 50 percent of diabetic patients undiagnosed and consequently untreated. This further leads to an enhanced burden of uncontrolled diabetic patients with complications such as heart disease, kidney failure, neurological disorders, stroke and blindness,” he added.

“The major risk factors leading to diabetes in Pakistan are environmental and geographical reasons in addition to genetic variants, dietary, as well as inactive lifestyle,” he observed.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=359378>

Chinese ambassador inspires Pakistani youth at NUML

Islamabad: The Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong today visited National University of Modern Languages (NUML) and called on Rector NUML Major General (r) Shahid Mehmood Kayani at his office to discuss expanding academic and research collaboration between the universities of both nations, focusing on educational excellence and language as a bridge connecting the people of Pakistan and China.

The Chinese Ambassador, joined by the Rector and the Director General NUML Brig Shahzad Munir, witnessed an inspiring display of talent as NUML students showcased their language proficiency and cultural performances representing China and Gilgit-Baltistan. In his address, the Ambassador praised the university's efforts in promoting Chinese language and cultural understanding, thanking the administration for fostering educational and cultural exchange. Engaging directly with students in a lively question-and-answer session, Jiang Zaidong emphasized the value of resilience and hard work.

“Education involves challenges, and happiness is found through struggle,” he remarked, inspiring students to pursue their studies with dedication. The Ambassador expressed optimism for Pakistan’s future, citing the nation’s abundant resources, strategic location, and youthful population. He noted the country's recent economic progress, with GDP growth from negative to 2.5% and a forecast of 3.2% in the coming fiscal year.

“Pakistan is poised to thrive as a pivotal nation in Asia,” he added, highlighting the strong collaboration between China and Pakistan. He underscored China’s commitment to supporting Pakistan's development, particularly through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which he described as a “landmark of bilateral cooperation.” Additionally, he outlined various initiatives aimed at empowering Pakistani youth, including scholarships, exchange programs, and internship opportunities in Chinese enterprises operating in Pakistan.

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Express News

چینی شہریوں کی سکیورٹی یقینی بنانے کیلئے تمام اقدامات کر رہے ہیں، شہباز شریف

وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف نے موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں سے نمٹنے کیلئے فوری اقدامات کی ضرورت پر زور دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ محفوظ مستقبل کیلئے ماحولیاتی تحفظ کے حوالے سے ہنگامی بنیادوں پر کام کرنا ہوگا، کاپ-27، کاپ-28 اور 10 سال پہلے پیرس میں کیے گئے ماحولیاتی وعدوں پر عملدرآمد کیا جائے،

پاکستان موسمیاتی تبدیلی سے نمٹنے کے لیے بھرپور اقدامات کر رہا ہے، دنیا کو پاکستان جیسے ترقی پذیر ملکوں کی مدد کرنا ہوگی۔ باکو میں کاپ-29 کلائمٹ ایکشن سربراہی اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے انھوں نے کہا دنیا کے اکثر ممالک کو موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں کے منفی اثرات سے نقصانات کا سامنا ہے۔ عالمی ماحولیاتی آلودگی میں پاکستان کا حصہ 0.5 فیصد سے بھی کم ہے لیکن ہم اس کے سبب ہونے والی تباہیوں اور آفات سے سب سے زیادہ متاثرہ ممالک میں شامل ہیں۔

پاکستان جیسے ترقی پذیر ممالک تباہ موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں سے نمٹنے کے لئے ضروری اقدامات نہیں کر سکتے، عالمی برادری کو ترقی پذیر ممالک کی مدد کرنا ہوگی۔ علاوہ سربراہ اجلاس کے موقع پر شہباز شریف کی آذربائیجان کے صدر الہام علیوف سے ملاقات ہوئی۔

وزیر اعظم نے دونوں ممالک کے مابین مضبوط تعلقات پر اطمینان کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے نیکنالوجی، قابل تجدید توانائی میں مشترکہ منصوبوں سمیت مختلف شعبوں میں تعاون کو مزید بڑھانے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ دونوں رہنماؤں نے مختلف شعبوں بالخصوص اقتصادی اور دفاعی تعاون میں اسٹریٹجک شراکت داری کو مزید مستحکم کرنے اور عوامی روابط کے ساتھ ساتھ ثقافتی تعلقات کی مضبوطی کے عزم کا اظہار کیا۔

شہباز شریف نے چین کے نائب وزیر اعظم ڈنگ شویشیانگ سے بھی ملاقات کی جس میں دوطرفہ تعاون کے فروغ پر گفتگو ہوئی۔ وزیر اعظم نے کہا چین پاکستان کا دیرینہ دوست ہے اور دونوں ممالک کے مابین تعلقات کی مضبوطی کے نئے دور کا آغاز ہو چکا ہے۔

حکومت پاکستان چینی شہریوں کی سکیورٹی یقینی بنانے کیلئے تمام ممکن اقدامات اٹھا رہی ہے۔ حکومت ملک سے دہشتگردی جڑ سے اکھاڑ دینے کیلئے پر عزم ہے۔ چینی نائب وزیر اعظم نے پاکستان کے ساتھ مل کر سکیورٹی چیلنجز کو عبور کرنے اور دونوں ممالک کے عوام کی ترقی و خوشحالی کیلئے تعاون میں وسعت کی خواہش کا اظہار کیا۔ بعد ازاں شہباز شریف اپنا تین روزہ دورہ آذربائیجان مکمل کر کے پاکستان روانہ ہو گئے۔ آذربائیجان کے وزیر انصاف فرید احمدوف نے وزیر اعظم کو باکو ایئرپورٹ پر الوداع کیا۔

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نوشانی کے لیے پاک چین تعلقات کے ماہرہ کار و دست دہنے کی خواہش کا اظہار کیا۔

چینی شہریوں کے تحفظ کیلئے ہر ممکن قدم اٹھا رہے ہیں، وزیراعظم کی

چینی نائب وزیراعظم کو یقین دہانی

پاک (آئی این ٹی) وزیراعظم شہباز شریف نے چین کے نائب وزیراعظم ڈنگ ڈوئی ڈانگ کو یقین دہانی کرائی (ہائی سٹیو 7 جیہ نمبر 27)

ہے کہ حکومت چینی شہریوں کی حفاظت چینی ہائیڈرو پاور کے لیے ہر ممکن قدم اٹھا رہی ہے۔ وزیراعظم شہباز شریف کی آذربائیجان کے دارالحکومت باکو میں کھپ 29 کے کاہمت ایشن اجلاس کے موقع پر چین کے نائب وزیراعظم ڈنگ ڈوئی ڈانگ سے ملاقات ہوئی۔ ملاقات میں پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان دوطرفہ تعاون کے فروغ پر گفتگو ہوئی، اس موقع پر وزیراعظم نے کہا کہ چین پاکستان کا سرحد دوست اور طرفہ تعلقات کی مضبوطی کے سنے روکا آواز ہو چکا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ حکومت چینی شہریوں کی سکیورٹی چینی ہائیڈرو پاور کے لیے ہر ممکن قدم اٹھا رہی ہے، حکومت ملک سے دہشت گردی کو باہر سے آگیا دہنے کے لیے ہر مزم سے اس موقع پر ڈنگ ڈوئی ڈانگ نے سکیورٹی چیلنجز سے باہمی طور پر ٹھننے اور دونوں ممالک کے عوام کی ترقی و

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Nawaiwaqt News

پاکستان کارور تحقیق کیلئے چینی مشن کے ساتھ چاند پر جائے گا

اسلام آباد (نیٹ نیوز) سپارک کو کا تیار کردہ پاکستان کارور چاند پر چینی مشن کے ساتھ تحقیق میں حصہ لے گا۔ سپارک نے چین کے چانگ ای 8 مشن کے ساتھ ایک انقلابی مشن میں شراکت داری کا اعلان کیا ہے، جس کی لائیو کوریج 2028ء میں متوقع ہے۔ یہ تعاون پاکستان کے خلائی پروگرام کے لیے ایک اہم سنگ میل کی حیثیت رکھتا ہے۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-11-14/page-1/detail-26>

پاکستان میں چینی ورکرز قومی مہمان، سکیورٹی اولین ذمہ داری: احسن اقبال

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) نوائے وقت رپورٹ (وفاقی وزیر منصوبہ بندی احسن اقبال نے ”پاکستان 2050“ کی رپورٹ لائیو تقریب سے خطاب میں کہا کہ اس رپورٹ کو بنانے کے لیے یو این ایف پی اے اور پاپولیشن فنڈ کا شکریہ ادا کرتے ہیں۔ صوبوں نے اختیارات ابھی تک مقامی حکومتوں کو منتقل نہیں کیے۔ پورا صوبہ سندھ کراچی سے اور پنجاب لاہور سے نہیں چلایا جاسکتا۔ گورننس کے نظام کو بہتر بنانے کے لیے اختیارات کی چلی سطح پر منتقلی ضروری ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں احسن اقبال نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں کام کرنے والے چینی ہمارے قومی مہمان ہیں جن کی سکیورٹی ہماری اولین ذمہ داری ہے۔ گزشتہ دنوں پیش آنے والے واقعات منظم و ہینٹگر دی کا نتیجہ ہیں، جن کا مقصد پاک چین تعلقات میں خلل ڈالنا اور سی پیک کو روکنا ہے۔ دونوں ممالک سکیورٹی صورتحال سے نمٹنے کیلئے رابطے میں ہیں اور ایسے فریم ورک پر اتفاق کریں گے جو دونوں ممالک کیلئے قابل قبول ہو گا۔ قیاس آرائیوں سے گریز کرنا ہو گا۔ جہاں ضروری ہو گا سکیورٹی کے نظام کو مزید موثر بنائیں گے۔ پہلے سے منظور شدہ سٹیبل انکامک زونز پر آئی ایم ایف کی شرائط عائد نہیں ہوتیں۔ تاہم آئی ایم ایف کی شرائط نئے انکامک زونز (اقتصادی راہداری) سے متعلق ہیں۔

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Daily Times

FO rejects reports China wants own security staff in Pakistan

- * Says terror groups receive support from India
- * Tells India not to politicize sports
- * Urges Afghan govt to take action against terrorists

The Foreign Office (FO) on Thursday dismissed reports of Beijing pushing Islamabad to join security efforts in Pakistan, terming them as “speculations [...] motivated by an agenda to create confusion”.

The statement by Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch comes amid heightened security concerns, with China’s envoy recently expressing frustration over the attacks, which Baloch said were “perplexing” remarks.

However, on Monday, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson reaffirmed Beijing’s support for Pakistan in countering terrorism. Lin Jian also asserted that China and Pakistan had “the resolve and capability to foil any attempt to harm China-Pakistan relations and ensure that terrorists will pay the price”.

Responding to queries during a weekly press briefing in Islamabad today, Baloch said: “We do not respond to media speculations that are based on unreliable sources and motivated by an agenda to create confusion about the nature of this relationship.

“We advise media to ascertain the motivation of individuals who feed them such stories,” she stressed.

The spokesperson further asserted: “We would not allow any effort to derail the Pakistan-China strategic partnership.”

Also, the spokesperson has urged India not to politicise sports, following India’s refusal to send its cricket team to Pakistan for the ICC Champions Trophy.

“India should not politicise sports,” Mumtaz Zahra Baloch stated.

Moreover, Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said this is a fact that the terror groups receive support from India.

She recalled that Pakistan arrested an Indian Naval Officer a few years back who was the mastermind of support for espionage and terror activities in Balochistan.

The spokesperson urged the Afghan authorities to take action against the terror groups and do not allow the use of their soil against Pakistan or any other neighboring country. She said Afghanistan should take Pakistan’s repeated requests seriously and not test the patience of Pakistani people.

In response to a question about the attack on Qazi Faiz Isa in London, the spokesperson said that any form of protest should be conducted within the boundaries of the law. “Pakistanis,

wherever they are, should be treated with respect and dignity, and no one should be allowed to use abusive language.”

She also stated that Pakistan and the United States share a long-standing relationship based on mutual interests and non-interference in each other’s internal affairs. “Pakistan cannot demand the appointment of anyone within the U.S. administration,” she said. Additionally, the spokesperson clarified that Zalmay Khalilzad holds no official position, and that any statements on social media cannot be responded to.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1239714/fo-rejects-reports-china-wants-own-security-staff-in-pakistan/>

Dawn News

Ex-soldiers to be hired for Chinese nationals’ security

KARACHI: Sindh Inspector General of Police Ghulam Nabi Memon on Thursday held another meeting at the Central Police Office to review security of Chinese nationals, apparently in wake of recent terror attack near airport which had resulted in the deaths of two foreign nationals and the injury of two others inside a garment factory by a private security guard.

The participants of the meeting were informed about decisions taken in a previous meeting about the security of Chinese, a statement said.

The DIG Special Protection Unit gave a briefing about a committee formed for reviewing security of Chinese nationals and necessary steps taken to this effect.

“Intelligence Bureau and Special Branch of police are conducting audits of private security guards deployed for the security of Chinese citizens,” the DIG said.

He informed the participants that the management/hosts/sponsors of projects in which Chinese nationals are involved were being asked to hire former servicemen for the security of the Chinese citizens.

He said that the “committee has recommended further ‘concrete steps’ for the security of Chinese nationals.”

Under the proposed suggestions, joint training exercises would be conducted continuously to meet any emergency/eventuality, he added.

“A hotline number has been provided for facilitation of Chinese citizens and for immediate contact with law enforcement agencies. Besides, it has been recommended to conduct security audits of private security companies. Moreover, the project owners/sponsors have been asked to implement SOP for security,” he said.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1872401/ex-soldiers-to-be-hired-for-chinese-nationals-security>

Pakistan Observer

No attempt to damage Pak-China trust will succeed: FO

Pakistan and China have a robust dialogue and cooperation on a range of issues, including counter terrorism and security of Chinese nationals in Pakistan.

This was stated by Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch at her weekly press briefing on Thursday.

She said, “This dialogue is based on mutual respect, mutually beneficial cooperation and respect for each other’s sovereignty.” “We will continue to work with our Chinese brothers for safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects and institutions in Pakistan.”

Baloch categorically said that “as iron brothers and strategic partners, Pakistan and China have the resolve and capability to foil any attempts to harm Pakistan-China relations, including by spreading stories about the nature of this relationship.’

“As my Chinese counterpart said, attempts to undermine the mutual trust and cooperation between the two countries will not succeed,” Baloch reiterated.

“We will not allow any efforts or stories to derail the Pakistan-China Strategic Partnership.”

About security of CPEC, Baloch said that Pakistan has raised a security force to protect the CPEC projects in Pakistan and this security apparatus continues to provide security to the CPEC projects inside Pakistan. Answering a question about relations with the United States, particularly in the wake of the US Presidential Election, the spokesperson said, “Pakistan and the United States have a long history of friendly relations, and it is in our mutual interest to continue to build on this relationship on the basis of mutual respect, mutual interest, and on the basis of non-interference in each other’s domestic affairs.” “We consider United States an old friend and partner of Pakistan. We hope that going forward, this relationship will continue to prosper,” she elaborated. Answering a volley of questions regarding the abuse of Afghan territory by terror networks against Pakistan, the spokesperson said, “it is incumbent on the Afghan authorities to take action against these terror groups.” “Support for these terror groups by any entity, individual, whether official or private, is unacceptable for Pakistan,” Baloch said urging the Afghan authorities to take Pakistan’s repeated requests seriously and take effective and immediate action against these terror groups. The spokesperson reiterated Pakistan’s serious concerns about the plight of Kashmiri political prisoners. She said any detainees are enduring inhuman conditions in jails, including confinement in overcrowded cells, denial of necessary medical care and continued detention without due process.

“We urge the Indian authorities to drop fabricated charges against all political prisoners, activists and human rights defenders and release them immediately.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TuUVVKVdZm4&list=RDX0gB9jcgXxg&index=19>

The Express Tribune

China-Pak trade conference spurs new partnerships

Over 40 companies met in Shandong to discuss tech transfer, investment, partnerships

LAHORE: The Department of Commerce of Shandong Province (China) recently hosted the China (Shandong)-Pakistan Economic and Trade Matchmaking Conference to strengthen exchanges and cooperation between the two sides in trade cooperation, technology transfer, investment, and factory construction.

The matchmaking conference was held on the side-lines of the Pakistan Industrial Exhibition. Representatives from over 40 enterprises in Shandong Province and more than 100 Pakistani business people gathered to engage in in-depth discussions on multiple topics.

Representatives of enterprises in Shandong Province provided a detailed introduction to their respective advantageous products and technologies, showcasing Shandong's strong strength in manufacturing, high-tech industries, and other fields. Pakistani business people have shown strong interest in the products and technologies of Shandong enterprises, and the two sides have conducted preliminary negotiations on multiple projects and reached multiple cooperation intentions.

As per Pakistani counterparts, this matchmaking conference not only provided an opportunity for face-to-face communication between the two companies but also built a platform for information sharing and resource docking for the participants. Through this matchmaking conference, enterprises in Shandong Province have further understood the demand and potential of the Pakistani market, laying a solid foundation for future expansion in the Pakistani market. At the same time, the Pakistani business community has gained a deeper understanding of the technological strength and product quality of Chinese companies, opening up broader opportunities for future cooperation between the two sides.

In addition to attending the matchmaking conference, the Shandong enterprises also participated in the 8th Pakistan Industrial Expo. This expo attracted nearly a hundred Chinese manufacturing companies to participate, with the theme of "Promoting China-Pakistan Cooperation and Building the Industrial Future Together". It not only showcased the latest products and technologies in core industries such as machine tool manufacturing, engineering machinery, automotive equipment, hardware and building materials but also became an important platform for Chinese and Pakistani enterprises to deepen cooperation and expand markets.

This expo started on November 9 and lasted for three days. Multiple forums and seminars were held during the expo, inviting industry experts and scholars to have in-depth discussions and exchanges on topics such as industrial development and technological innovation. The expo contributed new strength to China, Pakistan, and South Asia's industrial development, while providing more opportunities for enterprises to expand their international markets and achieve business growth.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2509698/china-pak-trade-conference-spurs-new-partnerships>

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چینی شہریوں کی سکیورٹی سے متعلق خبریں قیاس آرائیوں پر مبنی، ہر قیمت پر تحفظ کریگیے: پاکستان

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی) ترجمان دفتر خارجہ ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ نیچین کی جانب سے پاکستان میں کام کرنے والے چینی شہریوں کی سکیورٹی کے لیے اپنی ٹیمیں بھیجنے کے معاملے کی تردید کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ میڈیا پر چلنے والی خبریں قیاس آرائیوں پر مبنی ہیں، پاک-چین دوستی کو ان قیاس آرائیوں سے خراب نہیں کیا جاسکتا ہے، پاکستان نئی امریکی انتظامیہ سے اچھے تعلقات کا خواہشمند ہے، دراندازی کے معاملے پر افغان حکومت پاکستانیوں کے صبر کا امتحان نہ لے، پاکستان کے تحفظات کو سنجیدگی سے لے، پاکستان کے خلاف ہونے والے حملوں کی تحقیقات کرے۔ وزیر دفاع خواجہ آصف بخٹیا دھمکیوں قابل مذمت ہیں، کسی بھی شہری کے ساتھ بیرون ملک میں ناروا سلوک برداشت نہیں، چیئرمینز ٹرافی کیلئے کوئی بیک ڈور چینل نہیں، بھارت کھیلوں کو سیاست کی نذر نہ کرے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار دفتر خارجہ کی ترجمان ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ نے ہفتہ وار بریفنگ کے دوران کیا۔ ترجمان دفتر خارجہ نے چین کی جانب سے اپنی سکیورٹی ٹیمز پاکستان بھیجنے کے معاملے پر رد عمل دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ میڈیا پر چلنے والی خبریں قیاس آرائیوں پر مبنی ہیں، پاک-چین دوستی کو ان قیاس آرائیوں سے خراب نہیں کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان انسداد دہشتگردی اور چینی شہریوں کے تحفظ پر ڈائلاگ ہوتے رہتے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان ہر قسم کے خطرات سے نمٹنے کی صلاحیت رکھتا ہے اور چینی شہریوں اور اداروں کا ہر قیمت پر تحفظ کرے گا جب کہ ہم پاکستان اور چین کی دوستی کو خراب کرنے کی اجازت نہیں دیں گے۔ ترجمان دفتر خارجہ نے لندن میں سابق چیف جسٹس قاضی فائز عیسیٰ اور وزیر دفاع خواجہ آصف کے ساتھ ہونے والے واقعے پر رد عمل دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ کسی پاکستانی شہری کے ساتھ بد تہذیبی قابل قبول نہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ خواجہ آصف کو دھمکیوں اور گالیوں کی مذمت کرتے ہیں جب کہ سابق چیف جسٹس کے معاملے پر پاکستانی ہائی کمیشن مقامی اتھارٹیز کے ساتھ رابطے میں ہیں۔ کسی بھی شہری کے ساتھ بیرون ملک میں ناروا سلوک برداشت نہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کوئی بھی احتجاج حدود کے اندر ہونا چاہیے، پاکستانی جہاں بھی ہیں انہیں عزت و احترام سے پیش آنا چاہیے، کسی کو بھی گالی گلوچ کی اجازت نہیں۔ ترجمان دفتر خارجہ نے افغانستان سے دراندازی کے معاملے پر بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ افغان حکومت پاکستانیوں کے صبر کا امتحان نہ لے، افغان انتظامیہ پاکستان کے تحفظات کو سنجیدگی سے لے، اور پاکستان کے خلاف ہونے والے حملوں کی تحقیقات کرے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ افغان انتظامیہ کو دہشت گرد گروہوں کے خلاف کارروائی پر زور دیتے ہیں، خاص طور پر جن گروہوں کی افغانستان میں محفوظ پناہ گاہیں موجود ہیں، افغانستان پاکستان عوام کی برداشت کو زیادہ مت آزمائیں۔ ایک سوال کے جواب میں ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ نے کہا کہ پاکستان دیگر ممالک میں ان کی انتظامیہ میں تقریروں پر کسی قسم کا تبصرہ نہیں کرتا، پاکستان نئی امریکی انتظامیہ سے اچھے تعلقات کا خواہشمند ہے۔ پاک امریکا تعلقات عدم مداخلت کے تحت آگے بڑھائیں گے، انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ زلے خلیل زاد کے پاس کوئی عہدہ نہیں، سوشل میڈیا پر سوشل میڈیا پر کسی قسم کے بیان کا جواب نہیں دیا جاسکتا۔ پاک سعودی معاہدے اور مفابہتی یادداشتیں پاکستان اور سعودی عرب کے درمیان تعاون و سرمایہ کاری کے حوالے سے اہم ہیں۔ ترجمان دفتر خارجہ نے چیئرمینز ٹرافی میں بھارتی کرکٹ ٹیم کی شرکت سے متعلق تبصرے سے گریز کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکستان کرکٹ بورڈ آئندہ برس ہونے والی چیئرمینز ٹرافی پر آئی سی سی سے رابطے میں ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بھارتی ٹیم کی پاکستان کی آمد کے بارے میں کرکٹ بورڈ ہی کمنٹ کر سکتا ہے، تاہم چیئرمینز ٹرافی کے لیے کوئی بیک ڈور چینل کام نہیں کر رہے اور کھیلوں کو سیاست کی نذر نہیں کرنا چاہیے۔

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وزیراعظم کی چینی نائب وزیراعظم اور دوسری عالمی قیادتوں سے ملاقاتیں دہشت گردی کے تدارک اور چینی باشندوں کی حفاظت یقینی بنانے کا

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وزیراعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ چین پاکستان کا دیرینہ دوست ہے اور دونوں ممالک کے مابین تعلقات کی مضبوطی کے نئے دور کا آغاز ہو چکا ہے۔ گزشتہ روز باکو میں کلائمٹ چینج کے حوالے سے کوپ کانفرنس 29 کے انعقاد کے موقع پر عالمی قیادتوں سے ملاقاتوں کے دوران انہوں نے جہاں موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں کے منفی اثرات

کے نقصانات پر تبادلہ خیال کیا وہیں علاقائی امن و سلامتی اور دہشت گردی کے تدارک پر بھی بات چیت کی۔ اس موقع پر چینی نائب وزیر اعظم کے ساتھ ملاقات میں وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ حکومت پاکستان چینی شہریوں کی سکیورٹی یقینی بنانے کے لئے تمام ممکنہ اقدامات اٹھارہی ہے۔ انہوں نے ان اقدامات سے بھی چینی نائب وزیر اعظم کو آگاہ کیا۔ انہوں نے حکومت کی جانب سے دہشت گردی کے عفریت کے پاکستان سے مکمل خاتمے سے متعلق اقدامات کا بھی تذکرہ کیا اور کہا کہ حکومت دہشت گردی کو جڑ سے اکھاڑنے کے لئے پرعزم ہے۔ اس موقع پر چینی نائب وزیر اعظم نے پاکستان کے ساتھ مل کر سکیورٹی چیلنجز کو عبور کرنے اور دونوں ممالک کے عوام کی ترقی و خوشحالی کے لئے پاک چین تعاون میں وسعت کی خواہش کا اظہار کیا۔ کوپ کانفرنس کے دوران وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کی برطانیہ کے وزیر اعظم، متحدہ عرب امارات، تاجکستان، ازبکستان، قازقستان، نیپال اور آذربائیجان کے صدور سے ملاقاتیں ہوئیں جس کے دوران ماحولیاتی آلودگی کے ذمہ دار ممالک کی جانب سے ماحولیاتی عالمی معاشی وعدوں کی تکمیل پر زور دیا گیا۔

موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں اور دنیا بھر میں پھیلتی ماحولیاتی آلودگی نے تو یقیناً انسانی بقا کے لئے سنگین خطرات پیدا کر رکھے ہیں جن سے عہدہ براء ہونے کے لئے اقوام عالم کے باہمی تعاون اور مشترکہ اقدامات کی ضرورت ہے اور بالخصوص جو ترقی یافتہ صنعتی ممالک اپنی صنعتوں کے پھیلاؤ کے نتیجے میں ماحولیاتی آلودگی بڑھانے کا باعث بن رہے ہیں اور اس آلودگی کے نتیجے میں موسمیاتی تبدیلیاں رونما ہو رہی ہیں، ان کی جانب سے متاثرہ ممالک کی مالی معاونت کی بالخصوص ضرورت ہے جس کا گزشتہ کوپ کانفرنس کے موقع پر ان کی جانب سے وعدہ بھی کیا گیا اور اقوام متحدہ کے سیکرٹری جنرل انتونیو گویٹس نے بھی متاثرہ ممالک کے دورے کر کے وہاں موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں سے ہونے والے نقصانات کا مشاہدہ کیا اور اس کے ازالے کے لئے متعلقہ صنعتی ممالک پر متاثرہ ممالک کی معاونت کے لئے زور دیا۔ اب باکو میں پاکستان کی میزبانی میں منعقد ہونے والی کوپ کانفرنس 29 میں بھی بالخصوص وزیر اعظم پاکستان کی جانب سے متعلقہ ممالک کو متاثرہ ممالک کی امداد کے لئے کئے گئے وعدے یاد دلانے گئے اور کہا گیا کہ ماحولیاتی چیلنجز سے کوئی متاثرہ ملک تنہا نہیں نمٹ سکتا اس لئے عالمی برادری کو ان ممالک کی بحالی کے لئے کئے گئے اپنے وعدوں کی بہر صورت پاسداری کرنا ہوگی۔ کوپ کانفرنس کا ایک فائدہ یہ بھی ہوا کہ اس کے دوران عالمی اور علاقائی قیادتوں کے مابین خطے کے دوسرے مسائل بالخصوص دہشت گردی سے لاحق ہونے والے امن و امان کے مسائل پر بھی تبادلہ خیال ہو گیا۔ اس حوالے سے پاکستان کی تشویش اس لئے بھی زیادہ اہم ہے کہ وہ اپنے دشمنوں اور بدخواہوں کی سازشوں کی بنیاد پر اس وقت دہشت گردی کے ہدف پر ہے اور یہ سازشی عناصر چین، پاکستان بے لوث دوستی اور دیرینہ تعلقات میں دراڑیں ڈالنے کے بھی درپے ہیں جس کے لئے انہوں نے پاکستان چین اقتصادی راہداری کے مشترکہ منصوبے سی پیک کو بھی سبوتاژ کرنے کے لئے اپنے ہدف پر رکھا ہوا ہے۔

ان گھنائونی سازشوں کی بنیاد پر سی پیک منصوبے پر کام کرنے والے چینی انجینئرز اور دوسرے چینی باشندے مذموم دہشت گردی کی بھیٹ چڑھتے ہیں تو چین کی جانب سے اس پر تشویش کا اظہار بھی فطری امر ہے۔ اس حوالے سے گزشتہ ماہ اکتوبر زیادہ تشویشناک رہا جس کے دوران بلوچستان کے علاقے مستونگ اور گوادر سے ملحقہ علاقوں کے علاوہ کراچی میں بھی چینی انجینئروں کو دہشت گردی کی بھیٹ چڑھایا گیا۔

گزشتہ ہفتے کوئٹہ ریلوے سٹیشن پر ہونے والا خودکش حملہ بھی اسی سلسلہ کی کڑی ہے جس کے تحت پاکستان بالخصوص بلوچستان میں امن و امان کی خرابی کا تاثر اجاگر کر کے چین کو یہ پیغام دینا مقصود ہے کہ وہ پاکستان کے ساتھ سی پیک کے منصوبے سے رجوع کر لے۔ دہشت گردی کے ان واقعات کی بلوچستان کی علیحدگی پسند اور دہشت گرد تنظیم بی ایل اے کی جانب سے ذمہ داری قبول کرنا ایسی گھنائونی سازشوں میں بھارت کے ملوث ہونے کا ہی ثبوت ہے کیونکہ بھارت بی ایل اے سمیت بلوچستان کے تمام علیحدگی پسند عناصر کی فنڈنگ، سرپرستی اور پاکستان میں دہشت گردی کے لئے ان کی تربیت کر کے پاکستان کی سلامتی کے خلاف اپنی سازشوں کی ان عناصر کے ذریعے تکمیل کے لئے سرگرم ہے۔

سی پیک اس خطے کے لئے بلاشبہ ایک گیم چینجر منصوبہ ہے جس سے پاکستان ہی نہیں، خطے کے دوسرے ممالک اور سی پیک سے وابستہ ہونے والے یورپی مغربی ممالک بھی مستفید ہوں گے اور اس طرح یہ منصوبہ علاقائی اور عالمی امن و استحکام کی بھی ضمانت بنے گا کیونکہ سی پیک کو اپریشنل رکھنے اور اس کے ثمرات حاصل کرنے کی خاطر تمام متعلقہ ممالک اس خطے میں دہشت گردی کے تدارک کے لئے بھی ایک دوسرے کے معاون بنیں گے۔

چونکہ پاکستان کو سی پیک سے براہ راست فائدہ ہو گا جہاں روزگار کے مواقع بھی نکلیں گے اور پاکستان کی تجارت کو بھی فروغ حاصل ہو گا جس سے پاکستان شاہراہ ترقی پر گامزن ہو جائے گا اس لئے اس کی سلامتی کے درپے بھارت کو سی پیک کے ذریعے اس کی ترقی کی کھلتی راہیں ایک آنکھ نہیں بھارہیں جبکہ سی پیک کی بدولت خطے اور اقوام عالم میں چین کے اثر و رسوخ کا بڑھنا امریکہ کو بھی گوارہ نہیں۔ اسی تناظر میں ان دونوں ممالک نے سی پیک کو متنازعہ بنانے کی کوششیں کیں تاہم چین اور پاکستان کی قیادتوں نے ان سازشوں کو بھانپتے ہوئے انہیں مشترکہ حکمت عملی کے تحت ناکام بنانے اور سی پیک کو ہر صورت پریشیل کرنے کا عزم باندھ لیا۔ بھارت نے اسی تناظر میں اپنے تربیت یافتہ دہشت گردوں کے ذریعے چینی انجینئروں اور دوسرے چینی باشندوں کو دہشت گردی کی بھیجیٹ چڑھانا شروع کیا تا کہ پاکستان کی مالی، اقتصادی اور توانائی کے شعبوں میں معاونت کے لئے چین کے عزم کو کمزور کیا جاسکے۔ اس سلسلہ میں چین کی جانب سے بالخصوص مستونگ اور کراچی کی دہشت گردی پر تحفظات کا اظہار بھی کیا گیا تاہم اعلیٰ سطح پر ہونے والے دو طرفہ باہمی تبادلہ خیال سے چین کے تحفظات ختم ہو گئے اور اس نے پاکستان کے ساتھ مل کر اس خطے میں دہشت گردی کے خاتمہ کے عزم کا اظہار کیا۔ اس عزم کا ہی گزشتہ روز چینی نائب وزیر اعظم کی وزیر اعظم پاکستان میاں شہباز شریف کے ساتھ ملاقات میں اعادہ کیا گیا ہے جس سے ان دونوں ممالک کے بدخواہوں کے پیٹ میں ضرور مر وڑ اٹھے گا۔ ملک کے اندر موجود جو عناصر پاکستان کے دشمنوں کے آلہ کار بن کر اس کی سلامتی کمزور کرنے کے ایجنڈے پر گامزن ہیں اور دہشت گردی کا ہتھیار استعمال کر کے پاکستان کا امن و امان تاراج کرنا چاہتے ہیں انہیں حب الوطنی کے جذبے کو بروئے کار لا کر اپنی پاکستان مخالف سوچ سے رجوع کر لینا چاہیے۔ ہماری سکیورٹی فورسز نے تو بہر حال سرحدوں پر اور ملک کے اندر اس کی سلامتی کے تحفظ کے تمام تقاضے پورے کرنے ہیں۔

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Global Times

Southern Xinjiang's Qira County to build new airport

An airport project, located in the southern part of Qira County (also known as Cele County), Hotan Prefecture, in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, has received approval for construction, according to Xinjiang Daily on Thursday.

The project is scheduled to begin full construction by the end of 2024 and be available for operation in 2025.

Qira County is located at the southernmost tip of Xinjiang region, bordered by the Kunlun Mountains to the south and the Taklamakan Desert to the north.

Xinjiang region shares borders with eight countries, including Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India.

The new airport is designated as an A1-level general airport and will feature a runway measuring 1,800 meters in length and 30 meters in width, along with two vertical connection roads, 13 parking spaces (10B3H), an 1,800-square-meter general aviation terminal (including a control tower), a 2,400-square-meter hangar, and other supporting facilities, Xinjiang Daily said.

The airport will primarily serve short-distance transportation, aerial tours, and flight training for Qira County and surrounding areas, according to Xinjiang Daily.

The project will enhance the layout of general aviation airports in Xinjiang and improve the local integrated transportation system, as well as external transportation conditions. It will strengthen emergency rescue capabilities and promote high-quality economic and social development in the region, Xinjiang Daily noted.

The Xinjiang region has the highest number of domestic transportation airports in China, totaling 27, along with 2 A1-level general airports and 15 B-level general airports. It has become a leading area in the rapidly growing general aviation sector, both in terms of fleet size and airport numbers.

A1-level airports are general airports open to the public that involve commercial passenger flights using aircraft with more than 10 passenger seats. A2-level airports involve commercial passenger flights using aircraft with 5 to 9 passenger seats. B-level airports are not open to the public, according to Civil Aviation Administration of China regulation.

Xinjiang plans to establish 98 general airports of A2-level or higher by 2035, achieving a density of 5.9 airports per 100,000 square kilometers, according to Xinjiang Daily.

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Global Times

Travel agencies ramp up preparations for tourism products after China announces visa-free treatment for 9 more countries

Liu Yang and Ni Hongzhang

Travel agencies from home and abroad are ramping up preparations for tourism products to China, after the country announced on Friday that it had decided to give visa-free treatment to another nine countries including Slovakia, Norway and South Korea on a trial basis.

Industry participants noted that the move is a powerful proof of China's commitment to continuously expanding opening-up, which will further boost the country's inbound tourism and related sectors including the catering industry, and promote more cultural exchanges between China and the world.

To further facilitate cross-border travels, China decided to give visa-free treatment to more countries by extending the policy to ordinary passport holders from Slovakia, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Andorra, Monaco, Liechtenstein and South Korea on a trial basis, according to China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From November 8, 2024 to December 31, 2025, ordinary passport holders from these countries can be exempted from visa requirements to enter China and stay for no more than 15 days for business, tourism, family visits and transit purposes.

"The visa-free policy has an obvious effect on boosting inbound tourism. We have started to design and enrich our existing products, standing ready to welcome visitors from the aforementioned countries," said Chen Kai, manager of Beijing Botrip Tour Holiday Co, which specializes in inbound tourism.

Chen told the Global Times on Sunday that since March, the number of inbound tourists that the company has received has maintained a high growth rate, far exceeding that before the pandemic.

The visa-free policy for nine more countries will further boost China travel, Chen said. "European tourists, in particular, who often are in transit, will have more interest in traveling within China stimulated by the policy," Chen noted.

"Following the announcement, we have strengthened cooperation and communication with local travel agencies in visa-free countries, in a bid to provide support for services both domestically and internationally," Xu Xiaolei, a marketing manager from CYTS Tours Holding Co, told the Global Times on Sunday.

Xu noted that the company will design better travel products for foreign tourists, allowing them to understand the diverse and rich Chinese culture and tourism opportunities. For instance, in addition to popular travel cities including Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen, the company will provide products for some niche leisure travel destinations.

Moreover, Yonhap News Agency, a South Korean media outlet, reported on Sunday that the South Korean tourism industry is full of anticipation for a growth in demand for travel to China.

One South Korean travel agency, Hana Tour, said in an interview with Yonhap that the visa-free policy has reduced the cost and time needed for obtaining a visa for travel to China, and the company anticipated a resurgence in the travel boom to China.

Participants in the tourism industry believe that, driven by this policy, there will be an increased demand for travel to China among those aged 20 to 40, who previously did not pay much attention to traveling to China. As a result, various travel agencies are expanding their China travel products to cater to the diverse travel needs of all age groups, the report said.

Chen believed that with the arrival of more overseas tourists, China's tourism industry will further recover and grow, and related industries such as catering, accommodation, and transportation will also be boosted.

"The expansion of visa-free policies has been warmly welcomed by many countries and tourists, demonstrating China's ongoing commitment to continuously expanding its opening-up to the world," Xu said, noting that the move will further promote cultural exchanges, and this is something that tourism market entities are happy to see.

According to the National Immigration Administration, in the third quarter of this year, the number of foreign nationals entering China through various ports reached 8.186 million, a year-on-year increase of 48.8 percent. A total of 4.885 million entered through the visa-free policy, marking a year-on-year gain of 78.6 percent.

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People's Daily

China contributes to global deep space exploration with accelerated lunar sample research

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China's Chang'e-6 mission returned to Earth on June 25, bringing back 1,953.3 grams of lunar samples. The lunar samples, which were collected from the far side of the moon for the first time in human history, have garnered worldwide attention. They will offer fresh perspectives on the disparities between the near side and far side of the moon, as well as the evolution of the moon.

On August 21, China National Space Administration (CNSA) selected 16 research teams from 13 institutes that excelled in the research of lunar samples brought back by the Chang'e-5 mission to participate in the initial round of sample research proposal and application review for Chang'e-6 lunar samples. The Institute of Geology and Geophysics (IGG) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) secured a spot in this selection based on its exceptional performance in the study of the Chang'e-5 lunar samples.

The Chang'e-5 probe returned to Earth on December 17, 2020, with 1,731 grams of lunar samples. The IGG received three grams of these samples and divided them into two small bottles, one holding one gram and the other holding two grams.

Li Xianhua, an academician with the CAS and a researcher with the IGG, still vividly remembers the moment when he saw the soil samples. "The moon soil was incredibly fine, with an average particle size of only 50 microns," said Li.

"We hesitated to open the samples easily because many very fine particles not only adhered to the glass but could also escape from the bottle," Li recalled.

After receiving the soil samples, the IGG wasted no time in calling for a project kickoff meeting. Wu Fuyuan, head of the IGG, laid out the team's tasks clearly: conduct radiometric dating, delve into petrology and geochemistry, analyze water content, and study strontium, neodymium, and hydrogen isotopes within a week, followed by the drafting of papers for submission within another week.

The plan was not haphazardly put together. Prior to this, each member of the research team had made thorough preparations, possessing a wealth of knowledge and technological expertise.

Through relentless efforts, the team quickly achieved the first significant milestone as planned, setting a new benchmark for speed in lunar soil research. With just 0.15 grams of lunar soil, the team completed the analysis in seven days, finalized the paper in 16 days, and published three papers on Nature within 100 days, pushing back the known end time of lunar magma activity by one billion years.

"The swift progress was also attributed to the careful selection and assessment of the landing area by researchers before the Chang'e-5 mission, enabling the successful collection of the youngest lunar basalt samples. The new samples that had never been studied before allowed us to swiftly gain many new insights," said He Huaiyu, a member of the research team and a researcher with the IGG.

Over the past three-plus years, the CNSA has shared 85.48 grams of lunar samples collected by the Chang'e-5 mission with 131 Chinese research teams in seven batches. The initial round of international applications has undergone expert evaluation. To date, more than 100 papers have been published, continuously enhancing human understanding of the moon.

International cooperation was a prominent aspect of the Chang'e-6 lunar probe mission. The mission carried four international payloads, including Pakistan's ICUBE-Q.

It marked Pakistan's first venture into lunar exploration. The cube satellite was jointly developed by Pakistan's Institute of Space Technology and China's Shanghai Jiao Tong University, with Professor Wu Shufan from the university's School of Aeronautics and Astronautics leading the Chinese team.

"Despite its small size, ICUBE-Q boasts quite many technological innovations," Wu said. For instance, it is equipped with on-orbit fault diagnosis algorithms that enable the satellite to automatically detect and diagnose potential system failures. The satellite also implements dynamic intelligent task scheduling strategies and utilizes advanced materials such as special magnesium alloys and honeycomb carbon fibers.

According to the mission requirements, the satellite was designed for a nominal lifespan of five hours, but in reality, it was operational in orbit for 55 days, continuously transmitting images and monitoring data, and providing valuable firsthand information for Pakistan's lunar research.

"The achievements have far exceeded expectations," Wu said.

China's Chang'e-7 lunar exploration mission will carry six international scientific instruments developed by six countries and one international organization,

and Chang'e-8 will offer 200 kilograms of international payload capacity and has garnered over 30 applications.

"Chang'e" belongs not only to China but also to all humanity, providing a broad stage for international space cooperation, and contributing Chinese wisdom and strength to global deep space exploration. The Chinese lunar exploration project will continue advancing without pause.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1104/c90000-20237190.html>

Xinhua News**Pak-China Friendship Hospital brings lifesaving relief and hope in Pakistan's Gwadar**

"We have seen drastic improvements in the health outcomes here. This hospital has been a blessing for the local community." The Pak-China Friendship Hospital is making a significant impact in Pakistan's Gwadar. #CPEC

<https://english.news.cn/asiapacific/20241104/94b5daba1898486abb6e1c2510799cb1/c.html>

November 07, 2024

Xinhua News**China-aided airport to enhance connectivity, spur economic growth in Pakistan's Gwadar**

In just a few days, China-aided New Gwadar International Airport will be officially handed over to Pakistani authorities. The new facility is expected to transform connectivity and foster economic growth in the region. #GwadarAirport

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November 11, 2024

People's Daily**Chinese language speech competition held in Pakistan's capital**

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China Daily

Anthela sanguine about prospects of Himalayan salt

Healthy lifestyle trend driving sales of high-end flavor variety from Pakistan

Himalayan salt, a pink-hued organic variety of the food essential sourced from Pakistan, is becoming increasingly popular in China, fueled by growing demand from quality-conscious consumers.

Himalayan salt is on the dining tables of more Chinese consumers during occasions such as camping, barbecue parties and grilling steak at home, and it has been used to improve taste and for decorative purposes.

Anthela Foods Co Ltd, a Hong Kong-based processor and retailer of Himalayan salt, said the company is confident in its sales growth potential for the Singles Day online shopping event around Nov 11, supported by a trend of consumption upgrade among Chinese consumers.

"At first, some high-income middle-aged Chinese consumers shaped the main group of buyers, but consumers have become increasingly younger, as more young people are pursuing healthy and quality lifestyles," said Bai Shun, CEO and founder of Anthela Foods.

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly strengthened health awareness among Chinese consumers, and the awareness of pursuing healthy lifestyles has shifted from the elderly to the young, driving sales growth of healthy products and food, according to a report by consultancy Boston Consulting Group.

Founded in 2015, Anthela started to first sell Himalayan salt in Hong Kong and some overseas markets such as Italy.

In early 2019, the company began to sell the products in the Chinese mainland market through cross-border e-commerce platforms, as cross-border e-commerce shopping turned popular in China.

Salt is on the white list of products for cross-border sales, and the products have been delivered to bonded warehouses in China from Pakistan, before finding its way to consumers.

Annual sales of Himalayan salt products of the company on the Chinese mainland have reached about 20 million yuan (\$2.8 million) to 30 million yuan through cross-border e-commerce platforms such as Tmall Global, the company said.

"High-end food is accounting for a growing market share in China, supported by a group of consumers who have been pursuing high-quality lifestyles. Companies should raise their reputation by focusing on their main products with high qualities," said Gao Yanmin, a former Ministry of Industry and Information Technology official.

"The production of green food has become an important goal and inevitable choice for the high-quality development of the food industry in China. Enterprises should increase online and offline marketing efforts to continuously raise the market share of high-quality food," Gao added.

Himalayan salt is mainly sourced from Warcha salt mine in Pakistan, which is part of the Salt Range, the second-largest underground salt mine in the world. The salt was formed over 200 million years ago from ancient ocean water crystallization.

The world's largest salt mine is the Sifto mine in Ontario, Canada, according to American Mine Services.

When he went on a business trip to Pakistan many years ago, Bai said he observed the tremendous potential of the salt mine, but local processing conditions were undeveloped. This triggered the idea of founding a company with a complete industry chain from mining to sales.

Now, after 11 production processes, salt from the mine is polished into high-quality food-grade Himalayan salt, and transported to the nearest port for shipment.

Himalayan salt is commonly seen as a kind of high-end salt in the United States and Europe.

Anthela Foods has also provided raw materials of the salt to some foreign brands that sell their products in overseas supermarkets such as Costco and HomeGoods in the US.

In Hong Kong, the products have been sold at supermarkets such as ParknShop, CR Vanguard and Yata Department Store. The brand also sells its products at brick-and-mortar stores in South Korea and Japan.

<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202411/11/WS67315c40a310f1265a1cc953.html>

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China Daily

New Gwadar airport a symbol of friendship

Pakistan's New Gwadar International Airport, a flagship venture under the multibillion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project, or CPEC, will transform connectivity and open a new chapter of development for the South Asian nation, observers said.

A symbol of solid friendship between China and Pakistan and their commitment to building a better future together, the newly built airport, located in the port city of Gwadar in Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan province, has recently been handed over to Pakistani authorities to commence operations, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The China-aided airport was inaugurated virtually by Chinese Premier Li Qiang and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Oct 14, during Li's trip to Pakistan.

It has been welcomed by experts and people from all walks of life in Pakistan.

"The airport is more than just a project, it is a gift from China to Pakistan, reflecting the deep bond between the two countries," said Moiz Farooq, the executive editor of Pakistan Economic Net and Daily Ittehad Media Group.

"It is a cornerstone of the CPEC, a flagship initiative that exemplifies the strategic partnership between Beijing and Islamabad. This substantial investment is a clear indicator of China's commitment to enhancing Pakistan's infrastructure, ultimately fostering economic growth and stability," he said.

As the airport prepares to open its doors, it promises to transform Gwadar into a major hub of regional connectivity and economic growth, unlocking new opportunities for development.

Khalid Taimur Akram, executive director of Pakistan Research Center for a Community with Shared Future, in Islamabad, noted that China's investments in projects such as the New Gwadar International Airport, are mutually beneficial for Pakistan and China, contributing significantly to Pakistan's infrastructure, energy and overall economic growth.

"As CPEC projects continue to flourish, they create jobs, stimulate local businesses, and pave the way for technological and industrial collaboration between Pakistani and Chinese firms," Akram said.

The construction of the airport, starting in October 2019, was one of the flagship projects of the CPEC. Upon completion, it has become a modern landmark in Gwadar, which will lay a better foundation for the future development of the port city.

According to China Railway Beijing Engineering Bureau, which was involved in the project, the airport can accommodate the largest civilian aircraft, including the Boeing 747-8. The runway spans 3,658 meters in length and 45 meters in width, making it one of the few 4F-grade airports in Pakistan equipped to handle the largest jets.

"This is a huge airport in Pakistan, equipped with state-of-the-art technology and an architectural marvel," Airport Manager Khalid Kakar, a native of Quetta, told Xinhua.

Citing the limited operational capacity of the old airport, the manager said this newly constructed one will encourage airlines with modern fleets to begin services to and from Gwadar.

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Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong (3rd R) gives a shield to a prize winner after a Chinese language speech contest in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan on Nov. 13, 2024.

A Chinese language speech contest for Pakistani college students was held here on Wednesday, with two students receiving the first prize respectively.

Twenty-one students from the Department of Chinese Language and Literature of the National University of Modern Languages Islamabad (NUML) and Confucius Institute Islamabad rivaled in the speech competition, followed by a talent show with options from ribbon dance, singing, and group dance. (Xinhua/Ahmad Kamal)

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Pakistani scholar plants dreams with soybeans

Editor's note: *China Daily presents the series Friends Afar to tell the stories of people-to-people exchanges between China and other countries. Through the vivid narration of the people in the stories, readers can get a better understanding of a country that is boosting openness.*

Hafiz Mamoon Rehman, born in a small village in Pakistan's Punjab Province, grew up surrounded by golden wheat and cotton as white as snow. Unlike the generations before him who worked the land, he chased academic excellence and sought knowledge beyond the familiar terrain of his homeland.

Rehman made a journey into the fields of biotechnology, where he grappled with the intricacies of herbicide resistance and genetically modified wheat. In 2016, while pursuing his doctorate at Chonnam National University in South Korea, he chose soybeans as the subject of his long-term research.

Later, he sent resumes to soybean experts across the globe. It was a message from Lam Honming, a professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong's School of Life Sciences, that set the stage for what was to come.

Lam, a prominent expert in agricultural science, had decoded the genomes of 31 soybean varieties, bred non-genetically modified drought and salinity-tolerant germplasms, and was the first from Hong Kong to participate in a national-level space agricultural research project.

Two years later, Rehman joined Lam's lab, completing a successful three-year postdoctoral stint. Hong Kong became a dream for him, a place where he built a family and created memories, including the birth of his child at Prince of Wales Hospital.

Yet, despite the allure of the vibrant city, Rehman never lost sight of his goal — returning home and using his knowledge to help his people.

After years of learning, Rehman is now at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad, developing local soybean varieties suited for the conditions in Pakistan.

Pakistan, primarily an agrarian nation, faces challenges due to limited crop diversity and the adverse effects of climate change. With most of its agricultural land dedicated to five traditional crops and suffering from low soybean yield and quality, the country relies heavily on soybean imports for animal feed.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres once said that Pakistan is one of the countries most severely affected by climate change, a fact not lost on Rehman as he sought to introduce soybeans as a sustainable crop in his homeland.

Sowing hope

Iqrar Ahmad Khan, vice-chancellor of the University of Agriculture Faisalabad, explained that Pakistan spent up to \$2 billion annually importing about 300,000 metric tons of soybeans. "What's important now is to bring in soybean as a mainstream green crop," he said.

Achieving this goal meant finding the right seeds, and that is where Lam's expertise came into the picture. He had already cultivated the Longhuang series soybean in China's Gansu province, which is known for its high yield and quality even in arid and saline conditions.

In 2023, Lam, for the first time, visited Pakistan, taking with him a branch of seeds. Unlike the Longhuang series, what Lam prepared for Pakistan is genetically unstable soybean seeds, still undergoing change, with the hope of developing a variety that could thrive in the local environment.

Early this May, Lam led a team, including agricultural scientists, engineers and seed experts from Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland, alongside a group of Pakistani students from two Hong Kong middle schools, that arrived in Lahore, Punjab, to make a straightforward agricultural exchange.

Lam said he hoped these students could observe their homeland from a different perspective and understand the connection between Hong Kong and Pakistan.

Punjab, Pakistan's breadbasket, is a province with more than 100 million people and the most developed agricultural sector in the country.

"Introducing soybeans to Punjab is not an easy task," said Rehman, who noted the crop's novelty to local farmers.

Zhang Guohong, a retired seasoned expert from the Gansu Academy of Agricultural Sciences, bridged language barriers through his extensive agricultural knowledge, communicating with local farmers about irrigation, fertilization and cultivation techniques.

The high temperatures of Punjab, edging close to 50 C, posed a significant challenge. "The extremely hot weather almost melted everything," Zhang said.

The resilient seeds provided by Lam sprouted, offering a glimmer of hope. "It's only by starting from a seed and struggling together that they can develop new varieties that truly belong there," said Lam.

China, with only 9 percent of the world's arable land and 6 percent of its freshwater resources, has sustained nearly one-fifth of the global population.

Lam, 64, said China's experiences in rural vitalization over the past decade or so have provided valuable lessons for other developing countries.

Official data show that China has dispatched more than 2,000 agricultural experts and technicians to more than 70 countries and regions worldwide.

At the University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Iqrar Ahmad Khan said the institution has signed more than 50 cooperation agreements with numerous Chinese universities and research institutions.

Rehman also has strong ties with China. He showed the shirt he was wearing, saying it was a commemorative T-shirt given to him during a previous agricultural inspection in Hainan province, and had a Chinese logo printed on it.

And this time, the seeds from Hong Kong, China, did not disappoint him.

Approximately 3.5 hectares have been planted with soybeans that are anticipated to produce an impressive yield of 2,500 kilograms per hectare come summer. Additionally, Rehman witnessed a breakthrough three months into planting, with the soybeans segregating positively toward a locally adapted variety.

The collaboration between China and Pakistan in agricultural development highlighted the enduring bonds between the two nations, he said. "Building international friendships, connecting people at the grassroots level, and using science to help those in need have always been the core values of our Hong Kong team."

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