



For Better Understanding on
**China–Pakistan and
CPEC**
Gleanings from the
National & Chinese Press

October 01-15, 2024

Table of Contents

01: October 01, 2024.....	03
02: October 02, 2024.....	13
03: October 03, 2024.....	18
04: October 05, 2024.....	20
05: October 07, 2024.....	22
06: October 08, 2024.....	29
07: October 09, 2024.....	36
08: October 10, 2024.....	47
09: October 11, 2024.....	54
10: October 12, 2024.....	61
11: October 13, 2024.....	69
12: October 14, 2024.....	78
13: October 15, 2024.....	95

Chinese Newspapers

01: October 01, 2024.....	114
02: October 03, 2024.....	118
03: October 05, 2024.....	119
04: October 07, 2024.....	124
05: October 08, 2024.....	128
06: October 11, 2024.....	130
07: October 12, 2024.....	132
08: October 13, 2024.....	132
09: October 14, 2024.....	133
10: October 15, 2024.....	135

Supervised by Dr. Muhammad Irfan

Data collected and compiled by Alishba Aslam, Zohaib Sultan

Disclaimer: PICS reproduce the original text, facts and figures as appear in the newspapers and is not responsible for its accuracy.

October 01, 2024

Daily Times

Pakistan Embassy in Beijing observes Defence Day

The Embassy of Pakistan in Beijing on Monday hosted a ceremony to commemorate Defence and Martyrs Day to pay rich tributes to the valor, resolve and ultimate sacrifices made by members of the Pakistan armed forces to defend their homeland.

The event was attended by a large number of dignitaries including senior Chinese civil and military officials, members of the diplomatic corps, defense attaches, media, members of Pakistani community and officers of the embassy. Air Marshal Jia Zhigang, Deputy Commander Peoples Liberation Army (Air Force) of China was the chief guest.

The ceremony commenced with playing of the national anthem, followed by a moment of silence to pay homage to the martyrs who laid down their lives in the defense of Pakistan.

Addressing the ceremony , Ambassador of Pakistan to China Khalil Hashmi underscored the strong bond between Pakistan and China, emphasizing the deep-rooted partnership and cooperation in the field of defence between the two countries.

He underlined that Pakistan highly valued its strong ties with China and remained committed to further deepening them to advance the shared goals of peace and security in the region.

The ceremony also featured a presentation on the historic events of the 1965 war, including acts of heroism displayed by Pakistan's armed forces.

A short video highlighting the modern achievements of the military and its role in disaster relief, peacekeeping missions, and contributions to regional stability, was screened.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1230584/pakistan-embassy-in-beijing-observes-defence-day/>

Pakistan Observer

China's rise to a remarkable global influence

Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani

The world is going to witness China celebrating its 75th platinum jubilee — a milestone that highlights its extraordinary transformation into a global power. This anniversary stands as a testament to the resilience and vision that have re-shaped the nation. Over the past 75 years, the People's Republic of China has emerged as an influential force, altering the trajectory of history for both its citizens and the world at large. From its war-ravaged beginnings, China has risen to become a beacon of innovation, leadership, and shared progress.

Phoenix Rising from the Ashes On the first of October 1949 a new governance system was established when The People's Republic of China was formed. On that basis, it took the Chinese many years of suffering and revolution back to the stage of breathing before they saw clearly how to leap over all other races. In just three generations moving from that time of war and desolation to today as one of the world's most successful people is a remarkable achievement.

Thanks to the Communist Party, China has re-written its poverty and filth into a global powerhouse. It's a story of rising above a troubled past and stepping into a new future.

One Belt, One Road initiative:

At the centre of China's ambitious view lies the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), a giant concept to rejuvenate the ancient Silk Road with new global connectivity. More than infrastructure, it is a lifeline to future where countries are united by trade, cooperation and inclusive-development, linking Asia with Europe and Africa and beyond.

The digital future, marking its role as a leader in Artificial Intelligence (AI); smart manufacturing; Internet of Things (IoT) applications; cloud and big data; and blockchain. The leadership of China is similar to the role the United States played at the previous World's Expo — when the world turned to them for celebrating excellence in innovation.

Key lessons for transformation include China's use of public-private partnerships from recognition to scale. While China's model is being scrutinised and vetted by Western philosophers and economists, it's important to recognise that it represents a different philosophy of investment than one actioned through government funding or NGO philanthropy.

What does require a shift in stance is simply exchanging the word “together” for the phrase “for all”. The one distinction changes meaning and the intentions; and as the old saying goes, “United we stand, divided we fall.”

China is positioning itself not just as an actor in the international theatre, but as a leader. The Digital Silk Road is just one example of China extending its technical leadership to partners across the globe, providing innovative technologies that will radically alter the way we live, work, and communicate.

A Superpower with Humanity

A closer look at the endeavours of this major economy shows that China's ambitions go beyond just enhancing the quality of life for its citizens. The country also aims to offer opportunities to people worldwide. This is evident in its strong focus on Asia where it plans to revive the historical Silk Road and establish new routes for unprecedented growth.

Let's explore some of these significant initiatives in China. The Asian Development Bank estimates that around \$26 trillion will be required to build transport infrastructure across Asia by 2030 to meet the increasing demand for transportation several regional cooperation organisations in Asia have launched projects to improve road connectivity with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) being the most prominent.

The BRI seeks to link not only Asia but also Europe, Africa and Latin America through a vast network of roads and sea routes. It accounts for more than a third of global economic expansion and encompasses two-thirds of the world's population.

The project focuses on collaboration at the level involving 71 countries. The goal is to create a unified transportation connectivity policy among these nations. Moreover, effective communication and coordination will be essential for infrastructure development with

standardised technical systems put in place. A core tenet of the BRI is promoting trade by eliminating barriers to commerce. Funding for these initiatives is sourced from various Chinese state-owned and private banks and financial institutions as well as contributions from international entities like the Asian Development Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

An early projection indicates that the expenses for the project could range from billion to billion. Up to now, China is said to have invested more than billion in this endeavour. In reaction to this ambitious undertaking certain Western nations and organisations have ramped up their propaganda efforts against it often embellishing the situation without substantial evidence.

Pakistan and China: A Brotherhood Forged in Iron

To Pakistan, China is not a friend but a brother. The relationship between both countries is iron-clad based in mutual respect, trust, and shared vision. CPEC is a shining example of how the China-Pakistan friendship keeps blooming big time. Folks in Pakistan have always had immense respect for China's hustle and its determination to move forward. These two countries have been strolling side by side down Prosperity Lane, and as everyone tunes into China's growth story, Pakistan is all set to tag along for the ride.

China is poised to finalise a major initiative in Pakistan its longstanding ally and an important player in South Asia referred to as the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

This is a large-scale project aimed at ensuring the efficient transport of oil and gas from Gwadar Port in southwestern Pakistan to China's northwestern autonomous region Xinjiang using railways and highways. The CPEC plays a role in strengthening the Pakistan-China relationship stretching a distance of 2,442 kilometres from Gwadar to Kashgar. Completion of the project is anticipated to take several years with an estimated cost of \$46 billion. Notably during the visit of the Chinese Prime Minister to Pakistan in May 2013 several memorandums of understanding were signed between President Asif Ali Zardari and the Chinese Prime Minister. These agreements included the transfer of Gwadar Port and other projects under CPEC. Key initiatives within this corridor are advancing through collaboration.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinas-rise-to-a-remarkable-global-influence/>

The News

China: A land of ancient heritage and modern dynamism

China, the world's most populous country, is a vast and complex nation with a history that dates back to thousands of years. Covering over 9.6 million square kilometres, it is the third-largest country by area, only behind Russia and Canada. Its influence on global history, culture, politics, and economics is undeniable. With a population of over 1.4 billion people, China plays a pivotal role in the international arena, whether through its historical contributions or its modern rise as a global superpower.

The country's recorded history dates back to over 4,000 years, with the Xia, Shang, and Zhou dynasties laying the foundation for one of the world's earliest civilizations. Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism have deeply shaped the cultural and moral fabric of Chinese society, values that remain relevant even today. The teachings of Confucius, which emphasize respect, filial piety, and social harmony, are still embedded in the culture, influencing everything from family life to governance. The Great Wall, constructed over several dynasties to protect against invasions, stands as a symbol of China's enduring resilience and architectural ingenuity.

China's modern economic transformation is simply remarkable. From a largely agrarian society in the mid-20th century, China has become the second-largest economy in the world, with a GDP of \$18.3 trillion in 2022, according to the World Bank. The country's rapid industrialisation, urbanisation, and economic liberalisation have lifted hundreds of millions of people out of poverty. China's megacities like Beijing, Shanghai, and Shenzhen have become bustling hubs of commerce, technology, and culture, reflecting the nation's shift from manufacturing-based exports to tech-driven industries. In fact, China now leads the world in sectors such as e-commerce, mobile payments, and green technology.

Tourism is another area where China excels. The country boasts an impressive array of cultural and natural wonders. As of 2023, China is home to 56 UNESCO World Heritage sites, the second-highest number globally. Among the most iconic sites is the Forbidden City, an imperial palace complex in Beijing that served as the residence of Chinese emperors for nearly 500 years. The Terracotta Army in Xi'an, a collection of life-sized clay soldiers buried with Emperor Qin Shi Huang, draws millions of visitors eager to glimpse one of the most significant archaeological finds in history. China's natural landscapes are just as captivating, from the dramatic karst formations of Guilin to the towering peaks of the Himalayas in Tibet.

China's population dynamics are shifting as well. After decades of the one-child policy, implemented in 1979 to curb population growth, the country is now grappling with the consequences of an aging population and a shrinking workforce. In 2021, China recorded its slowest population growth in decades, with the number of citizens over 60 expected to reach 28% of the population by 2040, according to the United Nations. In response, the government has relaxed its family planning policies, allowing couples to have up to three children. However, urbanisation continues at a rapid pace, with over 61% of the population living in cities, compared to just 26% in 1990.

China is also a country of diverse ethnic groups. While the Han Chinese make up over 90% of the population, there are 55 recognised ethnic minorities, each with their own unique languages, cultures, and traditions. The Uyghurs in Xinjiang, Tibetans in Tibet, and Mongols in Inner

Mongolia are among the most well-known minority groups. While these regions offer a rich cultural heritage, they have also been the focus of international attention due to human rights concerns and Beijing's efforts to integrate these areas more fully into the broader national identity.

China's culinary traditions are equally diverse and renowned worldwide. Chinese cuisine varies greatly by region, with each area having its own distinct flavours and cooking techniques. In the north, wheat-based dishes like dumplings and noodles dominate, while the south is famous for its rice dishes and Cantonese cuisine, which emphasises freshness and delicate flavors. The fiery and numbing dishes of Sichuan are beloved by food lovers around the globe, while the coastal provinces like Fujian and Guangdong specialise in seafood delicacies. Food is a vital part of Chinese culture, especially during festivals and family gatherings. The Lunar New Year, the most important festival in China, is celebrated with symbolic foods like fish, which represents prosperity, and dumplings, which signify wealth.

The religious landscape of China is another reflection of its cultural complexity. Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism have traditionally been the most influential belief systems in China. Buddhism, which arrived in China via the Silk Road during the Han Dynasty, has deeply influenced Chinese philosophy, art, and architecture. Taoism, China's indigenous spiritual tradition, emphasises living in harmony with nature and has shaped many aspects of Chinese medicine, martial arts, and feng shui. In addition, there are smaller communities of Muslims, primarily Uyghurs and Hui, as well as growing numbers of Christians, particularly in urban areas. According to estimates from the Pew Research Center, China is home to about 38 million Christians and over 20 million Muslims.

Culturally, China has positioned itself as a global force in the arts, literature, and cinema. Chinese film directors such as Zhang Yimou and Ang Lee have achieved international acclaim, bringing Chinese stories to global audiences. Traditional Chinese art forms such as calligraphy, painting, and porcelain have long been admired for their intricacy and beauty, and contemporary Chinese artists are increasingly recognised on the world stage. Moreover, China's entertainment and tech industries are booming, with platforms like WeChat and TikTok (known in China as Douyin) shaping the way millions of people interact and consume content.

China is a country of striking contrasts and endless fascination. From its ancient dynasties and time-honoured traditions to its modern technological advancements and growing global influence, China's cultural and economic contributions have left a profound impact on the world. Its vast landscapes, historical monuments, diverse peoples, and rich cuisine continue to captivate both locals and visitors alike. As China navigates its demographic challenges and ongoing development, its blend of tradition and innovation ensures that it will remain a key player on the global stage for years to come.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=346594>

The dynamics of Pak-China relations

The relationship between Pakistan and China, rooted in decades of diplomatic collaboration and strategic cooperation, exemplifies the complexities and synergies that shape contemporary geopolitics. Spanning economic collaborations, military alliances, and cultural exchanges, the ties between Islamabad and Beijing have evolved into a multifaceted bond that not only covers a broad spectrum of sectors but also significantly influences regional dynamics.

To understand the depth of this partnership, it is essential to recognise its historical foundations. Pakistan was the first Islamic and the third non-communist country to formally recognise the People's Republic of China in 1950, marking the beginning of a robust alliance. Diplomatic ties, initiated in May 1951, laid the groundwork for a deep and enduring friendship, emphasising mutual respect for sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs. This alliance was particularly fortified during critical moments in Pakistan's history, notably during two full-scale wars with India in 1965 and 1971, when China provided crucial diplomatic and military support. Moreover, China's unwavering backing on issues such as Kashmir has further cemented this partnership, despite its evolving foreign policy stance; Beijing's commitment to funding infrastructure projects in contested areas underscores the depth of this enduring bond.

The economic relationship between Pakistan and China has gained significant momentum since the early 2000s, building on their historical ties and characterised by landmark initiatives such as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Launched in 2015, CPEC is a flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and has catalysed substantial infrastructure development across Pakistan. To date, CPEC has attracted approximately \$46 billion in capital, comprising concessionary loans, commercial debt, and investments with state guarantees. This influx of investment has not only revitalised Pakistan's infrastructure but has also facilitated the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), expected to draw further foreign direct investment (FDI). Recent reports indicate that China is the largest contributor to FDI in Pakistan, holding a 30 percent share and investing \$568 million during the fiscal year 2023-2024.

This growing economic collaboration got further importance at a recent Business Roundtable Conference held in Beijing's Chaoyang District, presided over by Federal Minister Abdul Aleem Khan. The conference attracted major Chinese investment companies interested in various sectors, including agriculture, automobiles, and technology. It focused on enhancing cooperation between China and Pakistan, resulting in the signing of several Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) in fields like textile technology and agriculture. Abdul Aleem Khan emphasised the country's substantial reserves of coal and copper, and the favourable investment climate, inviting Chinese companies to relocate their industries. The conference also featured discussions on the privatisation of Distribution Companies (DISCOs) and cooperation on key infrastructure projects, showcasing both nations' commitment to strengthening economic ties and fostering mutual development.

Furthermore, Bilateral trade between Pakistan and China has experienced significant growth, with total trade reaching approximately \$15.6 billion in 2021. This expansion reflects a broader trend, as trade volume between China and other countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has doubled from \$1.04 trillion in 2013 to \$2.07 trillion in 2022, averaging an annual growth rate of 8%. In June 2023, China exported goods worth \$1.53 billion to Pakistan, while imports from Pakistan amounted to \$271 million, yielding a positive trade balance of \$1.25 billion for China. Such figures underscore the economic interdependence between the two nations and their implications for regional stability. By July 2024, China exported \$1.34 billion and imported \$195 million from Pakistan, resulting in a

trade surplus of \$1.15 billion for China. Comparatively, between July 2023 and July 2024, China's exports decreased by \$115 million (or 7.87%) from \$1.46 billion, while imports fell by \$95 million (or 32.7%) from \$291 million. This evolving trade landscape highlights both the challenges and

opportunities within the economic ties between Pakistan and China, illustrating their ongoing collaboration across various sectors.

Additionally, military cooperation represents a crucial aspect of the Pakistan-China partnership. China is Pakistan's primary arms supplier, enhancing its defense capabilities through arms sales and military technology transfers. This strategic alliance encompasses joint military exercises and intelligence sharing, particularly in the realms of counterterrorism and regional security. Moreover, China's support has proven invaluable during crises, as evidenced by its timely assistance during Pakistan's post-flood recovery efforts.

Beyond military and economic dimensions, the ties between Pakistan and China extend into cultural and educational realms, reinforcing their multifaceted partnership. China has become the preferred destination for Pakistani students seeking higher education, hosting nearly 28,000 students across various universities. This educational exchange not only fosters people-to-people connections but also strengthens long-term diplomatic ties. In addition, cultural exchanges have been facilitated through initiatives such as the China-Pakistan Cultural Exchange Program, which promotes mutual understanding and respect between the two nations. Collaborative events in art, literature, and sports continue to deepen the bonds between the peoples of both countries, illustrating the significance of soft power in their relationship.

As the geopolitical landscape continues to evolve, the Pakistan-China relationship is poised for further growth. Both nations are exploring new avenues for cooperation, particularly in technology, agriculture, and renewable energy. China's recent focus on environmental sustainability aligns with Pakistan's need for clean energy solutions, creating opportunities for collaboration in solar, wind, and hydropower projects. The upcoming years will likely see an increase in investments in technology parks, joint laboratories, and research centers, further solidifying the multifaceted cooperation that defines this partnership.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=346593>

Lessons from a timeless friendship

Ahsan Iqbal

As we celebrate China's National Day today, it is a moment to reflect on the time-tested and steadfast friendship between Pakistan and China. For over seven decades, our nations have enjoyed a unique bond rooted in mutual trust, goodwill, and a shared vision of prosperity.

From early diplomatic ties to strategic alliances, the China-Pakistan relationship has evolved to encompass deep economic cooperation, exemplified by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The evolution of CPEC – a new geo-economic landscape: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, a flagship project under President Xi Jinping's visionary Belt and Road Initiative

(BRI), marks a significant shift in our bilateral relations, transforming them from a traditional geo-political partnership to one centered on geo-economic cooperation. CPEC is more than just an infrastructure project; it represents a new paradigm that emphasizes economic connectivity, regional integration, and shared prosperity.

At its core, CPEC aligns with President Xi's vision of promoting global peace, stability, and harmony through enhanced economic ties and development. Under the BRI, China aims to create a network of economic corridors that foster cooperation, trade, and connectivity across regions, making CPEC a crucial pillar in this global vision.

CPEC's role in regional connectivity and economic cooperation: Since its inception, CPEC has played an instrumental role in promoting regional connectivity and cooperation. Through massive infrastructure projects, including highways, energy plants, and ports, CPEC has not only strengthened Pakistan's economy but also contributed to the larger goal of poverty reduction and economic growth across the region. Gwadar Port, for instance, is now poised to become a hub of trade, connecting South Asia with Central Asia and beyond.

CPEC Phase 1, completed successfully, has already contributed significantly to Pakistan's socioeconomic development. The projects undertaken, such as the Sukkur-Multan Motorway and numerous power plants, have helped alleviate chronic energy shortages, improved road networks, and created thousands of jobs. These early projects were largely based on government-to-government (G2G) cooperation, laying the groundwork for the country's economic revival.

CPEC Phase 2.0 – embracing business-to-business cooperation: As we move into the next phase of CPEC (CPEC 2.0), the focus is expanding from G2G collaboration to greater Business-to-Business (B2B) partnerships. While G2G projects will continue, the next phase seeks to leverage private sector investments, especially in the fields of industrial cooperation, agriculture, technology, and tourism.

Pakistan and China are already in discussions on several projects, including the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which will drive industrialization and job creation. In particular, SEZs such as Rashakai, Dhabeji, and Allama Iqbal Industrial City are expected to generate over a million jobs. These SEZs are designed to attract both Pakistani and Chinese investors, enabling technology transfer and capacity building, thus providing an avenue for Pakistan's industrial and economic uplift.

China's success and lessons for Pakistan: China's rapid socioeconomic transformation offers invaluable lessons for Pakistan. In a few decades, China lifted more than 800 million people out of poverty – an achievement that stands unparalleled in human history. This success is rooted in China's focus on long-term planning, political stability, continuity of policies, and ongoing reforms.

For Pakistan to follow a similar path, we must internalize these lessons. Our development strategy must centre on peace, stability, and continuity of policies, which are key factors for economic growth. Pakistan's leadership is committed to implementing reforms that align with the five new corridors suggested by President Xi, including the Growth Corridor, Livelihood Corridor, Green Corridor, Innovation Corridor, and Inclusivity Corridor.

Pakistan's 5Es and the future of CPEC: Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan's development strategy is centered on the '5Es Framework', focusing on Exports, e-Pakistan, Environment, Energy, and Equity & Empowerment. This framework aligns seamlessly with the new phase of CPEC and the broader goals of the BRI, ensuring that both countries mutually benefit from high-quality development initiatives.

The 5Es framework will enhance Pakistan's export potential, modernize its energy infrastructure, and promote digital transformation (e-Pakistan). Environmental sustainability is also a key focus, with green development and renewable energy projects playing a central role in CPEC 2.0. Moreover, the equity and inclusivity agenda ensures that the benefits of development reach every corner of Pakistan, from urban centres to rural areas.

The road ahead – ensuring a win-win future: As we look towards the future, Pakistan and China are poised to deepen their economic and strategic cooperation even further. CPEC represents a 'win-win' partnership that will continue to unlock new opportunities for both countries. By aligning our economic goals with China's Belt and Road vision, Pakistan is positioned to become a hub of regional connectivity, trade, and prosperity.

Pakistan's leadership is committed to sustaining this momentum. With political stability, policy continuity, and a focus on human capital development, we can realize the full potential of CPEC and ensure that this vital partnership brings lasting benefits to both nations.

As we celebrate China's National Day, we are reminded of the strength of our bond and the shared future that awaits us. Together, we will continue to write a new chapter of prosperity and development, ensuring that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor remains a cornerstone of peace, stability, and economic growth in the region.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=346350>

Nawaiwaqt News

چیئر مین سینٹ کی یوم تاسیس پر چین کے عوام اور قیادت کو مبارکباد

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) چیئر مین سینٹ سید یوسف رضا گیلانی نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان اور چین کے مابین سفارتی اور تجارتی تعلقات انتہائی اہمیت کے حامل ہیں، خطے کی ترقی کے لیے اقتصادی راہداری کا منصوبہ انتہائی اہمیت کا حامل ہے یہ پاکستان کی معیشت میں اضافہ کرے گا۔ جاری بیان کے مطابق چیئر مین سینٹ سید یوسف رضا گیلانی نے کہا ہے کہ جمہوریہ چین کے 75 ویں یوم تاسیس کے موقع پر صدر شی جن پھنگ اور وزیر اعظم لی کیانگ سمیت چینی رہنماؤں کو دلی مبارکباد پیش کرتا ہوں۔ چیئر مین سینٹ نے کہا چیئر مین ماؤزے تنگ کی قیادت قابل تعریف ہے جن کے تعاون نے چین کو سماجی و اقتصادی بہتری کی طرف راغب کیا اور اسے ایک عالمی اقتصادی طاقت کے طور پر قائم کیا۔ سید یوسف رضا گیلانی کا کہنا تھا پاک چین دوستی علاقائی استحکام کے لیے ہمارے مشترکہ وژن کی عکاسی کرتی ہے۔ چین پاکستان اکنامک کوریڈور (سی پیک) جیسے مشترکہ منصوبوں کے خطے کی ترقی کے لیے انتہائی اہم ہے جو ون بیٹ ون روڈ کے تحت عمل پیرا ہے۔ سید یوسف رضا گیلانی نے کہا خطے کی ترقی کے لیے اقتصادی راہداری کا منصوبہ انتہائی اہمیت کا حامل ہے یہ پاکستان کی معیشت میں اضافہ کرے گا۔ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان پائیدار سفارتی تعلقات کو مزید اجاگر کیا جائے جو باہمی احترام اور بھائی چارے پر قائم ہیں۔ چیئر مین سینٹ نے کہا پاکستان اور چین کے مابین سفارتی اور تجارتی تعلقات انتہائی اہمیت کے حامل ہیں پاک چین دوستی نے اہم فوائد حاصل کیے ہیں جس سے دونوں اقوام اور وسیع تر خطے کے لیے بے مثال مواقع پیدا ہوئے ہیں۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-10-02/page-1/detail-12>

پاکستان اور چین کا ٹیئر فور ڈیٹا سینٹر کے قیام پر بات چیت جاری رکھنے پر اتفاق

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار) پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان پاکستان میں ٹیئر فور ڈیٹا سینٹر کے قیام پر بات چیت جاری رکھنے پر اتفاق ہو گیا ایم او یو پاکستان اور چینی کمپنیوں کے درمیان طویل مدتی تعاون کے فریم ورک کے طور پر کام کرے گا جس کا مقصد پاکستان کے ڈیجیٹل انفراسٹرکچر کو بڑھانا اور بگ ڈیٹا میں جدت طرازی کو فروغ دینا ہے۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق کیسیٹل ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی (سی ڈی اے) اور چینی حکام کے درمیان ایک ورچوئل اجلاس منعقد ہوا، جس میں بگ ڈیٹا کے شعبے میں تعاون کے مواقع تلاش کرنے اور پاکستان میں ٹیئر فور ڈیٹا سینٹر کے قیام کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ اجلاس میں معروف چینی کمپنیوں کے ایگزیکٹوز، قائم مقام چیئرمین سی ڈی اے طلعت محمود گوندل، ممبر ٹیکنالوجی اینڈ ڈیجیٹلائزیشن نعمان خالد اور دیگر سینئر حکام نے شرکت کی۔ گوادر پروکے مطابق طلعت محمود گوندل نے ڈیجیٹل انفراسٹرکچر کو آگے بڑھانے کے لئے پاکستان کے مضبوط عزم کو اجاگر کیا اور ملک کی تیزی سے پھیلتی ہوئی ڈیجیٹل معیشت میں چینی سرمایہ کاری کا خیر مقدم کیا۔ انہوں نے بگ ڈیٹا اور ڈیجیٹلائزیشن میں ترقی کے وسیع امکانات پر روشنی ڈالتے ہوئے کہا کہ یہ شراکت داری پاکستان کو بگ ڈیٹا جدت طرازی کے مرکز کے طور پر قائم کرنے میں کلیدی کردار ادا کرے گی۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-10-02/page-1/detail-11>

پاکستان اور چین سی پیک کی مشترکہ تعمیر کیلئے پر عزم، مریم نواز: ناپائیدار افراد کے احتجاج کا نوٹس، سختی نہ کرنے کا حکم

لاہور (نوائے وقت رپورٹ + نیوز رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے عوامی جمہوریہ چین کی 75 ویں سالگرہ کے گولڈن ویک کے آغاز پر مبارکباد کا پیغام دیا ہے۔ مریم نواز نے چین کے عوام کو 75 ویں قومی دن پر خصوصی مبارکباد پیش کی اور صدر شی جن پنگ اور ان کے رفقاء کے لئے نیک تمناؤں کا اظہار کیا۔ مریم نواز نے مزید کہا کہ پنجاب کے عوام برادر ملک چین کی 75 ویں سالگرہ کی خوشیوں میں برابر کے شریک ہیں۔ چین اور پاکستان مثالی ہمسائے، اچھے دوست اور قابل قدر شراکت دار ہیں۔ پاک چین دوستی حکومت سے عوام کی سطح تک ناقابل تردید حقیقت ہے۔ چین کے تعاون سے پاکستانی معیشت کی ترقی اور استحکام میں مدد مل رہی ہے۔ پاکستان اور چین سی پیک کی مشترکہ تعمیر کے لئے پر عزم ہیں۔ چین نے عالمی سطح پر انسانی ترقی میں بھرپور کردار ادا کرتے ہوئے مشترکہ روشن مستقبل کی تعمیر کے ویژن کو فروغ دیا۔ علاوہ ازیں مریم نواز نے ناپائیدار افراد کے احتجاج پر نوٹس لے لیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے ناپائیدار افراد سے کسی قسم کی سختی نہ کرنے کا حکم دیا۔ مریم نواز شریف نے چیف سیکرٹری پنجاب زاہد اختر زمان کو ناپائیدار افراد سے بات چیت کر کے مسائل حل کرنے کی ہدایت کی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے ناپائیدار افراد کے تشدد سے زخمی پولیس اہلکاروں سے ہمدردی کا اظہار کیا۔ پولیس کے سر بھاڑنے کے باوجود وزیر اعلیٰ مریم نواز شریف نے ناپائیدار افراد کے ساتھ تحمل سے پیش آنے کی ہدایت کی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے پولیس کو ہدایت کی کہ پیش پر سنز ہیں، ان کے مسائل کا ہمیں احساس ہے، تحمل کا مظاہرہ کریں۔ ناپائیدار افراد نے سڑک واگزار کرنے کی کوشش پر پولیس اہلکاروں پر تشدد کیا تھا۔ مریم نواز شریف نے شجاع آباد میں تیزاب گردی کے واقعہ کا نوٹس لے لیا ہے اور انسپکٹر جنرل پولیس سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے بزرگ افراد کے عالمی دن پر پیغام میں کہا ہے کہ بزرگ ہمارے ماضی کا عکس، حال کی روشنی اور مستقبل کے لئے ایک سبق ہیں۔ بزرگ وہ چراغ ہیں جن کی روشنی میں نسلیں پروان چڑھتی ہیں۔ بزرگوں نے اپنی جوانی کی توانائیاں، تجربات اور قربانیاں دے کر ہمارے آج کو ممکن بنایا ہے۔ بزرگ افراد پاکستان کا سرمایہ ہیں، خراج تحسین پیش کرتی ہوں۔ بزرگوں کا احترام ہمارے عقائد اور تہذیب کا حصہ ہے۔ بزرگوں کے زندگی کے تجربات اور مشاہدات ہمارے لئے خزانے کے مترادف ہیں۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-10-02/page-1/detail-31>

October 02, 2024

Business Recorder

Chinese business delegation visits TDAP head-office

KARACHI: On the occasion of China's National Day, a high-profile Chinese business delegation visited the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) Headquarters, Karachi to discuss trade facilitation measures between Pakistan and China including the development of a large-scale wholesale market in Karachi, improved logistics infrastructure, seamless customs connectivity between the two countries, and promoting commodity trade while addressing existing barriers.

TDAP officials including Director General Aasim Tiwana, warmly welcomed the delegation, which included William X. Wan, CEO of Pak Belt & Road Trading International Limited, Bilal Janjua, Chairman of China (Pvt) Limited, and Muhammad Irahin, General Manager of Pak Belt & Road Trading International.

During the discussions, TDAP officials highlighted TDAP's trade facilitation efforts, and the Chinese delegation praised the work being done, noting the challenges Chinese businesses face due to limited access to social media platforms in China, which affects their awareness of Pakistani products and exhibitions.

The delegation proposed organizing exhibitions in China with TDAP's support, and they pledged full cooperation for such initiatives. Additionally, they offered policy input for the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) and extended their willingness to provide joint facilitation on trade-related matters with TDAP.

Both sides agreed on the importance of boosting bilateral trade, with the current trade volume standing at USD 14 billion. Pakistan's exports to China are valued at USD 2.76 billion, while imports from China amount to \$11.7 billion.

The meeting ended with a note to work on the proposals given by the delegation on trade facilitation between both countries with focus on strengthening bilateral economic ties.—PR

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/02/7-page/1009529-news.html>

Daily Times

Pakistan emerges as 2nd-largest market for Chinese solar products amid energy shift

Pakistan has emerged as a significant new market for Chinese photovoltaic (PV) companies, aligning with its path toward energy transformation.

According to statistics from the China Photovoltaic Industry Association (CPIA), in the first half of 2024, Asia overtook Europe as the largest export destination for PV products and Pakistan has become the second-largest market for module exports after Europe.

During the same period, China exported inverters worth a total of RMB 1.714 billion to Pakistan. In August alone, the total value of inverter exports to Pakistan reached 326 million

yuan, showing a year-on-year surge of 429.04%. And shimmering blue panels now sit atop a vast array of factories, households, hospitals and mosques.

The surge in exports of photovoltaics and supporting products reflects the urgency of turning to new energy power generation in Pakistan, China Economic Net reported on Tuesday.

“Electricity prices continue to rise; thus, people are trying to find their own way out,” Abbas a Pakistani trader said at the Investment and Trade Forum for Cooperation between East and West China. As of June 2023, the installed capacity of solar power in Pakistan stood at 630 megawatts, namely 1.4% of the overall installed power capacity, which has a huge room for improvement.

In terms of natural conditions, according to the World Bank’s Global Solar Atlas data, taking Balochistan with good lighting conditions as an example, the average annual total photovoltaic output power of a 1KW household photovoltaic system can reach 1990kWh (corresponding to approximately 1990h of sunlight), which is approximately 41% and 59% higher than New Delhi, India and Shandong Province, China, respectively; the Global Tilted Irradiance (GTI) can reach 2536.5KWh/square meter, which is approximately 36% and 61% higher than New Delhi, India and Shandong Province, China respectively.

In terms of policies, for the past few years, the Pakistani government has highly supported the development of renewable energy, setting a strategic goal of increasing the share of renewable energy and alternative energy in Pakistan’s electricity market to 20% by 2025 and to 30% by 2030.

The IGCEP2047 released by NEPRA showed that Pakistan’s PV installed capacity will achieve leapfrog growth in the next few years. It is expected that by 2030, the PV installed capacity will reach 12.8GW, and by 2047 it is expected to reach 26.9GW. According to calculations, in order to achieve the 2030/2047 goals, the average annual new PV installed capacity needs to reach 1.65/1.07GW respectively.

Businesses in Pakistan are racing to cover their factory rooftops with reasonably priced Chinese solar panels. “Every bit of space I have, even if it’s a few feet, I want it covered in solar panels,” said Khawaja Masood Akhtar, chief executive of Forward Sports, whose factory is one of the world’s largest makers of footballs. His company had already doubled the level of solar in its energy mix to 50% over the past two years. Akhtar is now ploughing a chunk of last year’s profits into importing another haul of panels from China to lift the share of solar supply to his operations to 80% by next April.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1231011/pakistan-emerges-as-2nd-largest-market-for-chinese-solar-products-amid-energy-shift/>

Murad invites Chinese investors to invest in electric buses

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, in a meeting with a delegation of Chinese investors led by Chairman Belt and Road (B&R) Group Mr. Wan Xiaowu here Tuesday, agreed to facilitate private Chinese investment in the city. The CM was assisted by Minister P&D and Energy Nasir Shah, Minister Local Govt Saeed Ghani, Chairman P&D Najam Shah and Secretary to CM Raheem Shaikh. The chief minister said that his government would

welcome Chinese public and private firms to invest directly in the projects of their choice or strike a Public-Private partnership with the Sindh government. The Chairman B&R said that over 12 different top Chinese firms were interested in investing in Karachi, particularly in waste-to-energy, wastewater treatment, desalination water plant, manufacturing of Electric buses, and kits to convert patrol motorcycles on electric energy and reconstructions of the sewerage system of the city. The CM said that his government would provide all necessary facilities to the Chinese firms to set up their plants. The CM and the Chairman of B&R Group agreed to have another sitting with the Planning & Development department and Board of Investment to select the project and negotiate so that work could be initiated.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1230794/murad-invites-chinese-investors-to-invest-in-electric-buses/>

Perimetric security system comes in action at Gwadar Port

In a major development, the Perimetric Security System (PSS), with the installation of 675 high-tech security cameras, has been put into full operation in the jurisdiction of the Gwadar Port area.

With this significant move, the Perimetric Security System, costing Rs 252.350 million, has instilled a sense of heightened security coverage for Gwadar Port, allied infrastructures, buildings of Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), Gwadar Free Zone South, and Gwadar Free Zone North.

According to a Gwadar Pro's report, the PSS is a built-in multipurpose system that detects threats, performs surveillance, and analyzes attack patterns, installed with the objective of ensuring a safe and secure environment in Gwadar Port and the adjoining Free Zone.

Chairman GPA Passand Khan said that after the installation of the modern security system, the entry and exit of goods and services have been facilitated.

MPA Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch appreciated this noble initiative and further invited domestic and foreign investors to invest in Gwadar, applauding the efforts of the port operator in ensuring the security of Gwadar Port. Jahangir Sabir, a local travel agent in Gwadar, said that the security system is the need of the hour, keeping in view Gwadar's economic output. "The PSS is an insurance policy for upcoming development, the tourism industry, hotel industry, recreational sites, and large shopping plazas," he added. Meanwhile, the Government of Balochistan is also working on the Gwadar Safe City Project. Phase I of the project has seen substantial progress with the establishment of the Project Management Unit (PMU) and the submission of technical and financial feasibility reports, in compliance with the Gwadar Smart Port City Master Plan 2025.

With an estimated cost of Rs 3,325.6 million, the Gwadar Safe City Project is being executed by the Ministry of Homes and Tribal Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology under the Government of Balochistan.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1231177/perimetric-security-system-comes-in-action-at-gwadar-port/>

The News

Murad invites Chinese investors to invest in electric buses, bikes

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has extended an invitation to Chinese investors to invest in electric buses and bikes and waste-to-energy projects. He made this statement during a meeting with a delegation of Chinese investors, led by Chairman of the Belt & Road (B&R) Group Wan Xiaowu. Both sides agreed to facilitate private Chinese investment in the city. The chief minister was accompanied by Minister for Planning & Development (P&D) and Energy Nasir Shah; Minister for Local Government Saeed Ghani; Chairman P&D Najam Shah; and Secretary to the CM Raheem Shaikh. Murad Ali Shah expressed his government's openness to Chinese public and private firms investing directly in projects of their choice or forming public-private partnerships with the Sindh government. Xiaowu noted that over 12 top Chinese firms have expressed interest in investing in Karachi, particularly in areas such as waste-to-energy, wastewater treatment, desalination plants, manufacturing of electric buses, kits to convert petrol motorcycles to electric power, and the reconstruction of the city's sewerage system. The chief minister assured the delegation that his government would provide all necessary facilities to help Chinese firms establish their plants in Sindh. Both parties agreed to hold another meeting with the planning and development department and the Board of Investment to finalize project selections and initiate negotiations to commence work.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=346603>

Chinese business delegation explores trade opportunities with TDAP

KARACHI: A high-profile Chinese business delegation visited the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) head office to discuss various trade facilitation measures between Pakistan and China. The talks centred on developing a large-scale wholesale market in Karachi, enhancing logistics infrastructure, improving customs connectivity and promoting commodity trade while addressing existing barriers, according to a statement released on Tuesday. The delegation's visit coincided with China's National Day. TDAP officials, led by Director General Aasim Tiwana, welcomed the delegation, which included CEO of Pak Belt & Road Trading International Limited William X Wan; Chairman of China (Pvt) Limited Mr. Bilal Janjua; and General Manager of Pak Belt & Road Trading International Muhammad Irahin. During the discussions, TDAP officials highlighted the organization's ongoing trade facilitation efforts. The Chinese delegation praised these efforts, but also pointed out challenges, particularly the limited access to social media platforms in China, which impacts awareness of Pakistani products and exhibitions. In response, the delegation proposed organizing exhibitions in China with TDAP's support and pledged their full cooperation for such initiatives. They also offered policy recommendations for the joint coordination committee (JCC) and expressed their willingness to collaborate on trade-related matters with TDAP. Both sides acknowledged the importance of boosting bilateral trade, with the current trade volume between the two countries standing at \$14 billion. Pakistan's exports to China are valued at \$2.76 billion, while imports from China amount to \$11.7 billion.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=346611>



https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Back_Page&Date=2024-10-02

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Classified&Date=2024-10-02

October 03, 2024

Business Recorder

50 KP schools

China providing financial support

RECORDER REPORT

PESHAWAR: KP Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education, Faisal Khan Tarakai has said that all kinds of facilities are provided in 50 schools in merged districts of the erstwhile Fata with the financial assistance of the People's Republic of China beside a project of the newly constructed schools is also in the phase of completion.

He was presiding over a meeting regarding education sector projects in district Khyber here on Wednesday. Besides, the Provincial Minister for Religious Affairs Adnan Qadri, MNA Iqbal Afridi and MPA Abdul Ghani Afridi, officers of the district education department and students from district Khyber attended the meeting.

The meeting discussed in detail the situation of the education sector, completed and ongoing schemes and other problems.

Speaking on the occasion, the Provincial Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education, Faisal Khan Tarakai assured the elected public representatives from the district Khyber that the second shift schools in the area would be opened within a period of one week, so the boys and girls from the district could get the opportunity of getting education in their respective localities.

He said that in the whole province in general and merged districts in particular, the provincial government is initiating rented building school project to begin the process of education with immediate effect.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/03/14-page/1009719-news.html>

The News

‘Iran, Pakistan and China can build a dam thru joint venture’

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain visited Iranian Consulate and met Iranian Consul General Mehran Movahed Far in which matters pertaining to enhancing cooperation and bilateral relations in health, tourism, pharmaceutical, agriculture and other sectors were discussed.

It was agreed to appoint ‘focal persons’ for joint working group and mutual collaboration.

It was agreed during the meeting to undertake joint ventures in the pharmaceutical companies of Pakistan and an agreement will be inked in this regard soon.

The Iranian Consul General proposed to arrange cardiac operations of Pakistani children in Tehran at nominal expenses.

He said that approximately 50 to 100 Pakistani children can undergo heart surgery in Tehran every month. The Punjab government can provide non-available medicines and medical equipment in Iran.

The Iranian Consul General emphasised that Iran and Pakistan especially Punjab can collaborate in the pharmaceutical sector. He added that Iran, Pakistan and China can build a dam by moving forward jointly.

The Iranian Consul General inquired after the health of former Prime Minister Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain.

He prayed for his complete recovery of health and expressed good wishes for him as well. Shafay said that vast opportunities persist in the industrial centres of Punjab for the foreign investors. The Iranian investors should establish assembling plant of tractors in Punjab and the Punjab government will provide all possible facilities in this regard.

He said that he believed in maintaining follow-up as without it, desired results cannot be achieved.

The minister said that a great potential exists in the pharmaceutical sector of Punjab and the pharmaceuticals of Pakistan and Iran can make mutual collaboration.

The minister expressed gratitude to the Iranian Consul General on his proposal to arrange cardiac operations of Pakistani children in Tehran.

Economist and Adviser of Iranian Interior Ministry Rahim Saqi, Director

PBIT Imran Hashmi and others were also present in the meeting.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=347109>

October 05, 2024

Business Recorder

Chinese envoy, minister discuss key strategic initiatives

NAVEED BUTT

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese Ambassador and the Minister for Planning discussed key strategic initiatives between the two countries, with a focus on the upcoming visit of Chinese Premier Li Qiang in Pakistan.

Both leaders emphasised that the visit presents a strategic opportunity to further deepen bilateral cooperation and achieve meaningful outcomes. To ensure the success of this visit, both sides agreed to establish a dedicated working group that will focus specifically on aligning and maximising the outcomes of the prime minister's visit.

The Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, called on the Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, on Friday, ahead of the upcoming historic visit of Chinese Premier Li Qiang, marking a significant milestone in China-Pakistan relations after 11 years.

Ambassador Zaidong expressed his satisfaction with Pakistan's economic growth, policy continuity, business environment, and security. He praised the progress made under the current government. "Pakistan's GDP grew from 0.9 per cent last fiscal year to 2.8 per cent this year, and we foresee it reaching 3.2 per cent in the upcoming fiscal year.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/05/2-page/1009882-news.html>

Dawn News

ML-1's prospects

ONE of the signature projects envisaged under the CPEC umbrella is the Mainline-1 railway scheme, which is yet to see the light of day. However, the administration is apparently making renewed efforts to ensure that this multibillion-dollar project is put on track, hoping that the presence of senior Chinese leaders at the SCO summit in Islamabad later this month will provide the necessary impetus to finally launch ML-1. During a meeting to review CPEC on Wednesday, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal urged the relevant ministries to finalise funding terms with their Chinese counterparts for the \$6.8bn scheme. As per reports, the state wants to make use of Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang's attendance at the summit to announce the 'commencement' of CPEC's Phase-2; ML-1 would be a central part of the second phase.

The need to update Pakistan's railways infrastructure is clear, particularly to strengthen economic activities in the country, including cross-border trade. However, as with most things in Pakistan, especially matters related to essential infrastructure projects, progress on the ML-1 scheme has been glacial. The framework agreement was signed in May 2017. But even more than seven years after the deal was inked, ML-1 has yet to get off the drawing board. Three previous administrations have made efforts — though not very successfully —

to get ML-1 up and running, and the cabinet announced in August renewed efforts to ‘revive’ the massive transport scheme. While the delay in its commencement can partly be attributed to bureaucratic slothfulness, securing the funds required for a scheme of this scale has also been challenging in view of Pakistan’s precarious financial health. With some signs of economic stability now, it is hoped that the funding required for ML-1 is secured, and work can get underway. The scheme proposes upgrading the over 1,700-km railway track from Karachi to Peshawar, as well as building a dry port at Havelian, along with improving the railway infrastructure by laying new tracks, boosting train speed, rehabilitating bridges, updating the signalling system, etc. When completed, the project can play an arterial role in connecting people and moving freight both internally and across our borders by linking China and the Central Asian states to the Gulf and beyond. However, to translate this vision into reality, we will need to adhere to international best practices, and work diligently.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1863164/ml-1s-prospects>

The News

Chinese envoy meets Ahsan ahead of PM Li visit

ISLAMABAD: The Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong called on the Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, ahead of the upcoming historic visit of Chinese Premier Li Qiang, marking a significant milestone in China-Pakistan relations after 11 years. The Chinese ambassador and the minister for planning discussed key strategic initiatives between the two countries, with a focus on the upcoming visit of the Chinese Prime Minister. Both leaders emphasized that the visit presents a strategic opportunity to further deepen bilateral cooperation and achieve meaningful outcomes. To ensure the success of this visit, both sides agreed to establish a dedicated working group that will focus specifically on aligning and maximising the outcomes of the Prime Minister’s visit. During the discussion the Minister Ahsan Iqbal praised China’s unwavering support in Pakistan’s development journey, particularly in infrastructure, energy, and industrialization. The Minister reaffirmed Pakistan’s commitment to providing all necessary facilitation to ensure the smooth execution of ongoing projects. Minister Iqbal also stressed that Pakistan remains focused on overcoming economic challenges through long-term partnerships that promote inclusive growth. He assured the Ambassador that any obstacles impeding the progress of critical projects would be addressed on a priority basis to ensure their timely completion. Ambassador Jiang Zaidong expressed his satisfaction with Pakistan’s economic growth, policy continuity, business environment, and security. He praised the progress made under the current government. “Pakistan’s GDP grew from 0.9 percent last fiscal year to 2.8% this year, and we foresee it reaching 3.2% in the upcoming fiscal year. The improvement in foreign exchange reserves is also a positive sign for Pakistan’s economy. These are remarkable achievements under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his cabinet,” the Ambassador stated. The ambassador also acknowledged Minister Ahsan Iqbal for his continuous support, hardship and dedication towards advancing CPEC.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=347897>

K2 Daily



https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Back_Page&Date=2024-10-05

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Classified&Date=2024-10-05

October 07, 2024

Business Recorder

PM says no one will be allowed to harm economy

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said no one will be allowed to destabilize Pakistan's economy, and all the upcoming international events in Pakistan will take place as scheduled. He was talking to Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, who called on him in Lahore on Sunday. The prime minister said the situation is rapidly returning to normalcy and the development of the economy and nation's prosperity are the top priorities of his government. He said political opponents are unable to digest improvement in Pakistan's economy. He said the world acknowledges Pakistan's economic policies, while political opponents want to hinder country's progress. Shehbaz Sharif said the government is fully focused on taking the best and highest standards of security measures. He appreciated the Interior Minister, Islamabad administration, and Islamabad Police for maintaining law and order in the federal capital. He also commended the Islamabad Police for their outstanding role in thwarting the attack on Islamabad as well as the Pakistan Army, Punjab Police, and Rangers in maintaining law and order. Shehbaz Sharif also prayed for higher status in heaven for the martyred Police Constable Hameed Shah, who sacrificed his life while protecting the lives and property of the public. He said the nation will always remember this sacrifice. Expressing solidarity with the family of the martyred constable, the Prime Minister directed to take care of the bereaved family members of the Shaheed. The Interior minister, on the occasion, briefed the prime minister that major roads have been opened for traffic and the situation is rapidly returning to normal. Besides, he apprised about the repatriation of 56 Pakistani prisoners from Sri Lanka, reached the country on Sunday.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/07/1-page/1010077-news.html>

The Express Tribune

Deadly attack on Chinese won't go unpunished: FO

Beijing urges Islamabad to take measures to protect its interests

ISLAMABAD: China on Monday confirmed that last night's terrorist attack at the periphery of Karachi's Jinnah International Airport killed 2 of its nationals in a yet another assault on Chinese that would certainly put pressure on Pakistani authorities to do more.

Islamabad, meanwhile, strongly condemning the terrorist attack, insisted that those who were behind it would not go "unpunished."

At least 19 Chinese nationals have been killed in terrorist attacks in Pakistan in the last few years. Pakistan had promised to ensure foolproof security for the Chinese nationals working in Pakistan after the March 26 attack that killed 5 engineers from the friendly country in Besham.

Following the attack, one of the senior Chinese ministers during a visit to Islamabad warned that without security it would be difficult for his country and investors to do business in Pakistan.

The latest attack happened just a week before Pakistan is scheduled to host a key regional conference of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

The Chinese prime minister will be attending the SCO council of heads of governments. He will also undertake a bilateral visit before the SCO meeting. There is no word yet on whether the visit will take place as per schedule.

In order to ensure foolproof security during the Chinese PM's visit and the SCO meeting, the federal government on Monday announced holidays in Islamabad and Rawalpindi from October 14 through October 16.

The confirmation of the attack on the Chinese convoy first came from the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad on Monday morning. Pakistani authorities were reluctant to share the full details.

The Chinese side, however, was more forthcoming.

"At around 11 pm on October 6th, a convoy carrying Chinese staff of the Port Qasim Electric Power Company (Private) Limited was attacked near the Jinnah International Airport, Karachi, which caused two Chinese dead, one Chinese injured and some local casualties," read a statement of the Chinese Embassy. "The banned outfit Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed responsibility for the attack," it added

The Chinese Embassy and Consulates General in Pakistan strongly condemned this terrorist attack, expressed deep condolences to the innocent victims of both countries and sincere sympathies to the injured and families, adding that they were making every effort to handle the aftermath together with the Pakistani side.

"The Chinese Embassy and Consulates General in Pakistan have launched an emergency plan immediately, requesting the Pakistani side to thoroughly investigate the attack, severely

punish the perpetrators, and take all necessary measures to protect the safety of Chinese citizens, institutions and projects in Pakistan," it added.

It further said the Chinese Embassy and Consulates General in Pakistan remind Chinese citizens, enterprises and projects in Pakistan to be vigilant, pay close attention to the security situation, strengthen security measures, and make every effort to take safety precautions.

After the Chinese statement, the Foreign Office said Pakistan strongly condemned the heinous terrorist attack near Karachi airport last night, which claimed the lives of two Chinese engineers while injuring another.

"We extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims, both Chinese and Pakistani, and offer prayers for the swift recovery of the injured."

"This deplorable act of terrorism is an attack not only on Pakistan but also on the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China.

"We remain resolute in bringing to justice those responsible for this cowardly attack, including the [BLA's] Majeed Brigade. Pakistan's security and law enforcement agencies will spare no effort in apprehending the perpetrators and their facilitators. This barbaric act will not go unpunished."

It said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was in close contact with the Chinese Embassy for coordination and facilitation.

"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, and will continue to work hand in hand with our Chinese brothers to defeat the forces of terror," it said.

On Monday, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also visited the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad where he met with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong to express his condolences following the tragic terrorist attack on a Chinese convoy in Karachi.

During the meeting, PM Shehbaz conveyed his deep sorrow and grief over the loss of Chinese nationals in the incident, assuring the ambassador that the Pakistani government is fully committed to identifying the perpetrators as swiftly as possible.

"The government is actively working to ensure the immediate identification of those responsible for this heinous act. They will be brought to justice without delay," the PM stated, adding that the safety of Chinese nationals in Pakistan is the government's top priority.

Following the Besham attack, China had proposed a joint security company to ensure security of its nationals in Pakistan. Islamabad, however, was reluctant to accept the suggestion. With the latest attack, observers believe Pakistan may have to accommodate the Chinese proposals.

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed said there was no harm in accepting the Chinese proposals. He referred to how Pakistan had allowed the American CIA and Blackwater to operate from Pakistan during the US War on Terror.

He expressed concerns that Chinese nationals were being repeatedly targeted in Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office spokesperson at a weekly news briefing indicated that the Karachi terrorist attack would not have any impact on the SCO meeting.

Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said Pakistan will host the Twenty-third meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of the SCO member states from October 15 to October 16 in Islamabad. The CHG is the second highest decision-making body of the SCO.

"In his capacity as the current chair of the CHG, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will preside over the upcoming CHG meeting. We expect high level participations from SCO members; the observer state of Mongolia; Turkmenistan as a special guest; and representatives of the international organizations including Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and European Economic Community (EEC)."

She said the CHG meeting will discuss cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, environment, socio-cultural linkages as well as reviewing the performance of the Organization.

The leaders will adopt important organizational decisions to further enhance cooperation among SCO member States and approve the budget of the Organization.

Since becoming a member in 2017, Pakistan has worked consistently and constructively to strengthen good neighborly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation among SCO member States.

"Hosting of the CHG reflects the abiding commitment of Pakistan to the purposes and principles of the SCO charter and the values of Shanghai Spirit," she said.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2501401/deadly-attack-on-chinese-wont-go-unpunished-fo>

The News

China at 75 – and beyond

Hussain H Zaidi

On October 1, the People's Republic of China completed 75 years of its establishment. These 75 years have seen China shake off rampant poverty and backwardness to become a major mover and shaker of the globe under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

I spent a few years in Shanghai, China's largest and most open and advanced city, and had an opportunity to look at the Chinese all-round development at close quarters. In my view, more than anything else, China's rise is rooted in the Yin-Yang philosophy.

Originating in the ancient Chinese school of Taoism, the Yin-Yang is represented by a circle consisting of two parts: a black portion encapsulating a white dot – called Yin – and a white portion containing a black dot, which is known as Yang. The Yin-Yang dialectically describes how in both natural and social orders opposite forces – life and death, day and night, strength and weakness, the negative and the positive – need and balance each other.

Two classic validations of the Yin-Yang philosophy are the ascendancy of capitalism in the 20th century and the resounding success of the Chinese development model. When faced

with the communist threat, which in the post-World War-II international order seemed capable of taking the entire European continent, capitalism, which is inherently an anti-worker system, responded by incorporating some elements of its adversary.

The capitalist response to the changing circumstances started with pro-worker legislation in Western countries and culminated in the rise of the welfare state. Beginning with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, in the end, it was communism that was wiped out from Europe.

On the other hand, China overcame the state-market contradiction by adopting the philosophy of ‘Socialism with Chinese Characteristics,’ under which a closed and socialist economy was gradually and carefully opened to both the market forces and foreign competition without giving away overall state control. The experiment has had spectacular success and converted an agrarian economy into an industrial powerhouse, where the CPC continues to call the shots. This makes Socialism with Chinese Characteristics one of the most powerful political philosophies of all times and easily the most potent of the current era.

The birth of the People’s Republic of China was the result of a more than two-decade long civil war between the Nationalists headed by Chiang Kai-shek and the Communists led by the incomparable Mao Zedong. Having forced the Nationalists, who were, and continue to be, backed by Washington to flee to the small southern island of Taiwan, the CPC was faced with the formidable challenge of shaping up a war-torn economy according to socialist ideals.

The party set three initial goals: putting in place a socialist economy; introducing sweeping land reforms; and making China an industrial power on the fashion of the USSR, another and a highly successful socialist country at that time. Under the leadership of Mao and his comrades and with popular support and revolutionary zeal, the party and the state embarked on pursuing those goals.

China unveiled its first five-year plan in 1952 and the second in 1958 – the five-year plans continue to be the Chinese government’s main blueprint for economic development to date. Under those two plans, communal ownership of land in rural areas and state ownership in cities were put in place.

To give momentum to industrialization, a policy named ‘The Great Leap Forward’ was announced. Although this policy has generated a lot of adverse criticism for being ‘too ambitious’ and pursued in a ‘haphazard’ way, it can’t be denied that it laid the foundations of the subsequent industrial development in China. The technical and economic assistance from the USSR in initial years of the PRC was also of valuable help.

Until the demise of Mao Zedong in 1976, China remained a socialist, and a largely closed, economy, trading only with the USSR and a few other socialist states. Starting in 1949, the United States and its European allies had put China under an economic embargo. So, there was no way China could trade with the West. The embargo was lifted in 1972 after US President Nixon’s historic visit to China, which was facilitated by Islamabad. It took Washington another seven years to establish full diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic.

Deng Xiaoping, who succeeded Mao as the nation’s paramount leader, sensed that if China were to register sustained and fast growth, its socialist economy must open up to both the

country's private sector and foreign businesses, without relaxing in any manner the stringent political controls, and allowing economic egalitarianism to take a backseat if necessary. In Deng's own words, "Development is the absolute principle". Thus was born Socialism with Chinese Characteristics, or simply 'market socialism, and with that started China's unmatched development saga. Here are some of the numbers:

In 1960, the size of the Chinese economy was only \$60 billion, which increased to nearly \$18 trillion in 2003. China's share in global economic output racked up from 4.4 per cent in 1960 to 17 per cent in 2023. Per capita income rose from a paltry \$90 to over \$12,000, while exports scaled up from \$21 billion to \$3.2 trillion during this period, making China 'the factory of the world' and the globe's largest exporter.

While Chinese economic achievements have been marvelous, they have begotten several imbalances as well. The development has largely been confined to the coastal regions or East China, while western regions remained far behind. Income inequalities also widened, domestic consumption was stifled and environmental considerations were largely swept aside.

When the current Chinese leader Xi Jinping assumed power in 2012, he decided to address those imbalances. Hence, a new development paradigm was introduced called 'Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era'.

Quality of development assumed more importance than mere quantity of development; shoring up domestic demand and the citizens' standard of living took priority over increasing exports and corporate profits, and the neglected regions began to get the government's attention. As a signal to China's commitment to maintaining ecological equilibrium, the authorities announced to peak carbon emissions by 2030 and make the country carbon free before 2060.

In 2020, China eliminated extreme poverty, which probably no other country has been able to do. Now, the leadership's next goal is to make China a developed nation by 2049, which will mark the first centenary of the establishment of the PRC.

Currently, China is facing quite a few socio-economic challenges, such as depopulation, rising share of the old in total population, increasing cost of production and economic slowdown. Many believe China is currently at the same stage of development that Japan was in the 1990s before its economy stagnated at the start of the century. Beijing is facing an additional challenge which Tokyo didn't: the strategic rivalry with Washington, resulting in a trade war between the two largest economies of the globe and American sanctions on high-tech Chinese enterprises for allegedly spying for the government.

Over the years, the Chinese leadership has demonstrated their one undisputable trait: pragmatism. Instead of being a prisoner of the past or being swept away by the heat of the moment, they have been prepared to logically and empirically review their philosophies and policies and change them if warranted by the circumstances or necessitated by the march of history, as Chinese would call it. Likewise, the Chinese nation has proved itself to be remarkably resilient, disciplined, and focused.

On the basis of my little understanding of the Chinese culture and system, I feel disposed to stating that the Chinese will be able to overcome the various challenges they're facing and continue their saga. Best wishes to them on their country's 75th anniversary.

The writer is an Islamabad-based columnist. He tweets/posts @hussainhzaidi and can be reached at: hussainhzaidi@gmail.com

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=348221>

Express News

کراچی ایئرپورٹ دھماکا پاک چین دوستی پر حملہ ہے، مجرموں کو سخت سزا دیں گے، پاکستان

اسلام آباد: پاکستان کی جانب سے چینی شہریوں پر حملے کے واقعے کی شدید الفاظ میں مذمت کرتے ہوئے اسے پاک چین دوستی پر حملہ قرار دیا گیا ہے۔

ترجمان دفتر خارجہ ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ نے اپنے بیان میں کراچی میں ہونے والے دہشت گردی کے واقعے کی مذمت کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ چینی شہریوں پر حملہ کرنے والے دہشت گردوں کو شکست دینے کے لیے پاکستان چین کے ساتھ مل کر کام جاری رکھنے کے لیے پُر عزم ہے۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ کراچی ایئرپورٹ کے قریب دہشت گردی کے واقعے میں 2 چینی انجینئرز جان سے گئے اور ایک زخمی ہوا۔ پاکستان اس واقعے میں چین اور پاکستان دونوں کے متاثر ہونے والے افراد کے خاندانوں سے ہمدردی اور اظہارِ تعزیت کرتا ہے۔ انہوں نے واقعے میں زخمی ہونے والوں کی جلد صحت یابی کے لیے دعا بھی کی۔

ممتاز زہرہ بلوچ نے اپنے بیان میں مزید کہا کہ کراچی میں ہونے والی دہشت گردانہ کارروائی پاک چین پائیدار دوستی پر حملہ تصور کرتے ہیں اور اس بزدلانہ کارروائی کرنے والے عناصر کو انصاف کے کٹہرے میں لا کر سخت سزا دینے کے لیے پُر عزم ہیں۔ پاکستان دہشت گردی کو جڑ سے اکھاڑ پھینکنے تک اپنی چینی بھائیوں کے ساتھ مل کر کام جاری رکھے گا۔

ترجمان دفتر خارجہ نے کہا کہ مجید بریگیڈ سمیت اس بزدلانہ حملے کے ذمے داروں کو انصاف کے کٹہرے میں لانے کے لیے پُر عزم ہیں۔ قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے دہشت گردوں اور ان کے سہولت کاروں کو ان کے عبرت ناک انجام تک پہنچا کر دم لیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وزارت خارجہ چینی سفارت خانے کے ساتھ قریبی رابطے میں ہے اور پاکستان اور چینی شہریوں کی سلامتی کے لیے اپنے عزم کو اعادہ کرتی ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2719442/1/>

Jang News

کراچی دھماکا، چین کی مذمت، قصور داروں کو سخت سزا دینے کا مطالبہ

کراچی کے بین الاقوامی جناح انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ کے قریب چینی عملے کو لے جانے والے قافلے پر دہشت گرد حملے میں 2 چینی انجینئرز ہلاک ہو گئے جس کے بعد بیجنگ نے باضابطہ اعلامیہ جاری کر دیا۔

چینی سفارت خانے نے جاری بیان میں اس حملے کی شدید مذمت کی ہے اور کہا ہے کہ پورٹ قاسم الیکٹریک پاور کمپنی (پرائیویٹ) لمیٹڈ کے چینی عملے کو لے جانے والے ایک قافلے پر 6 اکتوبر کی رات تقریباً 11 بجے کراچی کے جناح انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ کے قریب حملہ کیا گیا، جس کے نتیجے میں 2 چینی باشندے ہلاک، 1 زخمی اور کچھ مقامی شہری متاثر ہوئے ہیں۔

بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں چینی سفارت خانہ اور توصلیٹ جزل اس دہشت گردانہ حملے کی شدید مذمت کرتے ہیں، دونوں ممالک کے بے گناہ متاثرین سے اظہارِ تعزیت اور زخمیوں اور ان کے اہل خانہ سے دلی ہمدردی کا اظہار کرتے ہیں۔

چینی سفارت خانے نے بیان میں کہا ہے کہ اس مشکل وقت میں ہم پاکستان کے ساتھ مل کر اس کے نتائج سے نمٹنے کے لیے ہر ممکن کوشش کر رہے ہیں۔

بیان میں چینی سفارت خانے کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان میں چینی سفارت خانے اور تو نصلیٹ جنرل نے فوری طور پر ایک ہنگامی منصوبہ شروع کیا ہے، جس میں پاکستان سے حملے کی مکمل تحقیقات کرنے، قصور واروں کو سخت سزا دینے اور پاکستان میں چینی شہریوں، اداروں اور منصوبوں کی حفاظت کے لیے تمام ضروری اقدامات کرنے کی درخواست کی گئی ہے۔

جاری کردہ بیان کے مطابق پاکستان میں چینی سفارت خانہ اور تو نصل خانہ پاکستان میں چینی شہریوں، کاروباری اداروں اور پرائیویٹ کمپنیوں کو الٹ رہنے، سیکیورٹی کی صورت حال پر گہری توجہ دینے، حفاظتی اقدامات کو مضبوط بنانے اور حفاظتی تدابیر اختیار کرنے کی ہر ممکن کوشش کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔

واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ شب کراچی ایئر پورٹ سگنل کے قریب زوردار دھماکے میں 2 چینی باشندوں اور ایک مقامی شخص سمیت 3 افراد ہلاک اور 10 سے زائد زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔

دھماکے کے زخمی مختلف اسپتالوں میں زیر علاج ہیں، دہشت گردی کا نشانہ بننے والی گاڑی میں غیر ملکی سوار تھے۔

<https://jang.com.pk/news/1398349>

October 08, 2024

Business Recorder

Chinese diplomatic mission launches emergency plan

SARDAR SIKANDER SHAHEEN & MOHAMMAD BILAL TAHIR

ISLAMABAD/KARACHI: Following the killings of two of its nationals in a terrorist attack in Karachi a day ago, China on Monday said its diplomatic missions in Pakistan have launched forthwith an emergency plan, urging Pakistan to “thoroughly investigate the attack, severely punish the perpetrators, and take all necessary measures” to protect Chinese citizens, installations and projects.

“The Chinese Embassy and Consulates General in Pakistan have launched an emergency plan immediately, requesting the Pakistani side to thoroughly investigate the attack, severely punish the perpetrators, and take all necessary measures to protect the safety of Chinese citizens, institutions and projects in Pakistan,” said Chinese Embassy in an official statement issued here.

The Chinese Embassy and Consulates General in Pakistan remind Chinese citizens, enterprises and projects in Pakistan to be vigilant, pay close attention to the security situation, strengthen security measures, and make every effort to take safety precautions, the statement added.

The statement strongly condemned the terrorist attack, expressed deep condolences to the “innocent victims of both countries and sincere sympathies to the injured and families.”

The diplomatic mission said it is making every effort to handle the aftermath together with the Pakistani side.

The embassy confirmed that two Chinese nationals lost their lives and one sustained injuries in the attack.

Pakistan’s Foreign Office said it is in close contact with the Chinese Embassy for coordination and facilitation.

“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, and will continue to work hand in hand with our Chinese brothers to defeat the forces of terror,” said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in a statement.

“This deplorable act of terrorism is an attack not only on Pakistan but also on the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China. We remain resolute in bringing to justice those responsible for this cowardly attack, including the Majeed Brigade. Pakistan’s security and law enforcement agencies will spare no effort in apprehending the perpetrators and their facilitators. This barbaric act will not go unpunished,” the statement added.

It merits mentioning here that a convoy carrying Chinese staff of the Port Qasim Electric Power Company (Private) Limited was attacked near the Jinnah International Airport Karachi in which two Chinese nationals lost their lives and one sustained injuries.

The outlawed Majeed Brigade of the banned outfit Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah chaired an important meeting at the CM House to assess the law and order situation in the province, particularly in Karachi. The meeting was attended by Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjar, Chief Secretary Asif Haider Shah, Inspector General of Police Ghulam Nabi Memon, DG Rangers Major General Azhar Waqas, Home Secretary Iqbal Memon, Commissioner Karachi Hassan Naqvi, Additional IG Karachi Javed Alam Odho, and other relevant officials.

During the meeting, the chief minister expressed his strong condemnation of the recent explosion near the airport, stating that such incidents are intolerable and must not occur in the future. He instructed the police and other law enforcement agencies to intensify their intelligence operations and directed all agencies to enhance coordination with one another.

Officials from the law enforcement agencies briefed the chief minister about the details of the explosion near the airport.

Following the briefing, the chief minister ordered the formation of a joint committee comprising police and other law enforcement agencies to investigate the incident thoroughly.

The joint committee will work together to probe the explosion near the airport, according to a statement from the CM’s spokesperson.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/08/12-page/1010407-news.html>

The News

Two Chinese dead in suicide attack near Karachi airport

Faraz Khan & Salis bin Perwaiz

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: Two Chinese nationals among three people were killed after a suicide bomber attacked a Chinese convoy near the Karachi airport signal on Sunday night using a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED). Sixteen individuals, including another Chinese national and security personnel, were also injured in the attack. The explosion also damaged approximately 15 vehicles.

A statement from the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan said that at around 11pm on October 6, a convoy carrying Chinese staff from the Port Qasim Electric Power Company was targeted near the Jinnah International Airport, leading to the deaths of two Chinese nationals, injuries to one Chinese national, and some local casualties.

“Pakistan strongly condemns the heinous terrorist attack near the Karachi airport last night, which claimed the lives of two Chinese nationals while injuring another,” said the Foreign Office on Monday. “We extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims, and offer prayers for the swift recovery of the injured.”

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met with the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong, at the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad on Monday. The PM offered his condolences to the ambassador, and conveyed his deep sorrow over the loss of Chinese lives in the terrorist attack.

The PM assured the ambassador that the government is fully mobilised to identify those responsible for this act of terrorism as soon as possible. The ambassador thanked the PM for the immediate response and the initiation of investigations by the Government of Pakistan following the incident.

According to the Bomb Disposal Squad’s (BDS) report, they have found that the terrorists used 70-80 kilograms of explosives, which were planted in a double-cabin vehicle. As the Chinese convoy approached the airport signal, the attacker crashed the explosives-laden vehicle into the coaster carrying the Chinese nationals.

A BDS officer, however, said that it is difficult to determine which specific explosive was employed. “We have collected samples and sent them for analysis to ascertain the type of explosive used.”

Additionally, ball bearings were used in the attack, but due to the open space, they scattered far away, and none have been recovered from the site. The officer added that the information gathered so far indicates that a double-cabin vehicle was used, which struck the side of the coaster carrying the Chinese nationals.

Officials from the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) returned to the site of the explosion near the airport on Monday. In daylight, they examined the evidence collected at the scene to advance the investigation.

Reports indicate that investigators have identified both the vehicle and the attacker involved in the assault on the vehicle carrying the Chinese engineers. The terrorists aimed to target the Chinese coaster transporting these engineers, and the attacker had filled a vehicle with explosives to carry out the attack.

Details of the vehicle used in the explosion have been obtained through its chassis number and registration plate, which belonged to a double-cabin Revo. Investigators are using this information to trace the vehicle's ownership, history and any previous movements.

It is believed that this vehicle was recently purchased in Karachi specifically for the attack. Subsequently, explosives were loaded into it, and a suicide bomber executed the attack on the Chinese convoy.

The FO has emphasised that this barbaric act will not go unpunished. "Pakistan's security and law enforcement agencies will spare no effort in apprehending the perpetrators and their facilitators. This act of terrorism is an attack not only on Pakistan but also on the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China. We will bring to justice those responsible for this cowardly attack, including the Majeed Brigade."

PM Shehbaz has assured Ambassador Jiang that once those responsible for the incident are identified, they will be brought to justice. "The protection of our Chinese brothers' lives and property in Pakistan is our top priority. This heinous conspiracy to damage Pakistan-China relations will not be tolerated. I will personally oversee the investigation of this incident, and security arrangements for foreigners will be further strengthened."

The ambassador expressed confidence in the Pakistani government for conducting effective investigations, promptly identifying the responsible terrorists, and bringing them to justice as soon as possible. "We hope that those responsible for the incident will receive appropriate punishments without delay."

According to the FO, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is in close contact with the Chinese Embassy for coordination and facilitation. "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, and will continue to work hand in hand with our Chinese brothers to defeat the forces of terror."

Investigators in Karachi have identified the suicide bomber as Shah Fahad, alias Aftab, a resident of the Noshki district in Balochistan. He arrived in Karachi on October 4, stayed at an undisclosed location, and conducted thorough reconnaissance for the attack.

The terrorists recognised that if they attempted the attack further along the route, they would face strong resistance, so they decided to strike near the airport signal before reaching the airport to increase their chances of successfully targeting the convoy. Reports indicate that the planning for this attack took place at a location near Essa Nagri in Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi.

The fact that the terrorist was a resident of Balochistan who travelled to Karachi to carry out the attack, along with a subsequent claim of responsibility by a Baloch insurgent group, has prompted the investigators to expand their inquiry into Balochistan.

They are now collaborating closely with local police and other agencies in Balochistan to gather more information and trace any connections related to the planning and execution of the attack.

The investigators are also working to uncover details about the suspected suicide bomber's family and other connections, aiming to identify any potential accomplices or support networks that may have facilitated the attack.

The Chinese Embassy and consulates general in Pakistan have slammed this terrorist attack, offering condolences to the families of the deceased from both countries, and sympathies to the injured. They are making every effort to manage the aftermath in collaboration with the Pakistani side.

The Chinese Embassy and consulates general have launched an emergency plan, urging the Pakistani authorities to thoroughly investigate the attack, severely punish the perpetrators, and take all the necessary measures to ensure the safety of Chinese citizens, institutions and projects in Pakistan.

They have also reminded Chinese citizens, enterprises and projects in Pakistan to remain vigilant, pay close attention to the security situation, strengthen security measures and take all possible precautions for their safety.

In the aftermath of the attack, the head of the Special Branch China Desk has been removed from his position. DSP Fawad Shaheen was in charge of the Airport Security Unit and the China Desk at the Karachi airport. He was responsible for monitoring the arrival and departure of foreign nationals, particularly Chinese citizens.

According to some reports, several suspects, including a woman, have been arrested in connection with the attack. The investigators are also trying to extract data from the SIM card of the attacker, while a case is being registered at the CTD.

Meanwhile, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah chaired a meeting to discuss the law and order situation, including the attack near the Karachi airport.

Shah reviewed the law and order situation across the province, with a particular focus on Karachi. He said the explosion near the airport is intolerable, and that such incidents should not occur. He directed the police and other law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to enhance their intelligence efforts and strengthen coordination among themselves.

He received a briefing from the LEAs regarding the blast, then ordered the forming of a joint committee comprising police and other LEAs to investigate the incident.

After the meeting, the CM visited the Chinese Consulate, where he conveyed his condolences to the Chinese Consul General in Karachi, Yang Yundong. He offered his condolences to the Chinese government and the families of the victims, recording his sentiments in the condolence book.

Sindh police chief IG Ghulam Nabi Memon also chaired a meeting regarding the security of Chinese nationals, and ordered the CTD to conduct a thorough investigation into the events at the airport.

This was the second major attack in Karachi within six months targeting foreigners in moving vehicles. The previous incident occurred on April 19, when terrorists carried out a suicide attack on a convoy of foreign nationals in the Landhi area, specifically in Mansehra Colony. The involvement of Baloch insurgent groups was also revealed in that case.

In recent years, particularly following operations such as Zarb-e-Azb, Raddul Fasad, and the Karachi operation against the Taliban and other militant outfits, Karachi has witnessed a rise in nationalist sentiment, especially from parties in Sindh and Balochistan.

Groups like the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) and the Sindhudesh Revolutionary Army (SRA) have been active, collaborating with various separatist factions under the umbrella organisation Baloch Raji Ajoi Sangar (BRAS).

Their joint activities in Karachi have increased significantly. While the SRA has primarily focused on target killings and railway track sabotage, the BLA has expanded its operations to include suicide bombings in the city.

The first major attack by Baloch insurgent groups after the Karachi operation occurred in November 2018, when they targeted the Chinese Consulate in Karachi. This was followed by an attack on the Pakistan Stock Exchange, and then a significant incident at the University of Karachi, where a female BLA militant carried out a suicide bombing targeting a vehicle transporting Chinese staff from the Confucius Institute, killing three Chinese language teachers and their Pakistani driver.

Since then, a series of both smaller and larger attacks have continued across the country, including in Karachi. Over the past few years, more than two dozen terrorist incidents have been attributed to organisations affiliated with the BRAS, with Chinese nationals and the LEAs being the primary targets.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=348769>

Express News

چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورے میں بجلی کے منصوبوں کا اربوں ڈالر قرض ری پروفاٹمنگ کا امکان

چین کے وزیر اعظم لی کیانگ کے دورہ پاکستان کے دوران پاک-چین اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) کے تحت بجلی کے منصوبوں کے 15 ارب 40 کروڑ ڈالر: اسلام آباد قرضے کی ری پروفاٹمنگ کا امکان ہے۔

وزارت خزانہ کے ذرائع نے بتایا کہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم (ایس سی او) کے اجلاس میں شرکت کے لیے چین کے وزیر اعظم لی کیانگ کے دورہ کے موقع پر سی پیک کے تحت بجلی کے منصوبوں کے 15 ارب 40 کروڑ ڈالر کے قرضے کی ری پروفاٹمنگ کا امکان ہے اور اس کے لیے دونوں ممالک کے درمیان ڈیٹ ری پروفاٹمنگ کے ایم او یو پر دستخط کا امکان ہے۔

ذرائع کے مطابق پاکستان نے سی پیک کے تحت بجلی منصوبوں کے قرضوں کی ری پروفاٹنگ کی تجویز دی ہے اور چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورے میں ان قرضوں کی ری پروفاٹنگ کا امکان ہے۔

انہوں نے بتایا کہ ڈیٹ ری پروفاٹنگ سے پاکستان کی مجموعی ادائیگی کا بوجھ ایک ارب 22 کروڑ ڈالر بڑھ جائے گا اور ادائیگی میں 5 سال توسیع سے ادائیگی کا حجم 15.4 ارب سے بڑھ کر 16.62 ارب ڈالر ہو جائے گا۔

چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورے کے موقع پر پاکستان کا پرائیویٹ پاور انفراسٹرکچر بورڈ اور چینی کمپنیاں ایم او یو پر دستخط کریں گی۔

ذرائع کا کہنا تھا کہ ڈیٹ ری پروفاٹنگ میں تین سال تک چین کو ادائیگی نہ کرنے کی تجویز بھی شامل ہے، ڈیٹ ری پروفاٹنگ ایم او یو کی منظوری وفاقی کابینہ سے لی جائے گی۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2720809/1/>

کراچی میں ہلاک چینی انجینئر قرض ری شیڈولنگ مذاکراتی ٹیم کا حصہ تھے، وزیر خزانہ

وفاقی وزیر خزانہ محمد اورنگزیب نے جمعرات کے روز کہا ہے کہ کراچی کے خودکش حملے کے نتیجے میں جو چینی انجینئر اپنی جان سے گئے ہیں وہ چائیز آئی پی پی: اسلام آباد سے منسلک اور چین سے توانائی کے قرضوں کی ری شیڈولنگ پر ہونے والے مذاکراتی ٹیم کا حصہ تھے۔

ان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان تحریک انصاف کی ہڑتال اور احتجاج کے نتیجے میں ملکی معیشت کو روانہ 190 ارب روپے کا نقصان پہنچ رہا ہے۔ اپنے ایک بیان میں انھوں نے کہا کہ ہلاک ہونے والے چینی انجینئرز سے وزیر توانائی اویس لغاری مذاکراتی عمل میں شامل تھے اور خود میں ان شرائط کو حتمی شکل دے رہا تھا تاکہ چینی قرضے کو ری شیڈول کرایا جاسکے اور ہم ٹیرف کو کم کرتے ہوئے عوام کو ریلیف دے سکیں۔

ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وہ اس سانحے پر چینی حکومت اور چینی عوام سے افسوس کا اظہار کرتے ہیں، انھوں نے مزید بتایا کہ مذکورہ انجینئر زپر امید تھے کہ مذاکرات کے نتیجے میں دونوں ممالک کے لیے بہتر صورت حال پر اتفاق رائے ہو جائے گا، پاکستان تحریک انصاف کی ہڑتال کے حوالے سے وزیر خزانہ نے کہا کہ تجارتی سرگرمیوں کی بندش سے ملکی معیشت کو روزانہ 190 ارب روپے کا نقصان پہنچ رہا ہے اور گزشتہ چند دنوں کے دوران اب تک مجموعی طور پر 760 ارب روپے تک کا نقصان ہو چکا ہے ان ہڑتالوں کے نتیجے میں اور صرف اسلام آباد میں 8 لاکھ افراد کی روزمرہ کی زندگیاں متاثر ہوئی ہیں۔

حالیہ دہشت گردی کی لہر کیمجوالے سے محمد اورنگزیب کا کہنا تھا کہ چاہے وہ دہشت گردی ہو یا ہڑتال اور احتجاج ہو ان سب کے نتیجے میں ملک کو نقصان پہنچتا ہے جس کے ہم متحمل نہیں ہو سکتے تاہم بحیثیت حکومت ہم معیشت کو مستحکم اور اسے ایک پائیدار ترقی کی راہ پر گامزن کرنے کے لیے پرعزم ہیں۔ دوسری جانب بیجنگ نے اپنے شہریوں کو پاکستان کا سفر کرنے میں احتیاط برتنے کی ہدایت کی ہے

چین کے معروف انگریزی اخبار ساؤتھ چائنا نیٹنگ پوسٹ نے منگل کے روز کہا ہے کہ چینی کے اسلام آباد میں واقع سفارت خانے نے اپنے شہریوں کو ہدایت جاری کی ہے کہ وہ بلوچستان اور کے پی کے کا سفر کرنے سے گریز کریں۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2720878/1/>

K2 Daily

چینی دوستوں کی سیکولٹی میں کوئی گنہگار نہیں؟

بڑا دلالت کارروائی میں ملوث لوگ یقینی طور پر پاکستانی نہیں بلکہ دشمن ہیں، ذمہ داروں کا تعین کریں گے

پاکستان اپنے چینی دوستوں کی حفاظت کیلئے مکمل طور پر عزم ہے، شہباز شریف، دھماکے کی مذمت

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کی سربراہی میں ایک وفد نے چین کے شہنشاہ شی جن پینگ سے ملاقات کی۔ وفد نے شہنشاہ سے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان اپنے چینی دوستوں کی سیکولٹی کیلئے مکمل طور پر عزم ہے۔ شہنشاہ نے وفد کو خوش آمدید کہا اور کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان قربت کے لیے مکمل طور پر عزم ہے۔

دشمنوں کی حفاظت کے لیے مکمل طور پر عزم ہے۔ چینی دوستوں کی سیکولٹی کیلئے مکمل طور پر عزم ہے۔

چینی دوستوں کی سیکولٹی کیلئے مکمل طور پر عزم ہے۔

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Front_Page&Date=2024-10-08

دشمن پاک چین دوستی کو سمیٹتا نہیں کر سکتے، ایاز صادق

قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے واقعات میں ملوث عناصر کو کٹھن سے ہٹائیں

پاکستانی عوام دکھ کی گھڑی میں سوگوار خاندان کے ساتھ شریک ہیں

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) وفاقی وزیر داخلہ ایاز صادق نے کہا ہے کہ دشمنوں کی سازشوں کو ناکام بنانے کے لیے قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کو ملوث عناصر کو کٹھن سے ہٹانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ ایاز صادق نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان قربت کے لیے مکمل طور پر عزم ہے۔

دشمنوں کی سازشوں کو ناکام بنانے کے لیے قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کو ملوث عناصر کو کٹھن سے ہٹانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ ایاز صادق نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان قربت کے لیے مکمل طور پر عزم ہے۔

دشمنوں کی سازشوں کو ناکام بنانے کے لیے قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کو ملوث عناصر کو کٹھن سے ہٹانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ ایاز صادق نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان قربت کے لیے مکمل طور پر عزم ہے۔

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Back_Page&Date=2024-10-08

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Baqia&Date=2024-10-08

October 09, 2024

Business Recorder

Chinese delegation visits SIFC

NUZHAT NAZAR

ISLAMABAD: A high-level Chinese trade delegation from the China Asia Economic Development Association visited the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) on Tuesday. The visit is expected to further enhance business-to-business and government-to-business initiatives between Pakistan and China. The delegation was led by Qian Chui Zhu, the president of the Association for Foreign Trade, and was accompanied by members representing various development committees and institutions. The SIFC officials warmly welcomed the delegation and provided a comprehensive briefing on Pakistan's industrial development potential, investment opportunities, and key features of the country's economic landscape. The delegation expressed keen interest in investing across critical sectors such as industry, banking, defence, energy, agriculture, livestock, aquaculture, and healthcare. The Chinese delegation also expressed confidence in the SIFC's efforts to facilitate foreign investment in Pakistan. <https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/09/1-page/1010411-news.html>

Daily Times

Three tons of Pakistani pine nuts arrive in China

A fully-loaded SF Airlines freighter carrying 3 tons of “Pakistani gems” pine nuts imported from western Pakistan arrived at Ezhou Huahu International Airport via the “Ezhou-Lahore” international cargo route.

After clearing customs, these fresh, high-quality pine nuts were dispatched from Ezhou to Yiwu and then distributed throughout China, Gwadar Pro reported on Tuesday. The smoothly occupied international cargo route, coupled with efficient logistics services, has significantly facilitated trade between China and Pakistan.

Pakistan ranks as the fifth-largest producer of pine nuts globally and is the largest source of pine nut imports for China, accounting for 42% of the total import volume.

The newly established “Ezhou-Lahore” international cargo route, launched on January 13 this year, enhances trade relations between China and Pakistan, facilitating smoother access for Chinese brands into the Pakistani market and easing the entry of Pakistani products into China. As the cargo routes expand, several safeguard measures have been implemented. Ezhou Customs now offers round-the-clock customs clearance, providing streamlined services such as “one-stop clearance” and “one-click clearance.” As a specialized cargo hub, Huahu International Airport saw its international cargo flights exceed 200 in a single week in August, with monthly flights surpassing 3,000 for the first time, ranking third nationally.

Chinese logistics companies have further optimized transportation processes, significantly enhancing delivery efficiency. With the support of SF Logistics, the pine nuts from Lahore reach their Chinese destination in just 24 hours, greatly reducing transit times.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1232892/three-tons-of-pakistani-pine-nuts-arrive-in-china/>

Chinese killed in attack were key to energy debt talks: finmin

* Aurangzeb claims that PTI protests caused Rs190 billion daily loss to economy

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb disclosed on Tuesday that Chinese engineers killed in a recent suicide attack in Karachi were part of ongoing energy debt restructuring negotiations with the Pakistani government.

He also claimed that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf’s strike caused Rs190 billion daily loss to the economy. In a pre-recorded statement, Senator Aurangzeb said that the Chinese engineers killed in the Karachi airport attack were part of the team, which was engaged in talks with the Pakistani government over re-profiling of the energy debt.

“The ones killed were the Independent Power Producers engineers with whom Energy Minister Awais Leghari and I were negotiating in terms of our request to re-profile our debt and extend (payment) maturities, so that we can reduce power tariff and provide relief to the public,” Aurangzeb added. According to the Chinese embassy, the terror attack resulted in killing of its two nationals and one sustained injuries.

Pakistan was trying to get five years' extension in repayment of its about \$16 billion energy debt. It is trying to reduce the electricity price by about Rs4 per unit by delaying repayments but it may increase the debt obligation by another \$1.3 billion due to extension in repayment period.

The attack has also served a major blow to Pakistan's efforts to address Chinese security concerns. Beijing has already proposed to set up a joint security company for the protection of its citizens. "I offer my condolences to the people of China, the government of China," said Aurangzeb.

In his address on Tuesday, Aurangzeb said the engineers represented those Chinese Independent Power Plants (IPPs) who told us that they would "create a win-win situation for China and Pakistan".

The finance minister also claimed that the strikes and the resultant shutting down of the commercial activities caused Rs190 billion per day loss to the economy.

The finance minister claimed that Pakistan's economy incurred losses of Rs190 billion per day due to strike and strife. He said that the business activities were disrupted for three to four days, implying that the economy sustained Rs570 billion to Rs760 billion losses during the past four days.

"We face serious consequences whenever the government is compelled to shut down businesses and cities due to the law and order situation," said Senator Aurangzeb.

"In Islamabad alone, 800,000 people were affected in the last 3-4 days due to this kind of strife," he said. Although the minister blamed the PTI for losses, the interior minister's disproportionate action to block movement from Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa created more troubles. He also shut down the mobile services for three days – in a move that was highly unusual.

The finance minister said that the Rs190 billion daily losses were estimated on the basis of the GDP size, tax revenues, business disruption, export and the information technology service loss.

Aurangzeb said Pakistan's total GDP amounts to Rs124 trillion and the second quarter of this fiscal year the estimated size of the GDP was Rs32 trillion. He said that those conducting strikes should also address their issues through negotiations.

"Whether it is terrorism, strike or strife, these are the setbacks, which our country cannot afford," Aurangzeb said while urging the people to refrain from participating in activity which affects Pakistan's economy.

"We as a government remain committed to consolidate our economic position and attain a sustainable growth path," he concluded.

Meanwhile, the finance ministry has engaged the advisory services of Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) to make its Sovereign Wealth Fund operational. Aurangzeb met with a delegation led by former central bank governor Reza Baqir, who is now Managing Director of the Sovereign Advisory Services of Alvarez & Marsal (A&M).

The finance ministry said that the advisory firm would provide it expert advice and consulting support for operationalisation of the Pakistan Sovereign Wealth Fund. It did not disclose the money that the government would pay to Reza Baqir or his firm.

The finance ministry said that during the preliminary meeting, Reza Baqir and his team discussed their strategy and the way forward with regard to their work in line with the assigned responsibility.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/1233053/chinese-killed-in-attack-were-key-to-energy-debt-talks-finmin/>

Pakistan Observer

Attack on Pak-China friendship

THE terrorist attack near Karachi airport, which tragically claimed the lives of two Chinese nationals, represents not only a direct assault on innocent lives but also a grievous affront to the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China. This heinous act was aimed at disrupting the close ties that have flourished over the years, particularly as both nations collaborate on pivotal projects like CPEC.

The timing of this attack is particularly insidious. It occurs as Pakistan prepares to host the SCO heads of government meeting, during which the Chinese Premier is expected to visit Islamabad. However, such cowardly tactics will not succeed in undermining the strong bonds that exist between our two nations. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's unequivocal commitment to personally oversee the investigation into this attack demonstrates Pakistan's determination to uphold the security of its Chinese friends.

His assurance that "the culprits will be brought to justice" reflects a robust resolve that cannot be easily shaken. Our security and law enforcement agencies are poised to tackle this threat head-on, leaving no stone unturned to apprehend the attackers and their facilitators. It is essential to recognize that such acts of terror are part of a broader strategy by adversaries who wish to derail the development and prosperity promised by CPEC and other cooperative initiatives.

The successful continuation of these projects is crucial not only for Pakistan's economic growth but also for regional stability.

The resilience shown in the face of adversity will only strengthen the bilateral relationship, demonstrating that the forces of terrorism will not deter us from our goals.

The best response to this vile act is to continue building on the Pakistan-China relationship, reaffirming the commitment to cooperation in areas such as economy, trade, infrastructure, and security. By doing so, we send a strong message to our detractors that their attempts to sabotage our friendship will ultimately fail.

Every step forward in our collaboration will serve as a powerful rebuke to those who wish to see us divided. <https://pakobserver.net/attack-on-pak-china-friendship/>

BRI and Indonesia: A Grand Matching Box of integration & Prosperity

Dr Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan

China and Indonesia have a special chemistry in which the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has played an important role, further consolidating their relationship through foreign direct investment, trans-regional connectivity and world-class infrastructure, including rail and integrated transport systems. The economies of both countries support each other, as China is the largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region, while Indonesia is the largest economy in ASEAN and its only G20 member, creating numerous favorable propositions.

China supports ASEAN to maintain its strategic autonomy and unity, while Indonesia helps China better cooperate with ASEAN, promote regional integration and build an Asian community with a shared future. Thus it is in the mutual interest of both sides to safeguard regional development and play bigger roles in maintaining regional peace and stability. Economic participation, trans-regional connectivity, energy, food and green technological cooperation is the way forward for both sides.

It seems that current political consultation has been geared up between two countries China and Indonesia have agreed to deepen high-quality cooperation, with their enhanced strategic mutual trust and strong friendship setting an example of mutual respect and mutual benefit for other developing countries to follow.

It is good omen that Indonesia's Global Maritime Fulcrum strategy and China's Belt and Road Initiative in 2018 has further deepened the bilateral economic cooperation. The two sides have decided to introduce projects that reflect policy coordination, infrastructure connectivity, unimpeded trade, financial integration and stronger people-to-people relations.

Under the leadership of incumbent President Joko Widodo, Indonesia has wholeheartedly embraced the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), attracting a record amount of Chinese investment. The Maritime Silk Road serves as a prime example of the bilateral cooperation and joint ventures that are accelerating investment inflows between the two nations. Infrastructure and economic development have become hallmarks of China-Indonesia relations during Jokowi's tenure, positioning China as Indonesia's largest trading partner and its second-largest investment partner.

A significant milestone in this partnership is the introduction of Southeast Asia's first high-speed train, which connects Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, to Bandung in just 40 minutes—an impressive reduction from the previous three-hour travel time. The two countries have made notable progress on several landmark cooperation projects, including the Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Corridor, and the “Two Countries, Twin Parks” initiative.

In the past decade, numerous projects have emerged in Indonesia, particularly in the energy sector. Notable examples include the hydroelectric power station on the Kayan River in Borneo and the industrial parks focused on the nickel industry and its derivatives in Sulawesi (formerly Celebes) and the Moluccas. Additionally, the Digital Silk Road Initiative, driven by

Chinese telecommunications and internet giants like Huawei and Alibaba, further contributes to the vision of creating a “community with a shared future for mankind.

According to official data in 2023, Southeast Asia received around 50 percent of China’s regional investments, marking a 27 percent increase from the previous year. Indonesia emerged as the leading recipient of these funds, attracting approximately US\$7.3 billion.

During a bilateral meeting on September 8, 2023, Indonesian President Joko Widodo and Chinese Premier Li Qiang confirmed a new investment pledge of US\$21.7 billion from China, covering sectors such as e-commerce, industry, agriculture, fisheries, science and technology, and innovation.

The manufacturing sector has become the primary recipient of Chinese investment in Indonesia. Chinese FDI has played a significant role in supporting Indonesia’s dominance in the nickel market, with projects like the Morowali Industrial Park in Central Sulawesi, heavily backed by Chinese investment.

Additionally, Chinese investors are rapidly entering Indonesia’s electric vehicle (EV) market, exemplified by companies like Yadea and BYD establishing manufacturing facilities, contributing to Indonesia’s industrial capacity and infrastructure development in downstream sectors aimed at creating value-added products.

China’s investment in Indonesia’s transportation sector has been marked by significant contributions, notably the development of the Jakarta Bandung high speed railway. This flagship project, largely funded by China with an investment of US\$7.3 billion, exemplifies the robust collaboration under the BRI. The high-speed rail, which became operational in October 2023, has improved travel between Jakarta and Bandung, reducing travel time from over three hours to around 40 minutes.

China’s investment in Indonesia’s renewable energy sector is pivotal as the country navigates its energy transition. The technological advancements developed in China are crucial for Indonesia to achieve its ambitious goal of 34 percent renewable energy generation by 2030.

At the 2023 Indonesia-China Business Forum in Beijing, eleven deals worth US\$12.6 billion were signed, primarily focusing on electric vehicle (EV) batteries and clean energy projects. Earlier in 2023, Xinyi Glass Holdings from China announced a US\$11.5 billion investment to build a quartz sand processing plant on Indonesia’s Rimpang Island, which is essential for solar panel production. Moreover, in January 2024, Chinese EV manufacturer BYD established a US\$1.3 billion plant in Indonesia with a capacity to produce 150,000 units annually, marking a significant boost to the country’s burgeoning EV industry. During an event in Jakarta, BYD also introduced its three new EV models—BYD Seal, BYD Atto 3, and BYD Dolphin—into the Indonesian market. Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto hailed this investment as a move that will strengthen Indonesia’s position in the global EV market, part of a broader trend driven by the country’s vast nickel reserves, which are essential for EV battery production. Energy, mining, financial services, automotive, healthcare, and the green economy remain particularly attractive sectors for Chinese investors. Given the burgeoning interest in these areas, focusing on investment proposals within these sectors can help attract and accommodate Chinese capital more

effectively. China remains a pivotal source of capital for Indonesia, playing a crucial role in the country's foreign direct investment landscape. As of 2024, the Indonesian government actively promotes 81 projects across diverse business sectors to attract Chinese investors. These projects, included in the Regional Investment Potentials list, span various sectors such as economic zones, real estate, tourism, agro-industry, renewable energy, industry, infrastructure, and industrial estates. In summary, the Indonesian government is highlighting 81 projects and offering additional investment opportunities in renewable energy, natural resource downstreaming, and the development of the Nusantara Capital City (IKN). In the tourism sector, notable investment opportunities include destinations such as Lake Toba, Borobudur, Labuan Bajo, Mandalika, and Likupang. These initiatives reflect Indonesia's commitment to enhancing its economic landscape while attracting foreign investments. As efforts continue to facilitate investments and explore new opportunities, Indonesia and China are poised to deepen their collaboration, driving sustainable development and fostering greater regional economic integration. This evolving partnership emphasizes the importance of integrating their comprehensive strategic partnership and development policies. The Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative, and Global Civilization Initiative proposed by Xi Jinping have injected positive energy into their high-quality cooperation, reinforcing the need for coordinated efforts. To maximize their collaborative potential, it is suggested that the two sides further strengthen cooperation in various fields, including infrastructure, energy, minerals, manufacturing, investment, fisheries, food security, medicine, and health. Additionally, they should focus on emerging industries such as new energy, the digital economy, and smart cities to enhance their positions within global industry chains.

<https://pakobserver.net/bri-and-indonesia-a-grand-matching-box-of-integration-prosperity/>

The Express Tribune

High-level Chinese trade delegate visits SIFC

Expresses interest in key sectors, boosting business ties

ISLAMABAD: A high-level Chinese trade delegation from the China Asia Economic Development Association visited the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) on Monday, to explore investment opportunities in Pakistan. The SIFC officials extended a warm welcome to the delegation and provided a comprehensive briefing on the industrial growth potential, investment prospects, and key features of Pakistan's economic landscape. The delegation expressed strong interest in investing in various sectors, including industry, banking, defence, energy, agriculture, livestock, aquaculture, and healthcare. The delegation also conveyed confidence in the SIFC's role in facilitating foreign investment in Pakistan, acknowledging its efforts to streamline investment processes. The visit is expected to enhance the business-to-business and government-to-business collaboration between China and Pakistan, further strengthening the economic ties between the two nations.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2501629/high-level-chinese-trade-delegate-visits-sifc>

The News

Slain Chinese were working on power projects

Mehtab Haider

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Aurangzeb has said a single-day strike/strife is estimated to cause cumulative losses of Rs190 billion to the national kitty.

He was referring to the recent strife caused by the PTI, halting economic activities, especially in the twin cities, and other parts of the country last week. Addressing a televised speech on Tuesday, he said the Economic Advisory Wing of the Ministry of Finance assessed the economic losses and came up with a whopping figure of Rs190 billion owing to halt of economic activities. He condemned a terrorist attack on Chinese citizens, extending condolences to the Chinese government and people and reminded that he along with Power Minister Awais Leghari had led negotiations with power companies by requesting them on debt re-profile and extended maturity due to which the government might bring a reduction in power tariff. The personnel of negotiating IPPs were attacked in Karachi, he said and termed it a highly unfortunate episode.

He said that on his directives, the Economic Advisory Wing formally calculated the adverse impact, taking in account losses in gross domestic product, tax revenue, law-enforcement costs, business and export losses, foreign direct investment flow and information technology. The social sector was also affected including hospitals, construction workers, street vendors and taxi drivers. Around 0.8 million people in Islamabad suffered for 2-3 days. Currently, Pakistan's total GDP stood at Rs124 trillion, with Q2 estimates at Rs32 trillion and on that basis, the losses were estimated.

On the economic front, he said macroeconomic stability had begun to take hold with currency stability and \$10.7 billion in reserves, following the International Monetary Fund's tranche. Inflation has dropped to 6.9%, a 44-month low, with all three elements – headline inflation, core inflation and average inflation – now in a single digit. He expressed optimism that the policy rate would gradually decrease in the upcoming State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) monetary policy meeting.

He emphasized that the Karachi inter-bank offered rate, a key factor, was already below the expected level. Furthermore, the government reduced its borrowing to minimize debt servicing costs, enabling banks to lend more to the private sector. He asked the citizens to avoid activities harming the economy, emphasizing the government's commitment to consolidating its economic position and achieving sustainable growth.

Meanwhile, addressing a seminar titled "Powering a Sustainable Future: Identifying Problems and Solving Challenges in Electricity Generation, Transmission, and Distribution", organized by the USPCASE-NIPS at the NUST Islamabad on Tuesday, Awais Leghari said Pakistan's power sector was facing difficulties due to the addition of 1,200 megawatts through solar net metering every year, causing a burden of Rs100 billion on the rest of the pool of general consumers. The elite are going to recover the cost within less than two years with the installation of solar net metering at their rooftops while the rest of consumers will

face a burden of Rs40 billion this year, Rs80 billion next year and Rs160 billion in the succeeding year. He said the government would have to opt for hard choices indicating that the policymakers were considering slapping additional charges on solar installation usage.

Former chairman National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra) Tauseef H Farooqi warned that with a massive upsurge in the installation of solar rooftops through grid and off-grid, there would be long queues in front of power distribution companies (Discos) for disconnection requests from the power consumers in the next few years. Some estimates suggest that the installed solar capacity has already peaked to 12,000 MW.

The minister said the cost of the Bhasha Dam stood at \$7 billion and eviction of electricity was going to cost \$3 billion, but how they could further burden the consumers. Opposing a 350 MW coal power plant at Gwadar, he said there was 17,000 MW electricity generation in the pipeline till 2034. He asked that the cost of power mix was high, so the consumption did not increase and consumers had to be burdened for payment of capacity charges. Despite having no guarantees of continuation of government or performing on his existing portfolio for five years, Leghari hoped that the electricity tariff could be brought down by Rs5 per unit over the medium term. He cited examples that the re-profiling of Chinese IPPs debt could bring down the tariff by Rs3.75 per unit, return on equity by Rs75 paisa and re-negotiation with five IPPs by 65 paisa over the medium term, totaling a possible reduction by over Rs5 per unit. "I cannot guarantee how long we will remain in power or I will continue on this ministerial portfolio. If I continue on the existing job, the power tariff will be reduced in five years," he said and added that the two Chinese nationals killed in Karachi were taking lead in negotiating debt re-profiling of Chinese IPPs. Pakistan had requested re-profiling of Chinese IPPs debt of \$15.4 billion for extending its maturity for five years, so the overall debt would go up, but the extension in maturity period would help the government reduce the cost of electricity by Rs3.75 per unit. The minister said the Cabinet Committee on Energy was all set to grant approval for independent market operations under which the CPPA would be abandoned. The power distribution companies (Discos) are facing annual losses of Rs600 billion, clearly indicating that the power sector is unsustainable. The way forward is that the government move towards privatizing Discos and striking concessional agreements. He said the government finalized arrangements of \$2.5 billion loans with multilateral creditors, including the WB and ADB for bringing improvements in the transmission and distribution system. The government is working on an electric vehicle policy as the battery charging stations would be incentivized. The former Neptra chairman said the basic problem in the power sector intensified because of flawed projections, reliance on import-led fuel and linking repayments to dollars.

K-Electric CEO Moonis Alvi said they envisaged a plan to invest \$2 billion in bringing desired improvements. NUST Dean Dr Ashfaque Hassan Khan said the exchange rate depreciation caused Rs46 per unit escalation in the cost of electricity since 1994 to 2024. He said the wrong IPPs policy multiplied the woes of power sector. Linking of payments to dollars further aggravated the situation, making it hard for policy makers to find out solutions. <https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=349037>

Visit of Chinese PM: Proposal for reprofiling of \$15.4bn CPEC power projects debt ready

Rana Ghulam Qadir

ISLAMABAD: Preparations have been made for re-profiling of \$15.4 billion debt of electricity projects under the CPEC during the expected visit of Chinese prime minister to Pakistan this month.

A memorandum of understanding in this regard is likely to be signed during the visit of Chinese prime minister.

The Government of Pakistan has proposed re-profiling of debt for power projects under the CPEC which will increase the overall payment burden of Pakistan by \$1.22 billion. As a result of the 5-year extension in payment, the amount of payment will increase from \$15.40 billion to \$16.62 billion, according to sources.

Pakistan's Private Power Infrastructure Board and Chinese companies will sign the proposed MoU and approval for the MoU will be taken from the federal cabinet.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=349031>

Nine detained for questioning about Chinese convoy attack

Faraz Khan

karachi: Nine suspects, including a woman, have been detained for questioning as part of the ongoing investigations into Sunday night's terror attack on a Chinese convoy near Karachi Airport.

Investigators have successfully traced the route of the suicide attacker and the vehicle used in the vehicle-borne IED blast. They have confirmed that the assailants passed near the airport traffic signal prior to the incident. Additional vehicle details are being obtained with the assistance of the National Database Registration

Authority and other relevant departments.

Some of the 16 people injured in the blast have been discharged from various hospitals after receiving medical treatment, while others are still under care.

The suicide blast occurred near the Karachi Airport's traffic signal, killing three people, including two Chinese nationals, and injuring 16 others, including one Chinese national. Around 15 vehicles were also destroyed in the explosion. The banned Balochistan-based group, Baloch Liberation Army's Majeed Brigade claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing.

Given the terrorist nature of the incident, the FIR is to be registered with the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD). A draft for the FIR has been prepared, and CTD officials are awaiting approval from senior officials for its registration.

Although the BLA's Majeed Brigade has claimed responsibility for the attack on the Chinese engineers, the highly organized nature of the attack has raised several questions for investigators, and the search for answers is ongoing.

Given the complexity and scope of the attack, investigators are questioning whether the BLA could have carried out such a sophisticated operation on its own, or if there was collaboration with another militant group or local support.

One key area of investigation is how the BLA obtained information about the movements and schedules (flight details) of the Chinese engineers. Investigators are also exploring the possibility of internal support or leaks. Additionally, the large quantity of explosives used in the attack — around 70 to 80 kilogrammes (according to bomb disposal's report) — is unusual for previous BLA operations in Karachi, prompting further investigation into where the explosives came from and where they were stored before the attack.

Investigators are also trying to trace the location where the vehicle used in the attack was prepared and loaded with explosives. All these questions are crucial as authorities work to uncover the full extent of the planning and involvement behind this major and organized attack.

They are relying on various technical, forensic, and ground intelligence methods, including geo-fencing, analyzing CCTV footage from different routes, checking for suspected persons' stays in guesthouses, and recording witness statements. Additionally, intelligence networks have been activated to assist in the investigation.

Sources involved in the investigation confirmed that there is no doubt the attack was carried out by the BLA, as they have openly claimed responsibility. However, investigators are questioning whether the BLA could have planned and executed such a large-scale attack alone. It is believed that another militant outfit may have been involved in a joint venture, and local support might have played a role.

"This is the first large and organized attack of this scale by the BLA in Karachi, unlike anything seen before. It is likely that the planning had been ongoing for quite some time, and the possibility of internal support or the involvement of another militant outfit cannot be ruled out," explained a senior officer. Despite the Majeed Brigade claiming responsibility for the attack, law enforcement agencies have yet to achieve a significant breakthrough. However, they have detained nine suspects, including a woman, during raids in various parts of the city, hoping to gather information that could aid in solving the case.

Investigators have not yet cleared the crime scene, and damaged vehicles from the explosion site remain present as forensic experts continue their inspections. The geo-fencing process has been completed, leading to the identification of half a dozen suspicious phone numbers. Using call detail records, investigators have uncovered further suspicious numbers.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=349020>

Nawaiwaqt News

چائے ایشیا اکنامک ڈویلپمنٹ کے تجارتی وفد کا دورہ ایس آئی ایف سی

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار خصوصی) چائے ایشیا اکنامک ڈویلپمنٹ ایسوسی ایشن کے ایک اعلیٰ سطحی چینی تجارتی وفد نے 17 اکتوبر 2024 کو ایس آئی ایف سی کا دورہ کیا۔ وفد کی سربراہی ایسوسی ایشن کے صدر برائے بیرون ملک تجارت "چیان چوئی ژو" نے کی جن کے ساتھ ڈویلپمنٹ کمیٹی اور مختلف اداروں کی نمائندگی کرنے والے اراکین بھی موجود تھے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق ایس آئی ایف سی کے حکام نے وفد کا پرتپاک استقبال کیا اور پاکستان میں صنعتی ترقی کے امکانات، سرمایہ کاری کے مواقع اور نمایاں خصوصیات کے بارے میں جامع بریفنگ دی۔ وفد نے صنعت، بینکنگ، دفاع، توانائی، زراعت، لائیو سٹاک، آبی زراعت اور صحت کی دیکھ بھال سمیت اہم شعبوں میں سرمایہ کاری کے لیے دلچسپی ظاہر کی۔ وفد نے پاکستان میں غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری کو آسان بنانے کے لیے ایس آئی ایف سی پر اعتماد کا اظہار کیا۔ وفد کا دورہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان بزنس ٹوبزنس اور گورنمنٹ ٹوبزنس فریم ورک کے تحت منصوبوں کو مزید متحرک کرے گا۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-10-09/page-1/detail-23>

چینی انجینئرز پر حملہ پاک چین دوستی کے خلاف سازش

کراچی میں ایئر پورٹ کے قریب اتوار کو رات گئے ہونے والے خودکش دھماکے میں چینی باشندوں سمیت 3 افراد جاں بحق اور 17 افراد زخمی ہوئے۔ چینی سفارتخانے کے بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ جناح انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کے قریب چینی عملے کی گاڑی پر حملہ کیا گیا۔ سفارتخانے کی جانب سے مزید کہا گیا کہ ہم نے فوری ایمر جنسی پلان نافذ کر کے پاکستان سے تحقیقات اور سزا دینے کی درخواست کی ہے۔ دوسری جانب ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کی جانب سے بھی کراچی ایئر پورٹ کے قریب چینی انجینئرز پر دہشت گرد حملے کی سخت مذمت کرتے ہوئے کہا گیا ہے متاثرہ خاندانوں، بشمول چینی باشندوں، پاکستانیوں کے لیے گہری تعزیت اور ہمدردی کا اظہار کرتے ہیں۔ پاکستان کی سکیورٹی فورسز اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے ملزموں اور ان کے سہولت کاروں کو پکڑنے میں کسر نہیں چھوڑیں گے۔ ادھر، وزیر اعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے ایکس پر جاری اپنے پیغام کہا ہے کہ اس اندوہناک واقعے کے مرتکب پاکستانی نہیں بلکہ پاکستان کے کھلے دشمن ہیں، ان کی شناخت اور انھیں انصاف کے کٹہرے میں لانے کے لیے تحقیقات جاری ہیں۔ پاکستان اپنے چینی دوستوں کی حفاظت کے لیے پرعزم ہے، ہم ان کی سلامتی اور بہبود کو یقینی بنانے میں کوئی کسر نہیں چھوڑیں گے۔ علاوہ ازیں، شہباز شریف چینی سفارت خانے گئے اور انھوں نے پاکستان میں تعینات چینی سفیر جیانگ زیڈانگ سے ملاقات کی۔ یہ ایک حقیقت ہے کہ چینی انجینئرز کو نشانہ بنانا دراصل چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) منصوبے کو سبوتاژ کرنے کی سازش ہے اس سے پہلے بھی چینی انجینئرز کو دہشت گردی کا نشانہ بنا کر پاکستان اور چین کے تعلقات میں دراڑیں ڈالنے کی کوشش کی جا چکی ہے۔ چینی انجینئرز اور باشندوں کو ترجیحی بنیادوں پر تحفظ فراہم کیا جائے۔ ایمر جنسی پلان نافذ کیا جائے اور مکمل تحقیقات کر کے مجرموں کو کٹہرے میں لایا جائے۔ یہ تحقیقات چین کے ساتھ مل کر کی جائیں تاکہ برادر ملک چین کو مطمئن کیا جاسکے۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-10-09/page-5/detail-4>

October 10, 2024

Pakistan Observer

Sabotaging Pak-China partnership

Muhammad Mohsin Iqbal

THE targeting and killing of Chinese nationals working in Pakistan have raised serious concerns about both the safety of foreign workers and the impact on long-term development projects, particularly the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). These attacks are part

of a broader strategy aimed at destabilizing Pakistan's growth and weakening Pakistan-China relations. Understanding the motives behind these killings, identifying the beneficiaries, and addressing the internal and external forces orchestrating these incidents is essential for securing joint ventures like CPEC and protecting Pakistan's economic and geopolitical interests.

One of the key motives behind these attacks is to undermine Pakistan's economic progress. CPEC, a multi-billion-dollar initiative and a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), represents a long-term partnership between China and Pakistan. It promises significant benefits for Pakistan, including infrastructure development, energy projects, and the creation of industrial zones. CPEC has the potential to transform Pakistan into a regional economic hub, a development that some powers find threatening. By targeting Chinese nationals, adversaries aim to disrupt foreign investment, delay CPEC projects, and hinder Pakistan's economic development.

External forces are believed to play a major role in these attacks. Certain regional and global powers are uncomfortable with China's expanding influence in South Asia, particularly through its strategic partnership with Pakistan. CPEC, given its strategic importance as a trade route and energy corridor, is seen as a threat to the economic and geopolitical interests of rival nations. These forces may sponsor militant groups to carry out attacks on Chinese personnel, with the goal of driving a wedge between Pakistan and China. If successful, such efforts would benefit these external powers by reducing China's influence in the region and slowing Pakistan's economic progress.

Internally, various groups also contribute to these attacks. Some are ideologically opposed to Pakistan's close cooperation with China, while others seek to maintain instability in certain regions. Baloch separatist groups, for example, have frequently claimed responsibility for targeting Chinese workers, viewing CPEC as a threat to their cause. They argue that CPEC marginalizes local populations while exploiting the resources of Balochistan. Though their grievances may be local, these groups are often accused of receiving support from external actors with broader geopolitical goals. Additionally, other extremist factions in Pakistan may target Chinese nationals to challenge the state and draw international attention to their causes.

The beneficiaries of these attacks are clear. CPEC strengthens Pakistan's economic and strategic capabilities, which directly challenges India's influence in the region. Any disruption or delay in CPEC projects would serve India's strategic interests by slowing down Pakistan's economic growth. Similarly, some Western powers, concerned about China's growing global influence, may view the disruption of CPEC as a way to contain China's rise in Asia and beyond. By undermining this critical initiative, these powers can slow down China's economic expansion and its strengthening ties with Pakistan. The repeated targeting of Chinese nationals has a serious impact on CPEC and other joint ventures, signaling insecurity not only to China but to potential investors as well. Although China has continued its investments in Pakistan despite these threats, ongoing attacks could lead Chinese companies to reconsider the risks of their involvement. These firms may demand enhanced security measures, which would drive up project costs. In a worst-case scenario, prolonged violence could reduce China's participation in CPEC, severely affecting Pakistan's economic

prospects. Furthermore, other countries might also hesitate to invest if they perceive Pakistan cannot ensure the safety of foreign workers.

Pakistan must take immediate steps to address this growing issue. First, the government needs to enhance security measures for foreign workers, especially those involved in CPEC-related projects. This includes better coordination between security forces and improved intelligence sharing with China to prevent future attacks. Second, Pakistan must address internal grievances fueling some of these attacks. In regions like Balochistan, where CPEC is often viewed with suspicion, the government must engage with local communities. It is crucial that the local population benefits from these large-scale projects through employment opportunities and social development initiatives. Addressing local concerns can reduce the appeal of militancy and foster a more inclusive and stable environment.

On the diplomatic front, Pakistan needs to take a stronger stance against external actors suspected of sponsoring or facilitating these attacks. By presenting evidence to international forums and engaging its allies, Pakistan can counter efforts aimed at undermining its relationship with China. While maintaining strong ties with China, Pakistan should also work toward resolving regional tensions through dialogue and diplomacy, which would help reduce the threat of external interference. In conclusion, the attacks on Chinese nationals working in Pakistan are not isolated incidents but part of a larger strategy to disrupt Pakistan's economic progress and weaken its partnership with China. Both internal and external forces are involved in these destabilization efforts, with the goal of undermining CPEC and other vital development projects. To counter these challenges, Pakistan must act decisively by strengthening security, addressing internal grievances, and confronting external threats. By taking these actions, Pakistan can protect its economic future and maintain its crucial relationship with China.

<https://pakobserver.net/sabotaging-pak-china-partnership/>

The News

Incident of killing Chinese nationals condemned

Islamabad: Tribal chief and Minister Public Health Engineering Balochistan Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran strongly condemned the recent attack on Chinese Nationals, terming it as a deliberate attempt hampering Gwadar Port project which is the lifeline of the province.

Taking strong exception to this brutal act, he said as a representative of the people of Balochistan and a tribal chief, assure the Chinese brothers and sisters that their people fully stand by them in the hour of grief and sorrow. The statement added, "This cowardly act of violence is not only an affront to the longstanding friendship between Pakistan and China but also a grave violation of Baloch culture.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=349147>

‘BLA chief’ nominated in FIR of Chinese convoy attack

Faraz Khan

karachi: Police have finally registered the first information report (FIR) of the recent suicide bombing that targeted a convoy of Chinese engineers near the airport signal in Karachi, resulting in the deaths of at least three individuals, including two Chinese nationals. FIR No. 142/24 has been filed under the Pakistan Penal Code’s sections 302 (murder), 353 (assault on a public servant from discharging duty), 324 (attempted murder), 186 (obstructing public servant in discharging public functions) and 427 (mischief causing damage). The case registered at the Counter Terrorism Department police station on the complaint of the Airport police station’s SHO Kaleem Khan Moosa also includes sections 3 and 4 of the Explosive Substances Act, and Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act. The FIR quotes the SHO as saying that while he was on duty at around 11pm, a loud explosion was heard. Upon investigation, it was found that the explosion had occurred on the road in front of the CAA Guardroom, near the outer signal of Jinnah International Airport Terminal Road. Several vehicles were destroyed in the blast, and fires broke out. Multiple individuals, including Rangers, police personnel and civilians, were injured, while two Chinese nationals were killed on the spot. Their bodies were found near the coaster, while parts of a third body were retrieved from a nearby drain. The complainant stated that when the police arrived at the blast site, witnesses informed them that an unidentified man driving a Toyota Hilux had intentionally crashed his explosive-laden vehicle into the convoy of Chinese engineers, which was heading towards Sharea Faisal from the Jinnah Terminal. The explosion occurred as the convoy was passing by. The FIR notes that through media outlets, the banned Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing, and that the key masterminds behind the attack are associated with the BLA, including BLA chief Bashir Ahmed Baloch, alias Bashir Zaib, and Abdur Rahman, alias Rehman Gul.

They, along with other accomplices, brainwashed the suicide bomber and carried out the attack using a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. The motive behind the attack was to harm Pakistan-China relations, promote terrorism in Pakistan with the support of a hostile foreign spy agency, and disrupt the security of Chinese nationals in Pakistan.

The FIR also states that the attackers aimed to undermine the morale of the country’s security agencies, and destabilise the region for financial and ideological benefits linked to their banned group.

Meanwhile, there have been unconfirmed reports that the suicide bomber involved in the airport attack, namely Fahad, had stayed at two hotels in the Saddar area, which are being investigated.

The investigators also plan on carrying out phased inspections of hotels and guest houses where people from other cities typically stay. Some individuals have reportedly been taken into custody. Police mentioned that those whose details are verified will be released once their credentials are fully cleared. <https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=349287>

Chinese PM to address joint session of parliament

Muhammad Saleh Zaafir

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Prime Minister Li Kiang will address the joint session of parliament next Monday. The details are being finalised in Islamabad and Beijing.

According to Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will not address the parliament on the occasion.

Many agreements will be signed between both the countries during the Chinese premier's visit.

The Chinese prime minister will hold meetings with the Pakistani political and military leadership. He will assure Pakistan of full cooperation against terrorism and other threats.

After nine years, a Chinese leader will address the parliament of Pakistan after President Xi Jinping addressed it in 2015.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=349313>

Express News

چینی قرضوں کی جلد ری پروفاٹنگ کا امکان نہیں، محمد اورنگزیب

وفاقی وزیر خزانہ محمد اورنگزیب نے چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورے کے موقع پر قرضوں کی ری اسٹرکچرنگ کے امکان کو مسترد کر دیا، سینیٹ کی اسٹیٹنگ : اسلام آباد کمیٹی برائے خزانہ کے اجلاس کے بعد میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انھوں نے کہا کہ صوبے اگلے مالی سال سے نئے ریٹس کی بنیاد پر ذریعہ انکم ٹیکس وصول کریں گے۔

ایک سوال کا جواب دیتے ہوئے انھوں نے کہا کہ چینی قرضوں کی فوری ری شیڈولنگ کا کوئی امکان نہیں ہے، انھوں نے چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورہ پاکستان کے موقع پر قرضوں کی ری شیڈولنگ کی میڈیا رپورٹس کی تردید کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ قرضوں کی ری پروفاٹنگ ایک طویل عمل ہے، جس کے لیے کافی وقت درکار ہوگا، چینی مذاکرات کاروں سے رابطہ میں رہنے والے ذرائع نے بتایا کہ یہ پاکستان کی خواہش تو ہو سکتی ہے، لیکن اس کا عملی طور پر کوئی وجود نہیں ہے۔

یہ ایک طویل عمل ہے، جس کے لیے کافی وقت درکار ہے، واضح رہے کہ پاکستان کو چین کا 16 ارب ڈالر قرض دینا ہے، اور پاکستان کی خواہش ہے کہ چینی وزیر اعظم اپنے دورہ پاکستان کے موقع پر کم از کم ایک مفادہمتی یادداشت پر دستخط کریں، تاکہ قرضوں کی ری پروفاٹنگ کا پراسس شروع کیا جاسکے، لیکن اس کا مطلب فوری ریلیف نہیں ہے، اس مذاکراتی عمل کو پایہ تکمیل تک پہنچنے میں تین سے چار سال لگ سکتے ہیں، یاد رہے کہ منگل کو وزیر خزانہ نے اپنے ایک بیان میں کہا تھا کہ کراچی حملے میں دو چینی مذاکرات کار مارے گئے ہیں، تاہم فنانس ڈویژن نے اس تاثر کی تردید کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ مارے گئے چینی انجینئرز ان آئی پی بی میں کام کرتے تھے۔

جن سے مذاکرات کیے جا رہے ہیں، لیکن ان کا مذاکراتی عمل میں کوئی حصہ نہیں تھا، وفاقی وزیر خزانہ نے مزید کہا کہ صوبوں کو ذریعہ انکم ٹیکس کی وصولی کیلئے درکاری قانونی ترامیم جنوری 2025 تک کرنا ہوگی، اور یکم جولائی 2025 سے نئے ریٹس کے مطابق ٹیکس وصول کریں گے۔

دریں اثناء ایشیائی ترقیاتی بینک کے اعلیٰ سطح وفد سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے سینیٹر محمد اورنگزیب نے کہا کہ پاکستان کی معیشت کو بیرونی قرضوں پر انحصار سے نکالنے اور پائیدار اور جامع ترقی کے لیے معیشت کا ڈی این اے بدلنا ضروری ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2721617/6/>

Nawaiwaqt News

وزیر اعظم کا شنگھائی کانفرنس کو سبوتاژ نہ ہونے دینے کا عزم

وزیر اعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کی معیشت مثبت سمت میں گامزن ہے، قوم سے وعدہ ہے کہ کسی کو 2014ء کی تاریخ دہرا کر ملکی معیشت کو نقصان نہیں پہنچانے دیں گے، تحریک انصاف نے پاکستان کی معیشت پر کاری ضرب لگائی، وفاق کے اوپر چڑھائی کی دھمکیاں اور دشنام طرازی جیسی افسوسناک گفتگو کی جا رہی ہے۔ اس طرح کے واقعات ہمیں دوبارہ 2014ء کی طرف لے جاسکتے ہیں۔ قوم کو اس سازش کا علم ہونا چاہیے کہ کس طرح ملک کی جڑیں کھوکھلی کی گئیں۔ اس دھرنے کی وجہ سے 7 ماہ کی تاخیر کے بعد اپریل 2015ء میں چینی صدر پاکستان آئے۔ اب چین کے وزیر اعظم دو طرفہ دورے پر پاکستان آرہے ہیں، سعودی عرب سے وفد جلد پاکستان آ رہا ہے جہاں 2 ارب ڈالر کے معاہدے متوقع ہیں۔ کابینہ اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہ اجلاس کے لئے ہر ممکنہ حفاظتی اقدامات اٹھائے گئے ہیں۔

۲۰۱۴ء میں تحریک انصاف کی طرف سے اسلام آباد میں طویل دھرنے کا آغاز ہوا تھا۔ انہی دنوں چینی صدر کا دورہ پاکستان طے تھا جو دھرنے کی وجہ سے مؤخر کر دیا گیا یہ دورہ 2014 جتنا مؤخر ہوا اتنے ہی دورے کے دوران ہونے والے ممکنہ معاہدے اور منصوبے بھی تاخیر کا شکار ہو گئے جو کسی صورت پاکستان کے مفاد میں نہیں تھا تاہم اے پی ایس پشاور کا واقعہ ہوا تو تحریک انصاف نے اپنا دھرنہ اٹھالیا اور وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کے ساتھ عمران خان نے اے پی ایس کا دورہ بھی کیا۔ آج پھر تحریک انصاف سے ایسے ہی رویے کی توقع کی جا رہی تھی مگر وہ بے سود ثابت ہو رہی ہے۔ سات اکتوبر کو ایوان صدر میں وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کی طرف سے فلسطینیوں کے ساتھ اظہارِ یکجہتی اور اسرائیلی بربریت کے خلاف آل پارٹیز کانفرنس ہو رہی تھی۔ اس میں پی ٹی آئی کو شرکت کی دعوت دی گئی تھی جس میں اس نے شرکت سے انکار کر دیا۔

تحریک انصاف کے انتخابات سے حوالے سے تحفظات ہو سکتے ہیں۔ اس پر معاملات عدالتوں اور انتخابی ٹریبونلز میں ہیں۔ وہاں سے فیصلوں کا انتظار کرنا چاہیے۔ ادھر 26 ویں مجوزہ آئینی ترمیم کے لیے حکومت سرگرم ہے۔ قانون سازی پارلیمنٹ کا اختیار اور حق ہے جس کے لیے سادہ اکثریت کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے البتہ آئینی ترمیم کے لیے دو تہائی اکثریت کا ہونا لازم ہے۔ قانون سازی اور آئین میں ترمیم اتفاق رائے سے ہو جائے تو بہت بہتر، اگر اپوزیشن تعاون نہیں کرتی تو حکومت مطلوبہ اکثریت کے ذریعے ترمیم کر سکتی ہے۔ 26 ویں مجوزہ آئینی ترمیم کا ایک حصہ جو ڈیشنل پیکیج پر مشتمل ہے جس سے تحریک انصاف متفق نہیں ہے۔ حکومت کسی بھی صورت ترمیم کرنے اور اپوزیشن اتنی ہی شدت سے روکنے کیلئے ایڑی چوٹی کا زور لگا رہی ہے۔ اسلام آباد اور راولپنڈی میں پی ٹی آئی کی طرف سے کئی روز احتجاج اور مظاہرے ہوتے رہے جس کے باعث دونوں شہر بند ہو کر رہ گئے۔ حکومت کی طرف سے احتجاج روکنے کے لیے جو رکاوٹیں کھڑی کی گئیں ان سے بھی شہر برے طریقے سے بند ہو گئے۔ تین چار روز ان شہروں کے لوگ عذاب میں مبتلا رہے۔

مجوزہ آئینی ترمیم کے لیے دوبارہ اجلاس طلب نہیں کیا گیا جس میں ممکنہ طور پر مجوزہ ترمیم کو منظور کروایا جانا تھا۔ اب کہا جا رہا ہے کہ ترمیم کے لیے اجلاس 15 اور 16 اکتوبر کی شنگھائی سربراہ کانفرنس کے بعد طلب کیا جائے گا لہذا تحریک انصاف کی سرپرستی تو پیش خاموش ہو گئی ہیں۔ اگر شنگھائی سمٹ کے دوران احتجاج یا مظاہروں کی کال دی جاتی ہے تو تحریک انصاف کے ملک دشمن ہونے میں کسر نہیں رہ جائے گی۔ ایسی پارٹی کے ساتھ اسی طرح سے نمٹا جاتا ہے جس طرح پی ٹی ایم سے نمٹنے کے لیے اسے کالعدم قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ تحریک انصاف ملکی سطح کی بڑی پارٹیوں میں سے ایک ہے اس سے ملکی معاملات میں قومی دھارے میں رہنے کی توقع کی جاتی ہے۔

پاکستان کو دشمن ہر صورت عدم استحکام سے دوچار کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔ شنگھائی سربراہ اجلاس کو ناکام بنانے اور پاکستان کی معیشت کو زک پہنچانے کے لیے کراچی میں چینی انجینئرز پر حملہ کیا گیا۔ وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف اس حوالے سے کہتے ہیں کراچی میں دہشت گردوں کے حملوں میں 2 چینی انجینئرز ہلاک جبکہ ایک زخمی ہوا۔ ہشام کے بعد یہ دوسرا افسوس ناک واقعہ تھا۔ ہشام کے واقعہ کے بعد چین کی جانب سے ان کے شہریوں کی حفاظت کے لئے مزید اقدامات اٹھانے کی استدعا کی گئی تھی۔ دورہ چین کے دوران انہیں اس حوالے سے ٹھوس یقین دہانی کرائی گئی تاہم بد قسمتی سے دو روز قبل یہ واقعہ پیش آ گیا۔ چین کے وزیر اعظم کے متوقع دورے اور طویل عرصہ بعد پاکستان میں شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے اجلاس کے موقع پر چینی باشندوں کو ہدف بنانا افسوسناک اور ناقابل برداشت ہے۔

وفاقی وزیر خزانہ و محصولات محمد اورنگزیب نے کہا ہے کہ معاشی بہتری کیلئے حکومت کی جانب سے اٹھائے جانے والے اقدامات کے نتیجے میں معاشی استحکام کے ثمرات آنا شروع ہو گئے ہیں۔ مگر ملک دشمن آڑے آڑے ہیں۔ کراچی میں دہشتگردی کا نشانہ بننے والے یہ آئی پی پی کے وہ انجینئرز تھے جن سے قرضوں، میچورٹی اور ٹریف میں کمی پر مذاکرات کر رہے تھے۔ یہ آئی پی پی بجلی سستی کرنے پر رضامند تھیں۔

پاکستان کو دہشت گردی کی دلدل میں دھکیلنے اور پاکستان کی معیشت کو تباہ کرنے والے دشمنوں کے خلاف پوری قوم کو متحد ہونے کی ضرورت ہے۔ تحریک انصاف کی لیڈر شپ کو سوچنا اور اداروں کو دیکھنا چاہیے کہ وہ دانستہ یا نادانستہ پاکستان کے دشمنوں کے ہاتھ تو مضبوط نہیں کر رہی۔ دشمن شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سٹ کو سبوتاژ کرنے کے لیے کسی بھی حد تک جاسکتا ہے لہذا شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم اجلاس کو کامیاب بنانے کے لیے وسیع تر قومی اتحاد کی ضرورت ہے۔

پشاور ہائیڈرو پاور نے گزشتہ روز پی ٹی آئی رہنماؤں کی ضمانت سے متعلق کیس کی سماعت کے دوران بجاطور پر یہ ریمارکس دیئے ہیں کہ مسائل پارلیمنٹ میں حل ہونے چاہئیں۔ جو کچھ ہو رہا ہے وہ معاشرے کے لیے نقصان دہ ہے۔ آج قومی افہام و تفہیم کی ضرورت ہے۔ ملک اور سسٹم کی بقا و استحکام ہر سیاسی جماعت کی اولین ذمہ داری ہونی چاہیے۔ پی ٹی آئی تخریب و انتشار کی سیاست ترک کر کے قومی تعمیر کی طرف آئے۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-10-10/page-5/detail-10>

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم اجلاس، آرڈی اے نے مشترکہ چیک پوسٹ کو اپ گریڈ کر دیا

راولپنڈی (اپنے سٹاف رپورٹرز سے) راولپنڈی ڈیویلوپمنٹ اتھارٹی نے اسلام آباد میں ہونے والے شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم اجلاس کے حوالے سے مشترکہ چیک پوسٹ (جے سی پی) کو اپ گریڈ کر دیا ہے۔ ڈائریکٹر جنرل راولپنڈی ڈیویلوپمنٹ اتھارٹی کنزرو مرٹنی نے جو انٹ چیک پوسٹ کی ترمیم و آرائش کے بعد افتتاح کر دیا ہے۔ ڈی جی آرڈی اے کی ہدایت پر انجینئرنگ ڈائریکٹوریٹ آرڈی اے نے سڑک کی بجالی، ڈھانچے کی پینٹنگ، ایکریبلک شیٹ کے ساتھ ڈھانچے کی فیشل اپ لفٹنگ، لائٹنگ کسچر کی مرمت، ایلو مینیم کمپوزٹ بینیل (اے سی پی) کی سکریننگ و چیکنگ پکٹس پر تبدیلی اور سفالٹ کالین کے بعد سڑک کا فرنیچر کام مکمل کر لیا ہے۔ اس موقع پر ڈی جی آرڈی اے نے انجینئرنگ ڈائریکٹوریٹ آرڈی اے کی کاوشوں کو سراہا۔ جدید سکریننگ آلات، سکیورٹی کیمروں اور کنٹرول روم کی دیگر سہولیات سے لیس جو انٹ چیک پوسٹ نہ صرف ٹریفک کی روانی کو یقینی بنائے گی بلکہ چیک پوسٹ پر تعینات قانون نافذ کرنے والے اہلکاروں کو بھی سہولت فراہم کرے گی۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-10-10/page-10/detail-78>

اسلام آباد میں شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کا اجلاس حکومتی کارکردگی کا ثبوت: ڈپٹی چیئر مین سینٹ

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار) ڈپٹی چیئر مین سینٹ سیدال خان نے کہا ہے کہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کا اسلام آباد میں ہونے والا اجلاس ایک بہت بڑی کامیابی ہے، یہ کامیابی وزیراعظم محمد شہباز شریف اور ڈپٹی وزیراعظم سینیٹر اسحاق ڈار کی انتھک محنت اور کاوش کا نتیجہ ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس میں مختلف وفدوں سے ملاقات کے دوران کیا۔ سیدال خان نے کہا کہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کی کانفرنس کا انعقاد ایک بہت بڑی کامیابی ہے، یہ حکومت کی کارکردگی اور بہتر سفارت کاری کا نتیجہ ہے کہ اقوام عالم پاکستان پر اعتماد کا اظہار کر رہے ہیں، اس کانفرنس کے انعقاد سے نہ صرف ملک میں تجارت و کاروبار کا فروغ اور بین الاقوامی سرمایہ کاری میں اضافے کا رجحان پیدا ہو گا بلکہ ملک کی بہتری اور خوشحالی کے لیے بھی راہیں ہموار ہوں گی۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2024-10-10/page-10/detail-79>

October 11, 2024

Business Recorder

Zardari visits China's embassy to offer condolence

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday visited the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and offered his heartfelt condolences on behalf of the government and people of Pakistan over the tragic killing of Chinese citizens in a terrorist attack in Karachi on 7th October 2024.

Strongly condemning the terrorist attack, the president reiterated the resolve to bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice. He expressed Pakistan's solidarity with Chinese brothers and sisters in this hour of grief.

Talking to the Chinese Ambassador, Jiang Zaidong, the president said that the Chinese government and people had contributed to the socio-economic development of Pakistan and the enemies of both countries could not want to see the growing partnership between the two states.

He stated that such cowardly acts by the hostile elements could not weaken the bonds of friendship between the two time-tested friends.

The president reiterated Pakistan's commitment to ensure the safety and security of the Chinese nationals residing in the country.—NAVEED BUTT

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/11/3-page/1010706-news.html>

Chinese PM's visit to help brighten country's economic prospects: LCCI

RECORDER REPORT

LAHORE: The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry has expressed the optimism that the Chinese Prime Minister's visit will boost economic prospects of Pakistan.

In a statement, LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad, Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman and Vice President Shahid Nazir Chaudhry said that the visit signifies a critical opportunity to boost Pakistan's economic prospects by attracting more Chinese investment. They said that the relationship between Pakistan and China has been marked by strong economic ties but this visit takes it a step further.

They added that the business community expect to see a wave of investment in critical sectors such as energy, technology, infrastructure and manufacturing. "The CPEC has already laid a solid foundation and this visit will help us build on that success by expanding trade opportunities and exploring new partnerships," he remarked.

They said that such collaborations are vital for the progress of local industries and for improving Pakistan's trade balance with China by enhancing exports.

The LCCI office-bearers highlighted the importance of China's role in fostering the growth of Pakistan's Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). Chinese investment and expertise

can provide a much-needed boost to our SMEs, helping them modernize and increase their competitiveness on the global stage.

They also emphasized that Lahore, as an industrial and commercial hub, offers an ideal platform for Chinese companies to explore business opportunities, particularly in industries such as textiles, construction and IT. “There is tremendous potential for joint ventures that can drive job creation and technological advancement in Pakistan,” they added.

The LCCI office-bearers at LCCI are prepared to facilitate Chinese businesses, from offering market insights to providing practical support in establishing joint ventures. This visit will create new prospects for cooperation, particularly in renewable energy, advanced manufacturing, and agribusiness. They further expressed optimism that Pakistan’s export sectors will see increased demand in China as a result of this visit.

LCCI officials underscored that this high-profile visit also reinforces the importance of CPEC as a game-changer for Pakistan’s economy. Mian Abuzar Shad said that further collaboration under CPEC could significantly enhance Pakistan’s infrastructure and energy sectors, which are crucial for industrial growth.

The LCCI office-bearers said that the Chinese Prime Minister’s visit signals continued support for CPEC and demonstrates China’s commitment to playing a long-term role in Pakistan’s economic development.

The LCCI leadership also called for more initiatives to improve technology transfer between the two nations with a focus on innovation and digital transformation in industries that can benefit from China’s advanced expertise.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/11/4-page/1010716-news.html>

China to work with Pakistan to protect Chinese personnel

BEIJING: China said on Thursday it would work with Pakistan to protect the safety and security of Chinese personnel, projects and institutions in Pakistan, following the killing of two Chinese engineers claimed by a separatist militant group on Sunday.

Mao Ning, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson, said she was not aware of reports that Pakistani authorities are seeking to curb movements of Chinese citizens during the Shanghai Cooperation Organization meeting next week because of a security risk from militant groups targeting them.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40326567>

The Nation

Chinese PM likely to address parliament’s joint session

Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang is set to visit Pakistan next week to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, where he is likely to address a joint session of parliament.

The Chinese premier is scheduled to arrive in Pakistan on October 14, with the summit to be held from October 15-16.

During his visit, several agreements are expected to be signed between the two countries, and Li Qiang will engage in meetings with Pakistan's political and military leadership. This will mark the first visit by a Chinese prime minister to Pakistan in 11 years. The last high-level address by Chinese leadership was in 2015, when President Xi Jinping addressed the Pakistan parliament during the PML-N government.

According to National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will not address parliament on this occasion.

The SCO summit, comprising nine member nations including China, India, Iran, and Russia, will take place in Islamabad. Indian Minister for External Affairs S. Jaishankar will also participate, though no bilateral meetings are planned during his visit.

In preparation for the summit, Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi conducted inspections of various key areas in Islamabad, including D-Chowk, Constitution Avenue, Murree Road, and the Islamabad Expressway. Naqvi reviewed the renovation and cleaning arrangements, instructing authorities to complete all work swiftly, particularly along VVIP routes and the Red Zone, ensuring that Islamabad's natural beauty is showcased during the event.

To facilitate the summit, the government has declared a three-day public holiday in Islamabad and Rawalpindi from October 14-16.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/10-Oct-2024/chinese-pm-likely-to-address-parliament-s-joint-sitting>

The News

China to work with Pakistan to protect Chinese personnel following attack

Asim Yasin

BEIJING: China said on Thursday it would work with Pakistan to ensure safety and security of Chinese personnel, projects and institutions in Pakistan, following the killing of two Chinese engineers claimed by a separatist militant group on Sunday.

Mao Ning, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson, said she was not aware of reports that Pakistani authorities are seeking to curb movements of Chinese citizens during the Shanghai Cooperation Organization meeting next week because of a security risk from militant groups targeting them. Earlier, President Asif Ali Zardari visited the Embassy of the People's Republic of China on Thursday and offered his heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan over the tragic killing of Chinese citizens in a terrorist attack in Karachi on 7th October 2024.

Strongly condemning the terrorist attack, President Asif Ali Zardari reiterated his resolve to bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice. He expressed Pakistan's solidarity with Chinese brothers and sisters in this hour of grief.

Talking to the Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong, the president said that the Chinese government and people have contributed to the socio-economic development of Pakistan and the enemies of both countries did not want to see the growing partnership between the two

states. He said that such cowardly acts by the elements could not weaken the bonds of friendship between the two time-tested friends.

The president reiterated Pakistan's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the Chinese nationals residing in the country.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=349591>

Chinese investigation team arrives in Karachi, inspects suicide attack site

Faraz Khan

karachi: A high-level team of Chinese investigators reportedly arrived in Karachi and inspected the site of the recent suicide attack near the airport signal that targeted a Chinese delegation and their security convoy.

Sources revealed that after visiting the blast site, the Chinese investigation team were briefed by Pakistani investigation officials on the findings so far.

The Pakistani investigators informed the Chinese team that due to strict airport security, the attacker was unable to bring his explosives-laden vehicle inside the airport. He carried out the suicide attack near the signal outside the airport.

The Chinese investigators also examined the evidence collected by Pakistani agencies and gathered some of their own evidence from the site.

However, no statement has been officially issued regarding the visit of the Chinese investigation team.

Meanwhile, sources reported that the human remains found at the scene have been identified as those of the suicide bomber, Shah Fahad. According to the sources, the identification was made possible through two fingers from the bomber's left hand, which matched with record of the National Database & Registration Authority.

Other body parts recovered from the scene include the bomber's torso, left hand with two fingers, and fragments of the head, sources said.

Investigators also await the examination report of the explosive samples sent for analysis. This will help determine which type of explosive was used in the device.

The investigators are also waiting for other forensic reports and have

expanded the scope of the investigations using geo-fencing and call detail record analysis. Interrogation of the detained suspects also continues.

It is important to note that on Sunday night, a suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden vehicle into a convoy of Chinese engineers. As a result, three persons, including two Chinese nationals, were killed, and 16 others, including another Chinese national, injured.

The attack also caused significant damage to more than 15 vehicles. The responsibility claimed by the Baloch Liberation Army's Majeed Brigade through social media. Later, police

registered a case at the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) against the BLA chief and facilitators.

Bodies sent home

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and Governor Muhammad Kamran Tessori attended a ceremony on Thursday to dispatch from the old terminal of the Karachi airport the bodies of two Chinese nationals who were killed in a terror attack on October 6.

The two Chinese nationals were killed in a car-borne IED blast near the airport on Sunday.

Senior officials of police, Rangers and other agencies also attended Thursday's ceremony, in which a minute's silence was observed over the death of the two Chinese nationals.

The chief minister and the governor also expressed condolences to the families of the Chinese nationals as well as to the Chinese government.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=349564>

Express News

روس اور چین کے وزرائے اعظم آئندہ ہفتے پاکستان کا دورہ کریں گے

آئندہ ہفتے دو ممالک کے وزرائے اعظم پاکستان کا دورہ کریں گے جس میں روس اور چین شامل ہیں۔ اسلام آباد

سفارتی ذرائع کے مطابق روسی فیڈریشن کے وزیر اعظم میخائل ولادیمیر ووج مشہو سٹن کی 14 اکتوبر کو اسلام آباد آمد متوقع ہے جو کہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سربراہان مملکت اجلاس میں شرکت کریں گے۔

روسی وزیر اعظم میخائل ولادیمیر ووج مشہو سٹن کے ہمراہ ایک وفد بھی پاکستان پہنچے گا جبکہ روسی صحافیوں کی بڑی تعداد بھی آئے گی۔

دورہ پاکستان میں روسی وزیر اعظم کی وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سے ملاقات بھی ہوگی جبکہ میخائل ولادیمیر ووج مشہو سٹن دیگر اعلیٰ پاکستانی قیادت سے بھی ملاقاتیں کریں گے۔ روسی وزیر اعظم اور ان کے وفد کے اعزاز میں عشاء بھی دیا جائے گا۔

اسی طرح، چین کے وزیر اعظم لی کیانگ بھی ایک اعلیٰ سطح وفد کے ہمراہ 14 اکتوبر کو ہی پاکستان پہنچیں گے۔ چینی وزیر اعظم کا تین روزہ دورہ پاکستان دو حصوں پر مشتمل ہوگا۔

دورے کے پہلے حصے میں چینی وزیر اعظم کی وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سمیت دیگر اعلیٰ پاکستانی سیاسی قیادت سے ملاقاتیں ہوں گی جبکہ چینی وزیر اعظم کی پاکستان کی اعلیٰ عسکری قیادت سے بھی ملاقات متوقع ہے۔

ملاقاتوں میں پاک چین تعلقات، سی پیک کے نئے منصوبوں، چینی باشندوں اور منصوبوں کی سیکورٹی سمیت دیگر امور زیر غور آئیں گے۔

دورے کا دوسرا حصہ 15 اکتوبر سے کثیر الجہتی دورے پر مشتمل ہوگا جس میں چینی وزیر اعظم 15 اور 16 اکتوبر کو ہونے والی شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہان حکومت کے اجلاس میں شرکت کریں گے۔ ایس سی او کے سربراہان مملکت اجلاس میں لی کیانگ چین کی نمائندگی کریں گے۔ چینی وزیر اعظم کے اس دورے پر دونوں ممالک کے دوران متعدد معاہدوں پر دستخط متوقع ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ 11 سال بعد کسی بھی چینی وزیر اعظم کا دورہ پاکستان ہوگا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2722470/1/>

K2 Daily

ایڈیٹوریل کمیٹی کے مشاوریوں سے مشاورت کے ساتھ CBMS پر عملدرآمد یقینی بنانے کیلئے اقداماتی ہدایت

امینہ صوری کی ایڈیٹوریل کمیٹی کے ممبران کی سربراہی میں

میڈیا واٹس ایپ سے

میڈیا واٹس ایپ سے

دقائق کے سامنے این ایف سی میں حصے کا مطالبہ بھی رکھا ہے جس پر مثبت پیشرفت کی امید ہے، گزشتہ دنوں کے لئے سوئٹزرلینڈ میں جاری مقامی شعبوں میں کفایت شعاری کو یقینی بنایا ہے

اسن دامان برقرار رکھنے کیلئے علماء مشائخ کونسل قائم کی جا رہی ہے، بلا سو قدر ضرر پروگرام کا دائرہ دور دراز علاقوں تک بڑھایا جائیگا، پمپل سیکورٹی ورکشاپ سے خطاب

گلاب (پہاڑی) ایڈیٹوریل کمیٹی کے ممبران کی سربراہی میں جاری مقامی شعبوں میں کفایت شعاری کو یقینی بنایا ہے۔ اسن دامان برقرار رکھنے کیلئے علماء مشائخ کونسل قائم کی جا رہی ہے، بلا سو قدر ضرر پروگرام کا دائرہ دور دراز علاقوں تک بڑھایا جائیگا، پمپل سیکورٹی ورکشاپ سے خطاب

قدرتی جزی بوٹیوں سے تیار کردہ

بقیہ

تعمیراتی کاموں کی سربراہی میں جاری مقامی شعبوں میں کفایت شعاری کو یقینی بنایا ہے۔ اسن دامان برقرار رکھنے کیلئے علماء مشائخ کونسل قائم کی جا رہی ہے، بلا سو قدر ضرر پروگرام کا دائرہ دور دراز علاقوں تک بڑھایا جائیگا، پمپل سیکورٹی ورکشاپ سے خطاب

تعمیراتی کاموں کی سربراہی میں جاری مقامی شعبوں میں کفایت شعاری کو یقینی بنایا ہے۔ اسن دامان برقرار رکھنے کیلئے علماء مشائخ کونسل قائم کی جا رہی ہے، بلا سو قدر ضرر پروگرام کا دائرہ دور دراز علاقوں تک بڑھایا جائیگا، پمپل سیکورٹی ورکشاپ سے خطاب

تعمیراتی کاموں کی سربراہی میں جاری مقامی شعبوں میں کفایت شعاری کو یقینی بنایا ہے۔ اسن دامان برقرار رکھنے کیلئے علماء مشائخ کونسل قائم کی جا رہی ہے، بلا سو قدر ضرر پروگرام کا دائرہ دور دراز علاقوں تک بڑھایا جائیگا، پمپل سیکورٹی ورکشاپ سے خطاب

تعمیراتی کاموں کی سربراہی میں جاری مقامی شعبوں میں کفایت شعاری کو یقینی بنایا ہے۔ اسن دامان برقرار رکھنے کیلئے علماء مشائخ کونسل قائم کی جا رہی ہے، بلا سو قدر ضرر پروگرام کا دائرہ دور دراز علاقوں تک بڑھایا جائیگا، پمپل سیکورٹی ورکشاپ سے خطاب

تعمیراتی کاموں کی سربراہی میں جاری مقامی شعبوں میں کفایت شعاری کو یقینی بنایا ہے۔ اسن دامان برقرار رکھنے کیلئے علماء مشائخ کونسل قائم کی جا رہی ہے، بلا سو قدر ضرر پروگرام کا دائرہ دور دراز علاقوں تک بڑھایا جائیگا، پمپل سیکورٹی ورکشاپ سے خطاب

تعمیراتی کاموں کی سربراہی میں جاری مقامی شعبوں میں کفایت شعاری کو یقینی بنایا ہے۔ اسن دامان برقرار رکھنے کیلئے علماء مشائخ کونسل قائم کی جا رہی ہے، بلا سو قدر ضرر پروگرام کا دائرہ دور دراز علاقوں تک بڑھایا جائیگا، پمپل سیکورٹی ورکشاپ سے خطاب

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Baqia



https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Back_Page

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Classified

October 12, 2024

Pakistan Observer

Chinese democracy at 75: An expert opinion

Dr Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan

THE People's Republic of China holds the biggest "whole processed" democratic system in the world, vividly reflecting its deep rooted acceptability, accessibility, popularity and, above all, national narrative of national integration, socio-economic prosperity, ethnic diversity, multiculturalism and protection of basic human rights in the country. The Communist Party of China (CPC) is the biggest political party of the world, differentiating prevailing concepts and models of capitalistic and liberalized modern democracies to the Chinese Socialist political system always preferring people over corporate profits, always honouring people's welfare over rule of the majority and always protecting nature, environment, minorities, elderly people and weaker factions of the society as compared to western wrong notions of climate change, notorious freedom of expression, rotten civil liberty and exploitation of pensioners and social funds. Thus the Chinese model of democracy stands for development, decency, productivity, positivity and participation.

2024 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China during which China has uninterruptedly developed its socialist democracy, consisting of people's rule, good governance, numerous political reforms, and further enhanced its governance systems and capabilities ultimately transforming its international outlook, state, society and the system. Unfortunately, the policy makers of China have been confronting with the westerners' onslaught and constant refusal to recognize China as a democracy and insist on labelling socialism with Chinese characteristics as non-democratic or authoritarian with its one-party rule. It seems that the western notions are full of political hypes, false and fake propaganda with no substance having numerous dark shadows.

In this connection, China also does have a different political party system, but that does not supervise with one-party rule or authoritarianism. It has an ideal combination of multi-party cooperation and political consultation under the leadership of the CPC which is a distinctive political party system rooted in China's history socio-political fabric that represents a distinct choice that differs from Western political party systems. The Western political and democratic system is based on the mainstream discourse projecting as the signature of democracy. These political systems predominantly rely on competition and feature interactions between political parties primarily around elections for various levels of parliament and executive positions.

In Western democracies, ruling parties often prioritize short-term election promises over long-term national policies, leading to economic recessions, price hikes, and basic necessities' denial. This has resulted in political instability, corruption, inadequate national capacity building, and pervasive poverty, unemployment, and discrimination, which have fuelled the rise of right-wing political parties, eroding social equality and decency. Additionally, many developing countries that adopted Western party systems, such as Sri Lanka, Nepal, and various African nations, have not necessarily found success. The western democracy's so-called high standards resultantly supported the waves of Arab Spring which ultimately spoiled their economies, communities and commodities and faulty lines fatally damaged their sovereignties, territorial integrities and economic prospects.

In Middle East and South Asia political parties, divided along ethnic, cultural and religious lines, failed to achieve consensus on national development and were thus unwilling to accept election results or resolve issues through institutional means. Pakistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia and Sri Lanka are the prime examples of the western democratic misfortunes and follies. Thus the western political party systems do not represent a universal truth. The key to achieving democratic governance lies in exploring a political party system suited to a country's specific circumstances. Conversely, in 1949, the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) established the system of multi-party cooperation and political consultation under the CPC leadership. Other political parties and prominent figures without party affiliation were invited to participate in governance, and this new type of political party system has since been fully implemented.

Under this system, the CPC is the core of the state and society, with its leadership and ruling status enshrined in the Constitution. This ensures that the CPC can both address immediate challenges and formulate long-term strategic plans. The CPC demonstrated remarkable mobilization and organizational capacities, ensuring the safety and livelihood of people in affected areas. At the same time, China's fight against poverty continued unabated, and by the end of 2020, China has eradicated absolute poverty for its 1.4 billion people. Other political parties in China are not the counterparts of opposition parties in the West. Rather, they participate in governance under the leadership of the CPC. Unlike the "winner-takes-all" approach of Western democracies, the political parties in China are an integral part of China's governance institutions.

According to official statistics, since the first session of the 13th National People's Congress in 2018, over 152,000 members of other political parties and prominent figures without party

affiliation have served as legislators at various levels. They participate in government, consult on key policies and leadership appointments, manage state affairs, and contribute to the formulation and implementation of laws and policies. This has avoided the mutual attacks and obstructionism often seen among Western political parties. In summary, China's political party system respects the will of the majority while considering the reasonable demands of the minority. It avoids the pitfalls of Western political party systems dominated by elite groups and special interests and effectively reflects the interests and aspirations of various social groups.

It is evident that China's system emphasizes multi-party cooperation over multi-party competition typical of Western multi-party systems. It prevents the frequent gridlock, indecision, and policy paralysis that characterize Western systems. It fosters consultative democracy alongside electoral democracy, giving other political parties a platform to voice their opinions, exercise supervision, and offer constructive suggestions to the CPC.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-democracy-at-75-an-expert-opinion/>

The Chinese, we must protect!

Abdullah Gauhar Malik

THE recent spate of deadly terrorist attacks over the weekend is a grim reminder of the chaotic and multifaceted militant threat Pakistan continues to face. Yet again, the country finds itself grappling with a wave of violence that not only costs precious lives but also exposes glaring security failures. At a time when the country is at a critical juncture in its economic and political recovery, attacks like that of Sunday night make the challenge ten times harder.

The bombing near Karachi airport over the weekend wasn't just a random act of violence but a calculated assault on Chinese nationals working in Pakistan. The banned Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) wasted no time in claiming responsibility, boasting that its Majeed Brigade executed the attack. This is not just an isolated event, but part of a broader strategy to destabilize the country by targeting crucial international relationships.

The time to mince words is long gone. Pakistan's reputation and security credibility are hanging by a thread. The fact that terrorists could launch such a brazen attack near one of the most secure locations in the country is a monumental failure. Karachi airport and its surroundings are covered by layers of security forces, yet militants were able to strike with deadly precision. This raises uncomfortable but necessary questions: How did our security apparatus fail to prevent this? Who will be held accountable for this breach?

Adding to this tragedy, on the same weekend, Pakistan's security forces were targeted in multiple deadly clashes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Thirteen army and Frontier Corps personnel were martyred in North Waziristan and Kurram, and three more in a roadside bombing in Kalat. Once again, the country's defenders ended up paying the price.

This Karachi attack could not have come at a worse time. Pakistan is just days away from hosting foreign dignitaries for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Islamabad. The timing is no coincidence. There's every reason to believe that Chinese

nationals were targeted specifically to embarrass Pakistan and derail the event. The consequences of these security failures extend far beyond the loss of life—they threaten to undermine Pakistan's international standing and its ability to host important diplomatic events.

Pakistan is now at a crossroads. The economy is fragile, and the country is slowly trying to re-enter the global arena. But these terrorist attacks happening at regular intervals threaten to undo any progress we make. We simply cannot afford to let militants dictate our future, and yet our overall response remains inadequate.

The attacks over the weekend also highlight the diversity of the militant threat. Pakistan isn't facing a monolithic enemy. What this means is that militant groups are driven by different ideologies, from the Baloch separatists with regional grievances to the religious extremists seeking to impose their vision through violence. Yet we remain distracted with the focus remaining on suppressing opposition or staging protests and bringing the cities to a complete standstill, depending on the side of the political spectrum you belong to and support.

In the short term, the solution is clear: intelligence-based operations that can preempt and neutralize these violent actors before they strike. The longer we delay, the more we endanger our citizens, our economy, and our international standing. Pakistan's future hinges on its ability to confront and eliminate the terrorist threat once and for all. Economic recovery, national development, and diplomatic engagement are impossible while the spectre of terrorism looms large.

<https://pakobserver.net/the-chinese-we-must-protect/>

The Express Tribune

Karachi attack: watershed in Sino-Pak relations?

China is getting increasingly upset and desperate after direct attacks on its citizens.

The deadly October 6 strike on the Chinese convoy near the Karachi airport should serve as a wake-up call for the Pakistani authorities for multiple reasons. As many as 21 Chinese nationals – engineers, technical workers and teachers – have been killed in Pakistan since 2017. Even more worrying is the precisely targeted attack, which smacks of an "insider job" i.e. somebody familiar with the movement of a special Chinese delegation passed on the information to insurgents. Investigators, too, are underlining the same possibility.

The loss of two precious Chinese lives came within 24 hours of the martyrdom of 16 Pakistan army officials, including a colonel – an evident intensification of the proxy war on Pakistan. Be it the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) or the TTP, the instruments of destabilisation and agents of fear are active from Kurram, Waziristan and Khyber in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa to Khuzdar and Gwadar in Balochistan and to Karachi in Sindh – inflicting sustained pricks on security forces at will, it appears.

Understandably, China is getting increasingly upset and desperate after direct attacks on its citizens. The situation has also fired up Beijing's desire for possible joint security mechanisms to deal with the threat of terrorism. The situation demands it, officials in Beijing believe. The Chinese Foreign Ministry disclosed on Friday that its "inter-agency" Chinese

team visiting Islamabad asked their hosts "to properly handle ensuing matters... conduct thorough investigations, bring all the perpetrators to justice, and step up security measures to ensure the safety and security of Chinese personnel, institutions, and projects in Pakistan".

Wary Chinese officials privately fume about Pakistani leaders' penchant for lofty and, at times, irresponsible talk. The latest came from the Finance Minister, Mohammad Aurangzeb, in the form of a recorded message in which he stated that the Chinese engineers killed in the Monday's BLA-claimed suicide car bombing were part of the negotiations for restructuring an IPP loan.

However, the Finance Division clarified the following day that the deceased engineers were not involved in IPP talks. Hence, any impression created to this effect by media reports is misleading. Instead of conceding the minister's irresponsible statement in a pre-recorded message, the ministry put the onus of erroneous "impression" on the media. That is why Pakistani leaders are not being taken seriously anymore. They are now expected to deliver on their tall promises of bringing to justice BLA's so-called Majeed Brigade of suicide bombers, among others.

Similarly, a few days earlier, the ministry gave the impression that debt reprofiling talks with the Chinese IPPs were underway. However, on October 9, the minister ruled that out, saying the re-profiling agreement could not be signed because it was a long-drawn process and would require the consent of lenders and sponsors.

Pakistan owes nearly \$16 billion to Chinese financial institutions, and it wants to re-profile not only the government-to-government debt but also extend the repayment period for commercial loans. So far, though, Beijing has not given a green signal.

Meanwhile, serious concerns about the possible infiltration of official ranks by insurgents have stemmed from the high-profile Karachi attack, raising multiple questions that require urgent answers.

How would the BLA know that a Chinese IPP team and its engineers were arriving in Karachi? Isn't it a matter of grave anxiety that BLA and the likes have allegedly infiltrated official ranks and released critical information as and when needed? Officials in Balochistan have experienced this phenomenon, and suffered too, more than often at the hands of infiltrators - mostly enrolled as government officials - who act as informers for the militants.

China seems to have run out of patience with the casual "cowboy style" pronouncements by Pakistani leaders following attacks on Chinese nationals rather than delivering on their pledges and guarantees for the Chinese workforce in the country. Chinese officials in private discussions point to the two major incidents in Dasu within two years resulting in the loss of 14 Chinese lives when expressing dissatisfaction over the arrangements.

Based on their experience of the past nine years, Chinese authorities project legitimate reasons for being unhappy not only with the security protocols but also with the decision-making and implementation processes within the Pakistani government. Default or substantial delays in payments to the Chinese IPPs is another major obstacle to CPEC-II.

Is Pakistan likely to request that China extend the repayment of all Chinese debt and investment, totaling about \$26 billion? Or at least waive the IPP-power sector circular debt the country owes to Chinese companies?

Equally important is: will the Karachi tragedy act as a catalyst for closer Sino-Pak security collaboration?

Beijing has repeatedly proposed a "comprehensive security cooperation" to jointly manage the security challenges facing CPEC and other Chinese investments. So far, Pakistani officials have been reluctant – if not expressly averse – to the idea for unknown reasons.

No foreign boots on the ground is the argument. But the problems that Iran, China, Uzbekistan and Pakistan are facing seem to be rooted in proxy terrorism with tentacles in Afghanistan as well as in various Pakistani border regions stretching from the north in Chitral to the Indian Ocean coastline, predominantly inhabited by the Baloch.

It is difficult to imagine life going on as usual after so many incidents. If Pakistan genuinely wants to comfort the Chinese leadership and minimise its apprehensions, it will have to devise an effective counterterrorism strategy involving not only China but also Iran and other regional nations. Proxy terrorism is transboundary in nature and hence requires a transboundary, collaborative mechanism with the synergy of thought and action.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2502214/karachi-attack-watershed-in-sino-pak-relations>

Express News

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم اجلاس میں 8 ممالک کی اعلیٰ شخصیات شرکت کریں گی

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کا اجلاس 15 سے 16 اکتوبر کو اسلام آباد میں ہوگا، اجلاس میں 8 ممالک کی اعلیٰ شخصیات شرکت کریں گی، ایس سی او ایک علاقائی تنظیم: اسلام آباد ہے جس کا قیام 2001 میں عمل میں آیا۔ اس تنظیم کا مقصد خطے میں سیاسی، اقتصادی، اور سیکیورٹی تعاون کو فروغ دینا ہے۔

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سیاسی، اقتصادی اور معاشی تعاون تنظیم ہے جسے شنگھائی میں سنہ 2001ء میں چین، قازقستان، کرغیزستان، روس، تاجکستان اور ازبکستان کے کے اراکین تھے سوائے ازبکستان کے جو اس میں 2001ء میں شامل ہوا، تب اس تنظیم کا نام (Shanghai Five) رہنماؤں نے قائم کیا۔ یہ تمام ممالک شنگھائی پانچ بدل کر شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم رکھا گیا۔ 10 جولائی 2015ء کو اس میں بھارت اور پاکستان کو بھی شامل کیا گیا۔

پاکستان 2005ء سے شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کا ممبر ملک تھا، جو تنظیم کے اجلاسوں میں باقاعدگی سے شرکت کرتا رہا اور 2010ء میں پاکستان کی جانب سے شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کی رکنیت کے لیے درخواست دی گئی۔

تنظیم کے رکن ممالک کے سربراہان نے جولائی 2015ء میں اوفاجلاس میں پاکستان کی درخواست کی منظوری دی اور پاکستان کی تنظیم میں باقاعدہ شمولیت کے لیے طریقہ کار وضع کرنے پر اتفاق کیا۔ پاکستان کی شمولیت سے شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے رکن ممالک کی تعداد آٹھ ہو گئی ہے۔ پاکستان نے شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کی رکنیت کے حوالے سے 'ذمہ داریوں کی یادداشت' پر دستخط کر دیے، جس کے بعد پاکستان تنظیم کا مستقل رکن بن گیا۔

جون 2017ء کو پاکستان اور بھارت کو تنظیم کی مکمل رکنیت مل گئی۔ ایس سی او کا اجلاس ہر سال منعقد ہوتا ہے، ایس سی او کے آٹھ رکن ممالک ہیں چین، روس، پاکستان 9 بھارت، قازقستان، کرغزستان، تاجکستان، ازبکستان اور 2023 میں ایران بھی ایس سی او کا مستقل رکن بن گیا ہے۔ یہ ممالک شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے بنیادی رکن ہیں جبکہ کچھ دیگر ممالک مبصر کے طور پر شامل ہیں یا شراکت دار کے طور پر تعاون کرتے ہیں۔

بھارتی وزیر خارجہ کا پاکستان کا آخری دورہ 2015 میں ہوا تھا، جب اس وقت کی وزیر خارجہ سشما سوراج نے پاکستان کا دورہ کیا۔ یہ دورہ دسمبر 2015 میں ہوا تھا اور اس کا مقصد افغانستان کے حوالے سے ہونے والے "ہارٹ آف ایشیا" کانفرنس میں شرکت کرنا تھا، جو اسلام آباد میں منعقد ہوئی تھی۔ اس دورے کے دوران سشما سوراج نے اس وقت کے وزیر اعظم پاکستان نواز شریف اور پاکستانی ہم منصب سر تاج عزیز سے ملاقاتیں بھی کی تھیں۔

آئندہ ہفتے دو بڑی جوہری اور ویٹو طاقتوں کے وزرائے اعظم پاکستان کا دورہ کریں گے۔ روسی فیڈریشن کے وزیر اعظم میخائل ولادیمیر ووج مشہو سٹن کی 14 اکتوبر کو اسلام آباد پہنچیں گے۔ سفارتی ذرائع کے مطابق روسی فیڈریشن کے وزیر اعظم شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سربراہان مملکت اجلاس میں شرکت کریں گے۔ روسی وزیر اعظم میخائل ولادیمیر ووج مشہو سٹن کے ہمراہ ایک وفد بھی پاکستان پہنچے گا۔ روسی وزیر اعظم کے ہمراہ روسی صحافیوں کی بڑی تعداد بھی پاکستان پہنچے گی۔

دورہ پاکستان میں روسی وزیر اعظم کی وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سے ملاقات بھی ہوگی، میخائل ولادیمیر ووج مشہو سٹن دیگر اعلیٰ پاکستانی قیادت سے بھی ملاقاتیں کریں گے، روسی وزیر اعظم اور ان کے وفد کے اعزاز میں عشاء بھی دیا جائے گا۔

چین کے وزیر اعظم لی کیانگ بھی 14 اکتوبر کو ہی پاکستان پہنچیں گے، چینی وزیر اعظم بھی ایک اعلیٰ سطح وفد کے ہمراہ پاکستان پہنچیں گے، چینی وزیر اعظم کا تین روزہ دورہ پاکستان دو حصوں پر مشتمل ہوگا، دورے کے پہلے دو طرفہ حصے میں چینی وزیر اعظم کی وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سمیت دیگر اعلیٰ پاکستانی سیاسی قیادت سے ملاقاتیں ہوں گی۔ چینی وزیر اعظم کی پاکستان کی اعلیٰ عسکری قیادت سے بھی ملاقات متوقع ہے، ملاقاتوں میں پاک چین تعلقات، سی پیک نئے منصوبوں، چینی باشندوں اور منصوبوں کی دورے کا دوسرا حصہ 15 اکتوبر سے کثیرالجہتی دورے ہر مشتمل ہوگا، دورے کے دوسرے حصے میں چینی وزیر اعظم 15 سیکورٹی سمیت دیگر امور زیر غور آئیں گے۔ اور 16 اکتوبر کو ہونے والی شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہان حکومت کے اجلاس میں شرکت کریں گے۔ وہ ایس سی او کے سربراہان مملکت اجلاس میں چین کی نمائندگی کریں گے، یہ 11 سال بعد کسی بھی چینی وزیر اعظم کا دورہ پاکستان ہوگا۔ چینی وزیر اعظم کے اس دورے پر دونوں ممالک کے دوران متعدد معاہدوں پر دستخط متوقع ہیں۔ کانفرنس کے دوران رکن ممالک پاکستان کی سیاسی اور عسکری قیادت سے بھی ملاقاتیں کریں گے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2722876/1/>

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے اجلاس میں افغانستان کو مدعو نہیں کیا گیا

افغانستان شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سربراہان حکومت اجلاس میں شامل نہیں ہوگا، ایس سی او سیکریٹریٹ کی جانب سے افغانستان کو دعوت نہیں دی گئی۔ اسلام آباد ایکسپریس نیوز کو ذرائع سے معلوم ہوا ہے کہ افغانستان کو ایس سی او سیکریٹریٹ کی جانب سے سربراہان حکومت اجلاس میں شرکت کی دعوت نہیں دی گئی جس کے بعد اب افغانستان شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سربراہان حکومت اجلاس میں شامل نہیں ہوگا۔

سفارتی ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ افغانستان ایس سی او کا ممبر نہیں بلکہ آہرور ریاست ہے جس کی رکنیت غیر فعال ہے، افغانستان 7 جون 2012ء کو ایس سی او کا آہرور بنا جبکہ ستمبر 2021ء سے اس کی رکنیت غیر فعال ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2723109/1/>

ایس سی او اجلاس، وزیراعظم مختلف وفود کے سربراہان سے دو طرفہ ملاقاتیں بھی کریں گے

وزیراعظم شہباز شریف وفاقی دارالحکومت میں شیڈول شدہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم (ایس سی او) کے سربراہی کے اجلاس کے دوران پاکستان آنے والے مختلف: اسلام آباد ممالک کے وفود کے سربراہان سے دو طرفہ ملاقاتیں بھی کریں گے۔

ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کی جانب سے جاری بیان میں کہا گیا کہ اسلام آباد میں 15 سے 16 اکتوبر تک ایس سی او کے رکن ممالک کے سربراہان حکومت کی کونسل آف ہیڈز کا 23 واں اجلاس منعقد ہوگا، وزیراعظم شہباز شریف کونسل آف ہیڈز کے چیئرمین کی حیثیت سے اجلاس کی صدارت کریں گے۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ کونسل کے رکن ممالک کی نمائندگی چین، روس، بیلاروس، قازقستان، کرغزستان، تاجکستان اور ازبکستان کے وزرائے اعظم کریں گے، ایران کے پہلے نائب صدر اور بھارت کے وزیر خارجہ بھی اجلاس میں شرکت کریں گے۔

ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ایس سی او سربراہی اجلاس میں مبصر ریاست کے طور پر منگولیا کے وزیراعظم اور ترکمانستان کے نائب چیئرمین کاہینہ اور وزیر خارجہ خصوصی مہمان کے طور پر شرکت کریں گے۔

ترجمان وزارت خارجہ نے کہا کہ وزیراعظم شہباز شریف اجلاس کے موقع پر مختلف وفود کے سربراہان سے اہم دو طرفہ ملاقاتیں بھی کریں گے، اجلاس میں معیشت، تجارت، ماحولیات اور سماجی اور ثقافتی روابط کے شعبوں میں جاری تعاون پر بات چیت کی جائے گی اور تنظیم کی کارکردگی کا جائزہ لیا جائے گا۔

ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اجلاس کے دوران رکن ممالک کے درمیان تعاون کو مزید فروغ دینے کے لیے اہم فیصلے کیے جائیں گے اور تنظیم کے بجٹ کی منظوری دی جائے گی۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2723242/1/>

K2 Daily

	روس اور چین کے وزرائے اعظم
14 اکتوبر کو پاکستان کا	دورہ کریں گے
<p>اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) روس اور چین کے وزرائے اعظم آئندہ ہفتے پاکستان کا دورہ کریں گے جس میں روس اور چین (باقی صفحہ 7 پر نمبر 6)</p>	

شمال چین۔ سفارتی ذرائع کے مطابق روسی فیڈریشن کے وزیراعظم میشل ڈولڈیکوویچ مشوین کی 14 اکتوبر کو اسلام آباد آمد متوقع ہے جو کہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سربراہانِ ممالک اجلاس میں شرکت کریں گے۔ روسی وزیراعظم میشل ڈولڈیکوویچ مشوین کے ہمراہ ایک وفد بھی پاکستان پہنچے گا جبکہ روسی سفارتوں کی بڑی تعداد بھی آئے گی۔ دورہ پاکستان میں روسی وزیراعظم کی وزیراعظم شہباز شریف سے ملاقات بھی ہوگی جبکہ ممالک اور دیگر روسی مشوین کے ہمراہی پاکستانی قیادت سے بھی ملاقاتیں کریں گے۔ روسی وزیراعظم اور ان کے وفد کے اعزاز میں مشوین بھی دیا جائے گا۔ اسی طرح چین کے وزیراعظم لی کیاچنگ بھی ایک اعلیٰ سطح کے وفد کے ہمراہ 14 اکتوبر کو ہی پاکستان پہنچیں گے۔ چینی وزیراعظم کا تین روزہ دورہ پاکستان دو حصوں پر منقسم ہوگا۔

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Date=2024-10-12

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Baqia&Date=2024-10-12

October 13, 2024

Business Recorder

China tees up fresh spending to boost economy

BEIJING: China said Saturday it would issue special bonds to help its sputtering economy, signalling a spending spree to bolster banks, shore up the property market and ease local government debt as part of one of its biggest support packages in years.

The plan is part of a series of actions undertaken by Beijing to draw a line under a years-long property sector crisis and chronically low consumption that has plagued the world's second biggest economy.

Beijing's planned special bonds are aimed at boosting the capital available to banks — part of a push to get them lending in the hopes of firing up sluggish consumer spending.

China is also preparing to allow local governments to borrow more to fund the acquisition of unused land for development, aimed at pulling the property market out of a prolonged slump. No figures were provided on the planned special bonds announced at a highly anticipated press conference by Finance Minister Lan Fo'an and other officials, following a series of steps launched in recent weeks that have included interest rate cuts and liquidity for banks.

But Lan said China still has room “to issue debts and increase the deficit” to fund the new measures.

Officials have been battling to reverse China's slowdown and achieve a growth target of five percent this year — enviable for many Western countries but a far cry from the double-digit expansion that for years boosted the Asian giant.

On Saturday, Lan said Beijing was “accelerating the use of additional treasury bonds, and ultra-long-term special treasury bonds are also being issued for use”.

“In the next three months, a total of 2.3 trillion yuan of special bond funds can be arranged for use in various places,” he added.

On top of that, Beijing also plans to “issue special government bonds to support large state-owned commercial banks,” Lan said, although he did not say how much.

Chinese authorities have been urging commercial banks to lend more and lower mortgage rates — measures that would put more cash into the pockets of consumers. Beijing's bonds would therefore offer banks help to shore up their capital, giving them greater leeway to lend more.

Local governments will be issued special bonds enabling them to acquire unused and idle land for development, Vice Finance Minister Liao Min said.

The move would “help ease liquidity and debt pressures on local governments and real estate companies,” he explained.

Beijing will also encourage the acquisition of existing commercial properties to be used as affordable housing.

However, analysts expressed frustration that Beijing had refrained from putting a number on further fiscal stimulus.

Beijing was likely “still working on the minute details of the fiscal stimulus,” Heron Lim at Moody’s Analytics told AFP.

“In the meantime, investors might be taking a step back until they are absolutely certain of the direction fiscal policy is taking.”

On the streets of Beijing on Saturday though, those who spoke to AFP were largely optimistic. “Everyone has been paying close attention to this meeting, especially since the stock market has recently been experiencing a downward trend,” said Quan Sheng, a 41-year-old who works in IT. “I believe this is definitely positive news... This provides confidence for investors, who believe that the stock market can gradually strengthen,” he added.

China’s economic uncertainty is fuelling a vicious cycle that has kept consumption stubbornly low.

On Saturday, “notably absent was any mention of large-scale handouts to consumers”, said Capital Economics’ Julian Evans-Pritchard.—AFP

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/13/1-page/1010961-news.html>

Pakistan Observer

SCO and security of Chinese nationals

Naveed Aman Khan

TWO Chinese nationals were killed and one sustained injuries in a horrific suicide attack near Karachi’s Jinnah International Airport on October 6. At least seventeen others were seriously injured. Approximately 80 kg of high explosives were used in the blast, which set several vehicles ablaze. This incident is part of a string of violence against Chinese nationals in recent years. The Majeed Brigade, a suicide wing of the terrorist group BLA, is involved in the Karachi attack. The attacker, Shah Fahad Baloch, from the Noshki district, was a BBA student at Lasbela University in Balochistan. This incident follows a spate of terror attacks earlier this year aimed at disrupting Pakistan’s close ties with China. The tragic incident happened just days before Pakistan is set to host SCO. To sabotage SC, more terrorist attacks on Chinese are suspected. After Karachi incident, 20 poor coal miners have been killed by the terrorists in Duki near Quetta. This terrorist attack is another message for the stakeholders. Pakistan is a strategic ally of China and a key link in BRI initiative. CPEC has faced mounting security challenges, as Pakistan grapples with a surge in violence from multiple militant and terrorist groups in recent years. The groups include Majeed Brigade, Hafiz Gul Bahadur group, BLA, BLF, TTP and ETIM.

The groups have consensus on targeting Chinese citizens in Pakistan. Terrorist organizations want Chinese nationals to pack up and leave the country without delay. They believe that if the Chinese continue working on CPEC, Pakistan will gain stability. These terrorist groups, being patronized by India and America, are opposed to Pakistan. The groups understand that once China successfully establishes industries based on modern technology, it will be very

difficult for them to control the pace of development in Pakistan and China. India and America believe that a strong and stable Pakistan is not in their interests. Through terrorist attacks, India and America can halt the momentum of development in Pakistan and China. The groups are operating as sponsored proxies of India and America. Afghan Taliban are facilitating both India and America in broad-based terrorism in Pakistan. China has invested tens of billions of dollars in CPEC, a flagship BRI project launched in 2015 that links China's western Xinjiang province to Pakistan's Gwadar port on the Arabian Sea with a network of roads, railways, pipelines and power plants. The anti-China sentiment is strong among groups in Balochistan. Majeed Brigade of BLA, responsible for recent Karachi attack, is the most prominent of several terrorist groups in Balochistan.

Pakistan and China will have to establish Joint Security Company to crush groups operating against Chinese in the country. Joint intelligence sharing will make it possible. Pakistani police is not well equipped and properly trained. Pakistan and China will have to equip and train police on international modern standards. Pakistan will have to jointly probe linkages of terrorists in different government departments, police and intelligence agencies. Who leaks exclusive information of movement of the Chinese to the terrorist groups? It seems that some strong network is secretly operating among terrorists and insiders in the government. This network will have to be found out. Capability of police will have to be enhanced. To effectively eliminate terrorists, China will need to provide sophisticated weapons and technology to Pakistan. The movement of Chinese engineers and workers should be restricted to their projects. They should be provided with residence and every facility for living at the secured sites of the projects to prevent terrorists from reaching them.

Chinese personnel should be given bomb-proof vehicles for travel and helicopter services for commuting to and from airports. Additionally, they should opt for online meetings to avoid unnecessary movement on roads. We cannot control terrorism in the country with conventional weapons and methods. During the 1990s, China successfully crushed the terrorist network of ETIM in its vast Xinjiang province. Pakistan will have to learn a lesson from China and Sri Lanka that have very successfully crushed terrorism in their countries. By all means Pakistan will have to safeguard Chinese personnel working in the country. Foolproof security arrangements can win confidence of foreign investors. Qatar, KSA, UAE, Turkiye, Russia and China are committed for heavy investment in Pakistan. In bleak security conditions it will be difficult for investors to invest in Pakistan. Government needs to ensure security and wellbeing of Chinese working in Pakistan.

<https://pakobserver.net/sco-and-security-of-chinese-nationals/>

The News

CTD terms attack on Chinese engineers conspiracy to undermine Pak-China ties

Karachi: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) has termed the recent attack on Chinese engineers near the Karachi airport “a conspiracy to undermine Pakistan-China relations”.

It submitted a copy of its initial report to the administrative judge of the anti-terrorism courts, stating that the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) was involved in the bombing.

The report claimed that the attack was carried out with the help of an intelligence agency of a hostile country.

The attacker drove his vehicle close to a convoy carrying Chinese nationals and detonated his charge, the report said, adding that the explosion took place near the Civil Aviation Authority’s guardroom.

An FIR No. 142/24 has been filed under the Pakistan Penal Code’s sections 302 (murder), 353 (assault to deter public servant from discharging duty), 324 (attempted murder), 186 (obstructing public servant in discharging public functions) and 427 (mischief causing damage).

The case registered at the Counter Terrorism Department police station on the complaint of the Airport police station’s SHO Kaleem Khan Moosa also includes sections 3 and 4 of the Explosive Substances Act, and Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act.

The FIR quotes the SHO as saying that while he was on duty at around 11pm, a loud explosion was heard. Upon investigation, it was found that the explosion had occurred on the road in front of the CAA guardroom, near the outer signal of Jinnah International Airport Terminal Road.

Several vehicles were destroyed in the blast, and fires broke out. Multiple individuals, including Rangers, police personnel and civilians, were injured, while two Chinese nationals were killed on the spot. Their bodies were found near the coaster, while parts of a third body were retrieved from a nearby drain.

The complainant stated that when the police arrived at the blast site, witnesses informed them that an unidentified man driving a Toyota Hilux had intentionally crashed his explosive-laden vehicle into the convoy of Chinese engineers, which was heading towards Sharea Faisal from the Jinnah Terminal. The explosion occurred as the convoy was passing by.

The FIR notes that through media outlets, the banned Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing, and that the key masterminds behind the attack are associated with the BLA, including BLA chief Bashir Ahmed Baloch, alias Bashir Zaib, and Abdur Rahman, alias Rehman Gul.

They, along with other accomplices, brainwashed the suicide bomber and carried out the attack using a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. The motive behind the attack was to harm Pakistan-China relations, promote terrorism in Pakistan with the support of a hostile foreign spy agency, and disrupt the security of Chinese nationals in Pakistan.

The FIR also states that the attackers aimed to undermine the morale of the country's security agencies, and destabilise the region for financial and ideological benefits linked to their banned group.

Video clip

The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) has released a video message recorded by Shah Fahad, the suicide bomber involved in the attack on the convoy of Chinese engineers near the Karachi airport's outer signal, adds Faraz Khan.

In the video running for six minutes and nine seconds, Fahad, a member of the BLA's Majeed Brigade, can be seen wearing a light blue shalwar kameez and sitting in a car. The clip appears to have been recorded shortly before the attack.

Both at the beginning and at the end of the video, which was published on the BLA's media channel Hakkal, he can be heard issuing a warning.

It is important to note that a high-level team of Chinese investigators had previously arrived in Karachi to inspect the site of the suicide attack near the airport signal that targeted a Chinese delegation and their security convoy.

The Chinese investigation team visited the blast site and, after inspecting the area, were briefed by Pakistani investigation officers on the findings thus far.

On the night of October 6, a suicide bomber had rammed his explosives-laden vehicle into the convoy of Chinese engineers, resulting in the deaths of two Chinese nationals among three fatalities, while 16 others, including another Chinese national, were injured.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350134>

Express News

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سربراہ اجلاس، وزیر اعظم کا انتظامات پر اظہار اطمینان

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم (ایس سی او) کا سربراہ (کونسل آف ہیڈ آف گورنمنٹ) کا 23 ویں اجلاس 15 اور 16 اکتوبر کو اسلام آباد ہوگا، وزیر اعظم: اسلام آباد / راولپنڈی شہباز شریف نے اجلاس کے انتظامات کا جائزہ لینے کیلئے جناح کنونشن سینٹر کا دورہ کیا۔ وزیر اعظم کو چیئرمین سی ڈی اے اور وزارت خارجہ کے حکام نے تیار یوں کے بارے میں بریفنگ دی۔ وزیر اعظم نے اجلاس کے انتظامات پر اطمینان کا اظہار کیا اور ہدایت کی کہ شرکاء کی آمد و رفت کے دوران شہریوں کو کم سے کم تکلیف پہنچانے کیلئے خصوصی اقدامات کیے جائیں۔

ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کے مطابق شہباز شریف ایس سی او اجلاس کی صدارت کریں گے، اجلاس میں چین، روس، بیلاروس، قازقستان، کرغزستان، تاجکستان اور ازبکستان کے وزرائے اعظم، ایران کے اول نائب صدر اور بھارت کے وزیر خارجہ شریک ہوں گے۔ مبصر ملک منگولیا کے وزیر اعظم اور ترکمانستان کے وزیر اکی کاہینہ کے چیئرمین شریک ہوں گے۔ افغانستان اجلاس میں شریک نہیں ہوگا۔

سفارتی ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ افغانستان کو ایس سی او سیکرٹریٹ کی جانب سے اجلاس میں شرکت کی دعوت نہیں دی گئی۔ افغانستان ایس سی او کا ممبر نہیں بلکہ مبصر ریاست ہے جس کی رکنیت ستمبر 2021 سے غیر فعال ہے۔ شہباز شریف ایس سی او اجلاس کے موقع پر وفد کے سربراہوں سے ملاقاتیں کریں گے، اجلاس میں معیشت، تجارت، سماجی و ثقافتی تعلقات اور ماحولیات کے شعبوں میں تعاون پر بات ہوگی، تعاون کے فروغ کے حوالے سے اہم فیصلے ہونگے اور تنظیم کے بجٹ کی منظوری دی جائیگی۔

ایس سی او کا نفرنس کے حوالے سے ٹریفک پلان بھی جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ 1100 سے زائد ٹریفک اہلکار فرائض سرانجام دیں گے، عوام کو متبادل راستے استعمال کرنے کی ہدایت کی گئی اور کہا گیا کہ جی ٹی روڈ پشاور سے راولپنڈی جانے والے افراد متبادل راستے جیسے ٹیکسلا، چکری انٹر چینج، اور موٹروے استعمال کریں۔

لاہور سے اسلام آباد جانے والے افراد چک بلی روڈ اور چکری انٹر چینج کے راستے سفر کریں۔ اسلام آباد سے راولپنڈی جانے والے شہری نائنٹھ ایونیو استعمال کریں۔ ضلعی انتظامیہ نے شہریوں سے درخواست کی ہے کہ اجلاس کے دوران اپنی نقل و حرکت کو محدود رکھیں۔ ریڈ زون میں کسی بھی قسم کی سرگرمیوں پر مکمل پابندی عائد ہوگی، جبکہ شادی ہالز، ہوٹلز اور ریسٹورانٹس بھی ان ایام میں بند رہیں گے۔

سی ڈی اے کے مطابق جناح کنونشن سینٹر کی تزئین و آرائش بین الاقوامی معیار کے مطابق مکمل کی جا چکی ہے۔ مختلف جدید تنصیبات کے ساتھ تمام کام ہنگامی بنیادوں پر چالیس دن میں مکمل کئے گئے ہیں۔ غیر ملکی مہمانوں کیلئے روٹس پر خوبصورت پھول اور جھنڈے نصب کئے گئے ہیں۔ سی ڈی اے ذرائع کے مطابق شہر کی تمام سڑکوں کی صفائی اور تزئین و آرائش کا کام بھی مکمل کر لیا گیا ہے۔

ایس سی او اجلاس کے مہمانوں کے استقبال اور اسلام آباد روانگی کے حوالے سے نور خان چکالہ ایئر بیس پر 2 مرتبہ فل ڈریس ریہرسل کی گئی۔ سب سے زیادہ سیورٹی حصار کا مظاہرہ چینی وفد کیلئے کیا گیا۔ رات کی فل ڈریس ریہرسل ساڑھے گیارہ بجے سے سحری تک جاری رہی جبکہ ہفتہ کو سہ پہر کے وقت کی گئی ریہرسل میں وزارت خارجہ کے افسر اور ضلعی حکام بھی موجود تھے۔

ایئر پورٹ کو سرخ قالین بچھا کر خوبصورت بنایا گیا۔ مہمانوں کی آمد کل سو موٹر گاڑیوں سے شروع ہو جائے گی۔ زیادہ تر مہمان منگل کو آئیں گے۔ مہمانوں کو پھول پیش کرنے کیلئے راولپنڈی کے ایک مقامی پرائیویٹ سکول کے 50 بچوں کی خدمات حاصل کی گئی ہیں۔ نور خان ایئر بیس کی تمام ملحقہ سڑکیں تین دن مکمل نوگوار یا زڈ کلینر کی گئی ہیں۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2723458/1/>

چینی وزیر اعظم لی کیاٹنگ کل پاکستان پہنچیں گے

چینی وزیر اعظم لی کیاٹنگ 14 تا 17 اکتوبر 2024 کو پاکستان کا دو طرفہ دورہ کر رہے ہیں جو کل اسلام آباد پہنچیں گے۔ اسلام آباد ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کے مطابق وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف اور وزیر اعظم لی کیاٹنگ مذاکرات میں اپنے اپنے وفد کی قیادت کریں گے۔

دونوں وزراء نے اعظم اقتصادی اور تجارتی تعلقات، سی بیک کے تحت تعاون پر جامع بات چیت کریں گے۔ دونوں فریقین علاقائی اور عالمی پیش رفت پر بھی بات کریں گے۔

چینی وزیر اعظم صدر آصف علی زرداری، پارلیمانی رہنماؤں اور عسکری قیادت سے بھی ملاقاتیں کریں گے۔ چینی وزیر اعظم شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہان حکومت کی کونسل کے اجلاس میں شرکت کریں گے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2723567/1/>

چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورے میں گوارڈ ایئر پورٹ کی سافٹ لاجنگ سمیت اہم معاہدوں کا امکان

وزارت خزانہ اور وزارت منصوبہ بندی نے چین کے وزیر اعظم لی کیاٹنگ کے دورے کے حوالے سے کئی منصوبوں پر ورکنگ مکمل کر لی اور امکان ہے کہ اسلام آباد گوارڈ ایئر پورٹ کی سافٹ لاجنگ، قراقرم ہائی وے کی تعمیر کے لیے دو ارب ڈالرز کے قرض سمیت مختلف معاہدوں کا امکان ہے۔

چینی وزیر اعظم لی کیانگ کے 11 سال بعد پاکستان کے دورے کے حوالے سے وزارت خزانہ اور وزارت منصوبہ بندی نے کئی منصوبوں سے متعلق ورکنگ مکمل کر لی۔

ذرائع نے بتایا کہ نیو گو اور انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ کی سافٹ لائیو بھی متوقع ہے، جس پر تقریباً 54 ارب 98 کروڑ روپے کی لاگت آئی ہے اور گوادر انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ پر ایئر بس 380 سمیت دیگر بڑے طیارے بھی لینڈ کر سکیں گے۔

چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورے کے موقع پر کوالہ ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹ اور آزاد پتن ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹ سے متعلق پیش رفت کا امکان ہے، گوادر کول پاور پلانٹ متعلق بھی حکومت فنانشل کلوز معاہدے کی خواہاں ہے۔

ذرائع نے بتایا کہ چین سمندر میں موجود تیل اور گیس کے ذخائر کے منصوبے میں معاہدہ چاہتا ہے، ریلوے کے سب سے بڑے اور اہم ترین پراجیکٹ ایم ایل ون پر کوئی پیش رفت کا امکان نہیں ہے۔

اس موقع پر چین کو گدھوں کے گوشت برآمد کرنے سے متعلق پروٹوکول سائن ہونے کا امکان ہے، قراقرم ہائی وے کی تعمیر کے لیے 2 ارب ڈالر کے قرض متعلق معاہدہ متوقع ہے، اسٹیٹ بینک اور چینی سینٹرل بینک کے درمیان کرنسی سوآپ معاہدے کا امکان ہے۔

ذرائع نے بتایا کہ پاکستان چین سے خریدی گئی ایشیا کی ادائیگی یو آن میں اور چین پاکستان سے خریدی گئی ایشیا کی ادائیگی روپے میں کر سکے گا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2723802/1>

Jang News

چینی وزیر اعظم 14 تا 17 اکتوبر پاکستان کا دورہ کریں گے

چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ 14 تا 17 اکتوبر پاکستان کا دورہ کریں گے۔

ترجمان دفتر خارجہ ممتاز زہر ابلوچ نے کہا ہے کہ چینی وزیر اعظم وند کے ہمراہ پاکستان پہنچیں گے، وہ وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سے ملاقات بھی کریں گے۔

دورہ پاکستان میں چینی وزیر اعظم کے ہمراہ وزراء اور سینئر حکام بھی ہوں گے۔ چینی وفد میں وزارت خارجہ، وزارت تجارت، قومی ترقیاتی اصلاحاتی کمیشن کے نمائندے ہوں گے۔

ترجمان کے مطابق چینی وفد میں چین کی بین الاقوامی ترقیاتی تعاون ایجنسی کے نمائندے بھی ہوں گے۔

وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف اور چینی وزیر اعظم پاک چین تعلقات کے تمام پہلوؤں پر تبادلہ خیال کریں گے۔ پاک چین رہنما علاقائی اور عالمی پیش رفت پر بھی بات کریں گے۔

ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کے مطابق چینی وزیر اعظم صدر آصف علی زرداری، پارلیمانی رہنماؤں اور پاکستان کی اعلیٰ عسکری قیادت سے بھی ملاقاتیں کریں گے۔

چینی وزیر اعظم شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہی اجلاس میں بھی شرکت کریں گے۔

<https://jang.com.pk/news/1400377>

ایس سی او اجلاس میں شرکت کیلئے غیر ملکی وفد کی آمد کا سلسلہ شروع

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم اجلاس میں شرکت کے لیے غیر ملکی وفد کی پاکستان آمد کا سلسلہ شروع ہو گیا۔

ایئرپورٹ ذرائع کے مطابق بھارت کا 4 رکنی سرکاری وفد پاکستان پہنچ گیا۔

ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ روس کا 76 رکنی وفد اسلام آباد پہنچ گیا

ایئرپورٹ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے 7 نمائندے بھی پاکستان پہنچ گئے ہیں۔

اس کے علاوہ چین 15 رکنی، کرغزستان کا 4 اور ایران کا 2 رکنی وفد بھی اسلام آباد پہنچ گیا ہے۔

واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز وزیر اعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہان حکومت کے اجلاس کے انتظامات کا جائزہ لینے کے لیے جناح کونونشن سینٹر

اسلام آباد کا دورہ کیا اور اجلاس کے انتظامات پر اطمینان کا اظہار کیا۔

<https://jang.com.pk/news/1400387>

K2 Daily

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کانفرنس اور نی ٹی آئی کا افتتاح

پاکستان کی شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کانفرنس اور نی ٹی آئی کا افتتاح کیلئے ایک وفد اسلام آباد پہنچ گیا۔ وفد کے سربراہان حکومت کے اجلاس کے انتظامات کا جائزہ لینے کے لیے جناح کونونشن سینٹر اسلام آباد کا دورہ کیا اور اجلاس کے انتظامات پر اطمینان کا اظہار کیا۔

ایئرپورٹ ذرائع کے مطابق بھارت کا 4 رکنی سرکاری وفد پاکستان پہنچ گیا۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ روس کا 76 رکنی وفد اسلام آباد پہنچ گیا۔

ایئرپورٹ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے 7 نمائندے بھی پاکستان پہنچ گئے ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ چین 15 رکنی، کرغزستان کا 4 اور ایران کا 2 رکنی وفد بھی اسلام آباد پہنچ گیا ہے۔

واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز وزیر اعظم محمد شہباز شریف نے شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہان حکومت کے اجلاس کے انتظامات کا جائزہ لینے کے لیے جناح کونونشن سینٹر اسلام آباد کا دورہ کیا اور اجلاس کے انتظامات پر اطمینان کا اظہار کیا۔

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Editorial&Date=2024-10-13



https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Editorial&Date=2024-10-13

October 14, 2024

Business Recorder

Li likely to inaugurate Gwadar airport

KARACHI: Chinese premier Li Qiang could inaugurate operations at a Chinese-funded airport in Balochistan during his visit to the country in the coming week, information minister Attaullah Tarar told reporters on Sunday.

The start of operations at the \$200-million Gwadar International Airport has been pushed back for a security review after deadly attacks by separatist militants in August in the area, government and aviation sources said.

Li, along with ministers and government officials will visit Pakistan from Oct. 14 to 17, Pakistan's foreign affairs ministry said on Sunday.

Pakistan is hosting the meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), which comprises nine full members, including China, India, Iran and Russia, and is scheduled for Oct. 15 and 16 in Islamabad.

The new airport will handle domestic and international flights, according to Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority, and will be one of the country's biggest airports. The initial plan was for Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to inaugurate the airport on Aug. 14 alongside Chinese officials, but that was called off after an ethnic Baloch rights group started a sit-in protest, the officials said. —Reuters

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/10/14/1-page/1011112-news.html>

Pakistan Observer

Chinese Premier due today for talks on bilateral, regional issues

Abdul Hadi Mayar

Islamabad: At the invitation of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Premier of the State Council of China Mr. Li Qiang is arriving in Islamabad today (Monday) on a four-day bilateral visit to Pakistan.

Premier Li will be accompanied by ministers and senior officials including from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Commerce, the National Development and Reform Commission and the China International Development Cooperation Agency.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Premier Li Qiang will lead their respective delegations to comprehensively discuss all aspects of Pakistan-China relations, including economic and trade ties and cooperation under CPEC. The two sides will also discuss regional and global developments.

The Chinese Premier will call on President Asif Ali Zardari and hold meetings with parliamentary leaders and senior military leadership of Pakistan.

During his visit, Premier Li will also attend the Meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization being held in Islamabad.

Premier Li's visit to Islamabad is an expression of the importance attached by Pakistan and China to their "All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership".

It will be an occasion for the two sides to reaffirm mutual support on issues of core interest; advance high-quality development of CPEC; and reinforce regular exchanges on important regional and global developments.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-premier-due-today-for-talks-on-bilateral-regional-issues/>

Tarar lauds China for helping Pakistan overcome energy crisis

Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Sunday extended deep gratitude to China for helping Pakistan to overcome worst energy crisis faced by the country in the early years of previous decade.

Delivering his speech at the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan ceremony here, he said the friendship between Pakistan and China spanned over decades and many generations.

"The friendship between Pakistan and China is being passed down from generation to generation," the minister said adding that the people of Pakistan and China had emotional attachment to each other.

Tarar remarked that Beijing had supported Islamabad in all circumstances and this friendship had gone through storms and difficult times successfully and proved unbreakable.

He said that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was the manifestation of closeness and ideal friendship between the two countries.

“CPEC is not only a project for the prosperity of Pakistan and China, but also for the entire region,” the minister opined.

Energy projects including Sahiwal Coal power project, Thar Coal Project, Karachi Port Energy project were launched by China under CPEC.

He said in 2013, when Pakistan was facing worst energy crisis and 8 to 19 hours load shedding was a matter of routine, several energy projects were launched under CPEC and these projects helped Pakistan overcome energy shortage.

He maintained that journey of success from 2013 to 2018 was mainly because China helped Pakistan restructure its energy sector while bringing in good energy projects including nuclear, coal, hydro, solar energy projects as China believed that Pakistan’s energy crisis could be over by technological innovations, through diversification and restructuring of energy sector.

He said in 2018 GDP growth rate stood at 5.8 per cent and inflation was only 4 per cent.

The country’s economy now was on the way to improvement and China had played an important role in this regard.

The minister remarked that the strategic partnership between Pakistan and China was commendable as both the countries were going to start the next phase of CPEC.

He said in the second phase of CPEC, useful discussions were held during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif’s visit to China.

He expressed heartfelt gratitude to Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, Chinese leadership and Chinese companies who enabled Pakistan to not only overcome energy crisis but also propel economic growth and provide job opportunities to the people of the country.

He said it was a matter of pride for him that he was speaking on the eve of Chinese Prime Minister’s historic visit to Pakistan and it was a matter of joy and jubilation for people of Pakistan.—APP

<https://pakobserver.net/tarar-lauds-china-for-helping-pakistan-overcome-energy-crisis/>

Custom-free vehicles for Gwadar free Zones in the offing

Government has shown readiness to allow import of custom-free vehicles in Gwadar Free Zone North and Gwadar Free Zone South under regulatory frameworks laid down by Federal Board of Revenue, Custom and Excise & Taxation department, Balochistan.

This will give profuse impetus to Gwadar Free Zone and investors, Gwadar Pro reported on Sunday.

Ministry of Maritime Affairs has prepared the draft for regulatory mechanism for the import of vehicles by Gwadar Free Zone and its operating companies.

The regulatory framework has been formulated with the notification of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) with the purpose to facilitate the operationalization of Gwadar Free Zone and expedite the industrialization process.

As per the amended regulatory mechanism, Free Zone investors will be authorized to import custom duty-free vehicles for their construction and operation.

This will subsequently provide an impetus to new investors to bring in more investment to the Free Zone.

Previously, the exemptions were enjoyed by Gwadar Port and Gwadar Free Zone operator-China Overseas Ports Holding Company, in accordance with the Concession Agreement signed by the government of Pakistan in 2007.

With the revised module, concession holders of the Free Zone will be required to submit the declaration form to the Gwadar Port Authority to avail the exemptions under Pakistan Customs Tariff (PCT) code.

Nevertheless, the importer shall register the vehicles to the Excise and Taxation department as stipulated in the Motor Vehicle Ordinance, 1965 for regulation.

<https://pakobserver.net/custom-free-vehicles-for-gwadar-free-zones-in-the-offing/>

Chinese Premier arrives in Pakistan today on 4-day visit

ISLAMABAD – At the invitation of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Chinese Premier Li Qiang will arrive in Islamabad today on a four day visit to Pakistan.

During the visit, Premier Li Qiang will also attend the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Premier Li will be accompanied by ministers and senior officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Commerce, the National Development and Reform Commission and the China International Development Cooperation Agency.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Premier Li Qiang will lead their respective delegations to comprehensively discuss all aspects of Pakistan-China relations including economic and trade ties and cooperation under CPEC. The two sides will also discuss regional and global developments.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-premier-arrives-in-pakistan-today-on-4-day-visit/>

Pakistan all set to host SCO meeting tomorrow

ISLAMABAD – Pakistan is all set to host meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Islamabad on Tuesday (tomorrow) and Wednesday (day after tomorrow).

The Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif will preside over the meeting.

The SCO member states will be represented by Prime Minister of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan as well as the First Vice President of Iran and External Affairs Minister of India.

Premier of the State Council of China Li Qiang will represent his country.

The Prime Minister of Mongolia as Observer State, and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan as Special Guest, will also participate in the meeting.

The SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting will discuss ongoing cooperation in fields of economy, trade, environment and socio-cultural linkages and review the performance of the Organization.

The Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will also hold important bilateral meetings with visiting heads of delegations on the sidelines of the meeting.

Earlier, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar has said that Pakistan has made significant progress this year in both foreign policy and economic sectors, adopting an open approach towards trade and investment.

Speaking with foreign media correspondents in Islamabad today, he said Pakistan is emerging on the international stage, and the world is beginning to recognize its true potential.

The Information Minister highlighted the recent successful visit of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim to Pakistan, during which key discussions on bilateral relations, investment, and cooperation took place.

He said a high-level delegation from Saudi Arabia, led by the Saudi Minister of Investment visited Pakistan and signed several Memoranda of Understanding valued at 2.2 billion dollars to enhance bilateral cooperation.

The Minister said that upcoming visit of the Chinese Premier will be a game changer for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, further enhancing cooperation across various sectors.

The Minister expressed confidence that the SCO summit will serve as a pivotal moment for Pakistan, enhancing its positive image on the global stage.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistan-all-set-to-host-sco-meeting-tomorrow/>

Chinese envoy assures full support to Pakistan in materializing SCO meeting's goals

Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong has welcomed Pakistan hosting the 23rd SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting for the first time and assured full support of his country to Islamabad in materializing the meeting's objectives to strengthen cooperation among the SCO member countries in politics, security and other spheres.

“We are pleased to see that Pakistan has not only officially joined the SCO, but also is about to host the Meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government of the SCO Member States for the first time,” he said while talking to Pakistan Observer on Sunday.

Jiang Zaidong said, “China is holding the rotating presidency of the SCO. We would like to have close cooperation with Pakistan, and implement the consensus of the SCO summit well, to strengthen cooperation in politics, security, economy, people-to-people exchanges and other fields, to advance the building of an even closer SCO community with a shared future,

and to make new contributions to promoting the development and growth of the Global South and the common prosperity and development of regional countries.”

“China and Pakistan are both members of the SCO and the Global South. We stand ready to work with countries including Pakistan, to strengthen unity and expand cooperation, to join hands in creating a reliable strategic support for member states to achieve common prosperity and revitalization, and to advance the building of a common home of solidarity and mutual trust, peace and tranquility, prosperity and development, good-neighborliness and friendship, and fairness and justice.”

He said Pakistan is one of the first non-founding countries that joined the SCO, and its status and role in the SCO are becoming increasingly important. Early in 2015 when President Xi Jinping visited Pakistan, he made it clear that China welcomes Pakistan to become a full member of the SCO.

About the strong bond of friendship between Pakistan and China, the ambassador said, “China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic cooperative partners and ironclad friends. We have just celebrated the 73rd anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan, and have reviewed the glorious history of China and Pakistan together.”

He maintained, “What I want to emphasize is that, this visit is the exchange of visits between our two countries’ prime ministers within just four months after H.E. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif visited China. This in itself, has fully reflected the great importance China attaches to the development of China-Pakistan relations and its strong support for the new government of Pakistan.”

Emphasizing the need for improving the security situation to ensure completion of projects, like CPEC, the Chinese ambassador said, “A safe and stable environment is crucial and indispensable to China-Pakistan practical cooperation, including CPEC construction. In particular, CPEC cooperation has entered a new stage of forging an “upgraded version”, which puts higher demands on reliable security guarantees.”

He added that the ‘two sides must better coordinate security and development, and ensure the new development pattern with a new security pattern. We must not allow similar incidents to recur and delay the construction of CPEC and even the process of major China-Pakistan cooperation.’

“We appreciate the efforts and sacrifices made by the Pakistani government and military to combat terrorism. We hope that Pakistan will speed up the investigation of cases, severely punish criminals, and resolutely and effectively fight terrorism,” Jiang Zaidong expressed.

“We stand ready to further strengthen counter-terrorism and security cooperation with Pakistan, improve the Shanghai Cooperation Organization’s mechanism to respond to security threats and challenges, strengthen close cooperation with all parties, work together to combat terrorism, and jointly safeguard regional peace and stability and international fairness and justice,” the ambassador emphasized.

To a question about bottlenecks in implementation of CPEC projects, the Chinese envoy said, “As for the temporary difficulties faced by CPEC construction and even the entire China-

Pakistan practical cooperation mentioned above, there are both constraints from Pakistan's security environment and the impact of the global economic downturn. I think the first thing to solve is not what to do, but how to look at it. The key is to hold confidence.”

Recounting the successes of the present government in Pakistan, Ambassador Jiang Zaidong said, “Pakistan's new government has only assumed office for a few months, and Pakistan's GDP has returned from negative growth and achieved a positive growth of 2.4%. Pakistan's CPI has dropped from 28.7% at the beginning of this year to 6.9% last month, reaching a new low in 44 months. As for the long-standing foreign exchange reserve issue, Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves rose to nearly US\$16 billion last month, reaching the highest over the past several years.”

He said when he visited Karachi and Lahore recently, he especially told Chinese and Pakistani entrepreneurs to thank the efforts made by Pakistani government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and to have confidence in your country's development prospects.

The ambassador said Pakistan is a major agricultural country, and its cotton, mango and wheat production respectively ranks fifth, sixth and seventh in the world. Pakistan is also the world's fourth largest producer of dairy products, but its modernization level needs to be improved. For this, one of our Chinese companies are cooperating with Pakistani side to establish a modern high-efficiency water-saving agriculture demonstration base covering an area of 660 thousand square meters, and will train 1,000 technical and management personnel and talents for Pakistani agriculture sector.

“The better Pakistan develops, the more favorable conditions China and Pakistan have to promote cooperation,” Ambassador Jinag Zaidong concluded.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-envoy-assures-full-support-to-pakistan-in-materializing-sco-meetings-goals/>

The Express Tribune

CPEC gains as Chinese premier arrives today

Li to hold talks with civil-military leadership; expected to sign \$2b Karakoram project, soft launch Gwadar Airport.

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Premier Li Qiang will begin a three-day official visit to Pakistan on Monday (today), first by any Chinese premier in 11 years, with an aim to give a new impetus to the bilateral cooperation at a time of changing geopolitics and challenges to the President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

During the visit, several agreements are expected to be signed between the two countries, including \$2 billion loan for the construction of Karakoram Highway. The Chinese premier is also expected to perform soft launching of the Gwadar International Airport.

Premier Li is visiting Islamabad ahead of the start of the two-day meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), a move seen by

diplomatic sources as a message for those forces which had been trying to undermine China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

"At the invitation of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Premier of the State Council of China Mr. Li Qiang is undertaking a bilateral visit to Pakistan on 14-17 October 2024," read a statement issued here by the Foreign Office on Sunday.

The Foreign Office said that Premier Li's visit was an expression of the importance attached by Pakistan and China to their "all-weather strategic cooperative partnership". It will be an occasion for the two sides to reaffirm mutual support on issues of core interest; advance high-quality development of CPEC; and reinforce regular exchanges on important regional and global developments.

Premier Li is accompanied by ministers and senior officials, including from the ministries of foreign affairs and commerce, the National Development and Reform Commission and the China International Development Cooperation Agency.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Premier Li Qiang will lead their respective delegations to comprehensively discuss all aspects of Pakistan-China relations, including economic and trade ties and cooperation under CPEC.

The agenda of the visit, according to foreign ministry officials, is wide-ranging with focus on expanding cooperation and kick-starting the next phase of CPEC. The two sides will also discuss regional and global developments, they added.

Other sources said that the finance and the planning ministries have completed working on several projects regarding the visit of Premier Li. Information Minister Ataullah Tarar told reporters on Sunday that the soft launch of Rs55 billion New Gwadar International Airport was expected during the visit.

Finance and planning ministry sources said Kohala Hydropower Project and Azad Patan Hydropower Project are likely to be discussed. Besides, the government also wants financial close agreement regarding the Gwadar Coal Power Plant.

Sources said that China wants an agreement in the offshore oil and gas reserves project. A protocol on the export of donkey meat to China is likely to be signed. Besides the central banks of the two countries were expected to sign the currency-swap agreement aimed at bilateral trade in yuan and rupee.

Pakistan's efforts to seek re-profiling of power sector loans is also on the agenda, but the sources are sceptical of any major breakthrough during the visit. Also the sources said no progress was likely on the mega railway project, Mainline (ML)-1 project.

Security for the Chinese working on CPEC and other projects in Pakistan would also remain at the top of agenda. After the recent attack outside the airport in Karachi, in which two Chinese nationals were killed, China may push for its proposal envisaging a joint security company, the officials said.

Besides his formal meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the Chinese premier would call on President Asif Zardari and hold meetings with parliamentary leaders and senior military leadership of Pakistan.

On Tuesday, Premier will join a dozen of leaders from the SCO member states at the Council of the Heads of Government meeting – the second highest forum in the regional grouping—being held in Islamabad.

Meanwhile, advance delegations from five countries reached Islamabad on Sunday. They included four-member delegation of India, 76-member delegation of Russia, 15-members delegation of China, four-member delegation of Kyrgyzstan, two-member delegation of Iran, and seven officials of the SCO.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2502665/cpec-gains-as-chinese-premier-arrives-today>

The News

China-Pakistan ties scaling new highs: envoy

Israr Khan

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong has said the China-Pakistan relations are further strengthening, with enhanced cooperation across various sectors that will boost Pakistan’s economy which is already stabilising.

He made these remarks during the launch of two reports by the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan (CCCPK).

The reports, titled “The Glorious 11 Years – How Chinese Companies Reshaped the Power Sector in Pakistan” and “Business Climate Index of Chinese Companies in Pakistan,” drew considerable participation from both Pakistani and Chinese stakeholders and other foreign participants.

Ambassador Jiang highlighted the growing collaboration between the two nations and shared that China’s prime minister was visiting Pakistan to further boost high-quality cooperation and international ties, including attending the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

“We have seen that under Shehbaz Sharif’s leadership, Pakistan’s economy has undergone a transformation,” Ambassador Jiang said. “GDP has rebounded from negative growth to 3.4 percent, while inflation has dropped from 28.7 percent to 6.9 percent.”

He also noted that Pakistan’s foreign reserves had improved, which he described as an encouraging development for the country’s economic outlook.

The event commenced with a moment of silence to honor the fallen heroes, emphasizing the deep respect shared between the two nations for those who have made sacrifices.

The ambassador’s remarks reflect the ongoing strategic partnership between China and Pakistan, built on economic cooperation, infrastructural development and regional stability.

Chairman Senate Yousaf Raza Gilani, who was the chief guest, emphasized the importance of economic integration amid rapid geo-economic and geo-strategic transitions, urging

regional connectivity and cooperation for sustainable growth. “It is high time to harness our collective strengths,” Gilani said.

“Pakistan seeks to strengthen regional cooperation by fostering economic ties with our partner nations, and China stands at the very top,” he said. He praised CCCPK’s efforts, noting the contribution of 122 Chinese companies operating in Pakistan and underscoring the importance of business-to-business linkages for foreign direct investment and technology sharing.

Gilani also pointed to the transformative impact of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and expressed optimism for phase two, which will expand into agriculture, industry, mining and technology. He commended China’s Global Development Initiative, led by President Xi Jinping, for aligning with Pakistan’s goals of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). “The Belt & Road Initiative and CPEC have shaped Pakistan’s energy and infrastructure landscapes,” he added, noting the need for people-to-people connectivity to foster peace and cooperation.

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb also commended the Chinese companies for their role in addressing Pakistan’s energy security, noting that China had been supporting Pakistan’s energy sector long before CPEC, citing Tarbela Dam as an example.

He emphasized that China’s \$20 billion investment in Pakistan’s energy sector, which included the establishment of 9,000 megawatts of power projects and 4,000 megawatts of transmission lines, was the largest investment in Pakistan’s history. “These projects will be crucial for achieving economic stability,” Aurangzeb said.

Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, former deputy chairman of the Senate, acknowledged China’s support, noting that Chinese government, banks and companies had played a key role in Pakistan’s infrastructure and energy projects.

“It’s not just business; it’s a strategic relationship,” Mandviwalla said. “This relationship will endure.” He also expressed sorrow over the loss of Chinese nationals in a terrorist attack in Karachi, stating, “We are not only sad but also deeply hurt.”

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar described China as Pakistan’s “all-weather friend”. He recalled that during the severe energy crisis in 2013, with power outages lasting up to 19 hours costing the economy Rs500 billion, China stepped in to help.

“China supported us by establishing various power plants, including hydropower, coal and nuclear projects. Without China, we wouldn’t have achieved this growth,” Tarar said, adding that CPEC projects were instrumental in the country’s recovery. Discussions have now begun on CPEC’s second phase, which will focus on business-to-business cooperation.

The Chinese companies have invested in 46 power projects across Pakistan since 2013, including coal, nuclear, hydro, wind, solar and transmission and distribution facilities, according to the report titled, “The Glorious 11 Years: How Chinese Companies Reshaped the Power Sector in Pakistan”.

By the end of September 2024, Chinese investment in Pakistan's energy sector totaled \$13.28 billion, with an additional \$6.96 billion planned.

Chinese-funded projects account for 8,752 MW, or 19.07 percent of Pakistan's total installed power capacity of 45,885 MW. While adding engineering contracting projects by Chinese companies, it reaches 11,103 MW, making up 24.19 percent of the total.

The report also noted that electricity generation costs for CPEC projects are significantly lower, at Rs8.80 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), compared to Rs19.66/kWh for Merit Order projects and Rs20.46/kWh for non-CPEC projects. Chinese projects have generated 229.8 billion units of electricity as of September 2024. A senior Chinese official said Pakistan's cost of power generation is decreasing as the country's economy stabilizes and business conditions improve.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350440>

‘Chinese firms face challenges in Pakistan’s business climate’

ISLAMABAD: A newly released survey by the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan (CCCPK) has painted a complex picture of the business climate for Chinese companies operating in Pakistan, revealing a Business Climate Index score of 49.63, just below the crucial 50-point threshold separating optimism from pessimism. The CCCPK, with guidance from the Chinese embassy in Pakistan, developed the “Business Climate Index of Chinese Companies in Pakistan”. The CCCPK has conducted its first survey as part of this initiative and launched it here on Sunday.

The findings underscore significant challenges stemming from security risks, difficulty in remittances outflow due foreign exchange controls, policy and currency instability, which are constraining the operations of Chinese firms in the country.

This first-ever Business Climate Index highlights the need for sustained efforts from both governments to address these challenges and facilitate a more favorable business environment, crucial for realizing the full potential of CPEC and broader economic cooperation.

The survey, which sampled 48 Chinese companies — accounting for about 30 per cent of all Chinese businesses in Pakistan — indicated that 83.4 per cent of respondents perceive the security situation as deteriorating and not likely to improve in the short term. Security risks emerged as the primary factor hindering business development, reflecting a broader concern about the safety of investments in the region.

“Pakistan’s current security situation is severe and complex, with a slow economic recovery,” the survey stated, emphasizing the external pressures that have begun to impact various operational aspects.

In addition to security issues, 60.4 per cent of companies reported that foreign exchange controls hinder timely payments, while 58.3 percent cited a lack of policy continuity and poor policy implementation as significant obstacles affecting their business decisions. Moreover, 56.3 percent of respondents noted that the depreciation of Pakistani rupee has eroded their net assets when measured in US dollars.

“Despite these challenges, Chinese companies have actively worked to overcome difficulties and maintained overall stability in their operations, with some companies showing signs of expansion,” the report added. Around 54.2 percent companies noted the government’s low administrative efficiency as challenge.

Despite the hurdles, the survey revealed a resilient spirit among Chinese enterprises. Over 52.1 percent of firms indicated that their business volume remained stable, while 33.3 percent reported growth in their operations.

Looking forward, 70 percent of respondents expressed optimism about Pakistan’s economic development, with 47.9 percent expecting stability in new order volumes over the next three months.

Recent economic indicators suggest a potential turnaround for Pakistan. Inflation has decreased to 6.9 percent, and foreign exchange reserves have exceeded \$14.7 billion, reaching a two-year high. Additionally, exports surged by 14 percent in the first two months of the new fiscal year, hinting at a stabilizing economy.

The survey highlighted that the majority of Chinese companies plan to maintain their production scale, with 58.3 percent aiming to keep their workforce stable. Meanwhile, 37 percent of firms indicated intentions to expand their production scale, although 18.8 percent projected minor layoffs.

In a positive outlook, 39 percent of respondents believe Pakistan’s overall economic situation will improve in the next three months, while 43.8 percent expect it to remain stable.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350437>

China-Pakistan ties scaling new highs: envoy

Israr Khan

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong has said the China-Pakistan relations are further strengthening, with enhanced cooperation across various sectors that will boost Pakistan’s economy which is already stabilising.

He made these remarks during the launch of two reports by the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan (CCCPK).

The reports, titled “The Glorious 11 Years – How Chinese Companies Reshaped the Power Sector in Pakistan” and “Business Climate Index of Chinese Companies in Pakistan,” drew considerable participation from both Pakistani and Chinese stakeholders and other foreign participants.

Ambassador Jiang highlighted the growing collaboration between the two nations and shared that China’s prime minister was visiting Pakistan to further boost high-quality cooperation and international ties, including attending the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.

“We have seen that under Shehbaz Sharif’s leadership, Pakistan’s economy has undergone a transformation,” Ambassador Jiang said. “GDP has rebounded from negative growth to 3.4 percent, while inflation has dropped from 28.7 percent to 6.9 percent.”

He also noted that Pakistan's foreign reserves had improved, which he described as an encouraging development for the country's economic outlook.

The event commenced with a moment of silence to honor the fallen heroes, emphasizing the deep respect shared between the two nations for those who have made sacrifices.

The ambassador's remarks reflect the ongoing strategic partnership between China and Pakistan, built on economic cooperation, infrastructural development and regional stability.

Chairman Senate Yousaf Raza Gilani, who was the chief guest, emphasized the importance of economic integration amid rapid geo-economic and geo-strategic transitions, urging regional connectivity and cooperation for sustainable growth. "It is high time to harness our collective strengths," Gilani said.

"Pakistan seeks to strengthen regional cooperation by fostering economic ties with our partner nations, and China stands at the very top," he said. He praised CCCPK's efforts, noting the contribution of 122 Chinese companies operating in Pakistan and underscoring the importance of business-to-business linkages for foreign direct investment and technology sharing.

Gilani also pointed to the transformative impact of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and expressed optimism for phase two, which will expand into agriculture, industry, mining and technology. He commended China's Global Development Initiative, led by President Xi Jinping, for aligning with Pakistan's goals of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). "The Belt & Road Initiative and CPEC have shaped Pakistan's energy and infrastructure landscapes," he added, noting the need for people-to-people connectivity to foster peace and cooperation.

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb also commended the Chinese companies for their role in addressing Pakistan's energy security, noting that China had been supporting Pakistan's energy sector long before CPEC, citing Tarbela Dam as an example.

He emphasized that China's \$20 billion investment in Pakistan's energy sector, which included the establishment of 9,000 megawatts of power projects and 4,000 megawatts of transmission lines, was the largest investment in Pakistan's history. "These projects will be crucial for achieving economic stability," Aurangzeb said.

Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, former deputy chairman of the Senate, acknowledged China's support, noting that Chinese government, banks and companies had played a key role in Pakistan's infrastructure and energy projects.

"It's not just business; it's a strategic relationship," Mandviwalla said. "This relationship will endure." He also expressed sorrow over the loss of Chinese nationals in a terrorist attack in Karachi, stating, "We are not only sad but also deeply hurt."

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar described China as Pakistan's "all-weather friend". He recalled that during the severe energy crisis in 2013, with power outages lasting up to 19 hours costing the economy Rs500 billion, China stepped in to help.

“China supported us by establishing various power plants, including hydropower, coal and nuclear projects. Without China, we wouldn’t have achieved this growth,” Tarar said, adding that CPEC projects were instrumental in the country’s recovery. Discussions have now begun on CPEC’s second phase, which will focus on business-to-business cooperation.

The Chinese companies have invested in 46 power projects across Pakistan since 2013, including coal, nuclear, hydro, wind, solar and transmission and distribution facilities, according to the report titled, “The Glorious 11 Years: How Chinese Companies Reshaped the Power Sector in Pakistan”.

By the end of September 2024, Chinese investment in Pakistan’s energy sector totaled \$13.28 billion, with an additional \$6.96 billion planned.

Chinese-funded projects account for 8,752 MW, or 19.07 percent of Pakistan’s total installed power capacity of 45,885 MW. While adding engineering contracting projects by Chinese companies, it reaches 11,103 MW, making up 24.19 percent of the total.

The report also noted that electricity generation costs for CPEC projects are significantly lower, at Rs8.80 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), compared to Rs19.66/kWh for Merit Order projects and Rs20.46/kWh for non-CPEC projects. Chinese projects have generated 229.8 billion units of electricity as of September 2024. A senior Chinese official said Pakistan’s cost of power generation is decreasing as the country’s economy stabilizes and business conditions improve.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350440>

Express News

چینی وزیر اعظم کی عسکری قیادت سے اہم ملاقات، دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ میں مکمل حمایت کی یقین دہانی

چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ کی پاکستان کی عسکری قیادت سے اہم ملاقات ہوئی ہے۔ براڈ لپنڈی

پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کی جانب سے جاری اعلامیے کے مطابق شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہی اجلاس میں شرکت کیلئے آئے چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ کی اعلیٰ سطح کے وفد کے ہمراہ پاکستانی عسکری حکام سے اہم ملاقات ہوئی ہے۔

چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ نے چیئر مین جوائنٹ چیفس آف سٹاف کمیٹی، سروسز چیفس کے ساتھ اہم ملاقات کی، جس میں پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان دیرینہ تعلقات کو مزید مضبوط اور وسعت دینے کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا گیا۔

ملاقات میں چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان دفاع اور دہشت گردی کے حوالے سے امور بھی زیر بحث آئے۔ چین کے وزیر اعظم نے دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ میں پاکستان کی مسلح افواج کے کردار کو سراہا اور اس جنگ میں پاکستان کی مکمل حمایت اور مدد کی یقین دہانی بھی کرائی۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2724594/1/>

پاکستانی عوام کی خوشحالی ہمارے دل کے بہت قریب ہے، چینی وزیر اعظم

چینی وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کے عوام کی خوشحالی ہمارے دل کے بہت قریب ہے، پاکستان کی ترقی کے لیے چین اپنا کردار ادا کرتا رہے گا۔ اسلام آباد

وزیر اعظم ہاؤس میں منعقدہ نیو گوادر انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ کے افتتاح کی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے چینی وزیر اعظم کا کہنا تھا کہ گوادر انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ کی تکمیل اہم سنگ میل ہے، منصوبے کی تکمیل کے لیے پاکستان اور چین کی افرادی قوت کی کاوشیں قابل ستائش ہیں، گوادر علاقائی ترقی کا محور ہے اور دونوں ممالک کے درمیان مضبوط دوستی کا عکاس ہے، پاکستان کی ترقی کے لیے چین اپنا کردار ادا کرتا رہے گا۔

لی چیانگ نے کہا کہ پاکستان کے عوام کی خوشحالی ہمارے دل کے بہت قریب ہے دونوں ممالک کی تدریاتی شراکت داری وقت کے ساتھ ساتھ گہری ہو رہی ہے، مشترکہ مستقبل اور ترقیاتی اہداف کے لیے ہمارا عزم غیر متزلزل ہے،

<https://www.express.pk/story/2724445/1/>

وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ کا دورہ پاکستان تعلقات کو مزید مضبوط کرے گا: چین

چین کی وزارت خارجہ کی ترجمان نے کہا ہے کہ وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ کا دورہ پاکستان دونوں ممالک کے درمیان قائم تعلقات کو مزید مضبوط بنانے میں اہم کردار ادا کرے گا۔

عالمی خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق معمول کی میڈیا بریفنگ میں ایک سوال کے جواب میں چین کی وزارت خارجہ کی ترجمان نے پاکستان کے ساتھ تعلقات اور شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے اجلاس کے انعقاد پر پاکستان کی تعریف کی۔

انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ دونوں ممالک کے عوام کی خوشحالی اور ترقی کے لیے یہ روابط کارآمد ثابت ہوں گے۔ دونوں ممالک کے عوام کے مفادات مشترک ہیں۔

ترجمان وزارت خارجہ نے امید ظاہر کی کہ چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورہ پاکستان سے دونوں ممالک کے درمیان روایتی دوستی آگے بڑھے گی، اسٹریٹیجک رابطے مضبوط ہوں گے اور سی پیک سمیت ہمہ جہت تعاون وسیع تر ہو گا۔

ترجمان چینی وزارت خارجہ نے کہا کہ اس سے قبل دوست ملک کے وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف بھی چین کا کامیاب دورہ کر چکے ہیں اور یہ سلسلہ آئندہ بھی جاری رہے گا۔ یاد رہے کہ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہی اجلاس میں شرکت کے لیے چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ پاکستان پہنچے جہاں ان کا پرتپاک استقبال کیا گیا۔

بعد ازاں وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف اور چینی ہم منصب لی چیانگ نے پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان مختلف شعبوں میں مفادمتی یادداشتوں پر دستخط کیے اور گوادر ایئرپورٹ کا ورچوئل افتتاح بھی کیا گیا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2724489/10/>

Jang News

شنگھائی اجلاس: راولپنڈی کا ٹریفک پلان سامنے آگیا

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سربراہی اجلاس کے دوران سیکیورٹی پروٹوکول کے لیے راولپنڈی میں کیے گئے ٹریفک انتظامات کی تفصیلات سامنے آئیں۔

ٹریفک پولیس نے اندرون شہر کے 5 مقامات کو بند کر دیا گیا ہے، ان 5 مقامات میں کورال چوک، گلزار قائد، ایئرپورٹ روڈ، چوہان چوک اور فوجی ناو چوک شامل ہیں۔

ٹریفک پولیس نے بتایا ہے کہ یہ 5 مقامات صبح 11 بجے سے شام 6 بجے تک بند رہیں گے جبکہ شہر میں ہیوی ٹریفک کے داخلے پر بھی پابندی عائد کر دی گئی ہے۔

ٹریفک پولیس نے بتایا ہے کہ ٹیپو روڈ، مری روڈ، اسٹیڈیم روڈ، سید پور روڈ عام ٹریفک کے لیے کھلے رہیں گے۔
کچھری چوک اور اسکیم تھری روڈ بھی ٹریفک کے لیے کھلا رہے گا۔

<https://jang.com.pk/news/1400649>

چین کے وزیر اعظم کے تاریخی و نتیجہ خیز دورے کا منتظر ہوں: وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف

وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ کا خیر مقدم کرتے ہوئے خوشی ہوئی، ان کے تاریخی اور نتیجہ خیز دورے کا منتظر ہوں۔
ایک بیان میں انہوں نے کہا ہے کہ چینی وزیر اعظم کے دورے سے ہماری دوستی مزید مضبوط اور گہری ہوگی، ہم موجودہ اقدامات بالخصوص سی پیک پر پیشرفت کا جائزہ لیں گے۔

شہباز شریف کا کہنا ہے کہ ہم باہمی مفاد پر مبنی تعاون کے مزید نئے شعبوں کو تلاش کریں گے۔

وزیر اعظم نے یہ بھی کہا کہ پاک چین آزمودہ اسٹریٹجک تعاون، شراکت داری علاقائی استحکام اور خوشحالی کا سنگ بنیاد ہے۔

واضح رہے کہ چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ پاکستان کے دورے پر اسلام آباد پہنچ گئے ہیں۔

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم اجلاس میں چینی وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ اپنے وفد کی قیادت کریں گے۔

وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف نے چینی ہم منصب کا ایئر پورٹ پر پُر تپاک استقبال کیا۔

اس موقع پر وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کے ہمراہ نائب وزیر اعظم وزیر خارجہ اسحاق ڈار، وزیر داخلہ محسن نقوی اور دیگر وفاقی وزراء بھی موجود تھے۔

نور خان ایئر بیس پر چین کے وزیر اعظم کو دو بچوں نے گلستے پیش کیے۔

<https://jang.com.pk/news/1400683>

پاکستان کی مہمان نوازی نے متاثر کیا: چینی وزیر اعظم

عوامی جمہوریہ چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان کی مہمان نوازی نے متاثر کیا۔

ایک پیغام میں چینی وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ جیسے ہی میں جہاز سے اترا، مجھے گرم جوشی سے خوش آمدید کہا گیا۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف کی دعوت پر پاکستان کا دورہ کرنے پر بہت خوشی ہے، شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سربراہان حکومت کی 23 ویں میٹنگ میں شرکت کرنے پر خوشی ہے۔

چینی وزیر اعظم کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان ایک اہم ترقی پذیر ملک، ابھرتی ہوئی منڈی اور بڑا مسلم ملک ہے، پاکستان چین کا ہر موسم کا اسٹریٹجک تعاون کرنے والا ساتھی اور آہنی دوست ہے۔

لی چیانگ نے کہا کہ پاکستان کو چینی عوام بہت پسند کرتے ہیں اور سزا جتے ہیں، 73 سال میں دونوں ممالک نے مستقل اعتماد قائم رکھا اور ایک دوسرے کی حمایت کی۔

ان کا کہنا ہے کہ چین پاکستان تعلقات دو طرفہ ریاستی تعلقات کی ایک عمدہ مثال بن گئے ہیں، جون میں صدر شی جن پنگ نے وزیر اعظم شہباز شریف سے چین میں ملاقات کی، دونوں رہنماؤں نے چین پاکستان کمیونٹی کی تعمیر کے لیے منصوبہ بندی کی۔

Senate Chairperson Yousaf Raza Gilani addressing the attendees said that the launch of these reports attests to the transparency of Chinese investment in Pakistan and efficiency within Pakistan's power sector. He reiterated that Pakistan continues to benefit from China's unwavering support and investment which is a testament to the deep and growing economic partnership between the two countries.

Ata Tarar, Minister for Information, congratulated the Chinese companies for their impressive success, acknowledging the wide array of opportunities that China offers Pakistan. He expressed optimism about future collaboration underscoring the potential for even greater economic cooperation.

Minister for Finance, Muhammad Aurangzeb, praised the role of Chinese companies and their significant contributions to Pakistan's economic development. He highlighted how these investments were pivotal in driving growth, improving infrastructure and providing critical support to key sectors. PPP Senator Saleem Mandviwalla underscored the importance of China's ongoing role in uplifting Pakistan's economy. He acknowledged the strategic significance of the Chinese investments and their long-term positive effects on the country's development.

The launch of the key reports was celebrated as a major milestone in further strengthening the already robust economic ties between Pakistan and China.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350588>

SCO Summit game-changer for progress: Maryam

Faizan Bangash

LAHORE: Politicians have termed the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Islamabad a positive sign for the country's economic stability.

Political figures have expressed hope that this summit could be a game-changer for Pakistan and yield fruitful results. "The summit taking place in Pakistan is a matter of pride for the entire nation. Targets aimed at eradicating poverty and achieving economic stability will be accomplished," said Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, in her message regarding the SCO, which begins in Islamabad today.

"This summit will prove to be a game-changer for Pakistan," said Maryam Nawaz. She welcomed the foreign dignitaries and said that the presence of foreign leaders in Pakistan is a very positive sign. "This summit will open new horizons of cooperation," she said.

Federal Minister Riaz Pirzada, speaking to The News about the SCO in Pakistan, said it was encouraging to see foreign leadership visiting the country. "This summit has been made possible due to the efforts of the prime minister and the chief of the army staff," said the minister, who hails from Bahawalpur. He emphasised that the summit would pave the way for economic stability in Pakistan.

Former Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader and federal minister in Imran Khan's cabinet Shafqat Mehmood expressed satisfaction over the SCO being held in Pakistan. Shafqat, who is currently not active in politics, said that China has always stood by Pakistan, and the

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project reflects the strength of their bilateral relationship. He welcomed the foreign leaders visiting Pakistan.

Additionally, senior Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN) MPA Samiullah Khan, speaking in the Punjab Assembly on Monday, criticised PTI leader Hammad Azhar's call for a protest at D-Chowk on October 15, the day the SCO summit commences. He claimed that the PTI aimed to sabotage the event. "In such circumstances, law enforcement agencies and state organs have no choice but to take action to maintain peace," Sami Ullah Khan said.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350790>

Remote surgery done in China through robot

SHANGHAI: A groundbreaking remote robot-assisted lung cancer surgery spanning over 5,000 kilometers was successfully completed at the Second People's Hospital of Kashgar in Northwest China's Xinjiang region in collaboration with the Shanghai Chest Hospital the other day, foreign media reported.

This surgery marks a significant milestone in the advancement of domestic robotic thoracic surgery technology, breaking through spatial and geographical limitations and allowing more patients to benefit from China's "smart" advantages, according to Kashgar local media.

The surgery was led by Professor Luo Qingquan, a renowned expert in robotic thoracic surgery from the Shanghai Chest Hospital, with a team of assistants led by Chen Tianxiang, vice president of Second People's Hospital of Kashgar, who is also on staff at the Shanghai Chest Hospital to support Xinjiang.

Utilising the high-speed and low-latency characteristics of the 5G network, the expert team from the Shanghai Chest Hospital remotely controlled a domestic 5G remote surgical robot in Kashgar, successfully removing a lung tumor from a local patient.

"The success of the operation demonstrates that our domestic robotic surgery technology in thoracic surgery has further overcome spatial limitations," said Luo Qingquan, the lead surgeon.

"With this technology, patients in remote areas can access top-tier medical services without traveling to big cities." The surgical robots were developed by Shanghai MicroPort MedBot (Group) Co. The patient, a middle-aged woman, had a growing lump in her right lung that was identified three years ago. Luo and his team deemed her a suitable candidate for remote robotic surgery after reviewing her medical records.

A preoperative consultation via video linkup between Shanghai Chest Hospital and Kashgar Prefecture No 2 People's Hospital, where the woman was admitted, allowed doctors to discuss the preparations and the surgical plan in detail.

The surgery lasted an hour and proceeded smoothly. Luo manipulated the robotic arms in Shanghai, transmitting real-time instructions to the robotic arms in Kashgar, which precisely mirrored his movements to dissect, separate, cut and suture.

"I felt as though I was literally operating the robotic arms on-site in Kashgar. It was perfectly simultaneous," Luo said. Chen Tianxiang, a chest surgeon from Shanghai Chest Hospital

currently assisting at the Kashgar hospital, led a team in the operating room for real-time discussion and coordination with the Shanghai team.

“Robotic surgery is one of the most advanced minimally invasive technologies, offering patients higher accuracy, smaller wounds and faster recovery,” Luo said. Robots enhance the surgeon’s field of vision 10 to 15 times with three-dimensional, high-definition images, and their arms filter out human hand tremors for improved precision.

During the surgery, Professor Luo operated the robot from the surgical console at the Shanghai hospital, using a 3D display screen and a master controller to see real-time images of the patient’s chest cavity and precisely manipulate the robot arm for the operation.

Shanghai Chest Hospital was the first medical institution on the Chinese mainland to carry out robot-assisted chest surgeries. It was also the first hospital in the country to perform more than 1,000 chest surgeries assisted by surgical robots a year.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350787>

SCO meet

A big day for Pakistan, given its past challenges, today’s 23rd Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Islamabad brings together top leaders from member states to address critical regional issues. Established by China and Russia, the SCO has evolved into a significant intergovernmental platform, focusing on political, economic, defense, and security matters in Eurasia. For Pakistan, this summit represents more than a rotational obligation – it is a crucial moment for strengthening regional ties, enhancing economic cooperation, and demonstrating its capacity to host high-profile multilateral events. The summit will also see the rare visit of Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar to Pakistan, making this the first such high-level diplomatic engagement between the two countries in nearly a decade. Given the persistent tensions between Pakistan and India, particularly over security concerns and allegations of cross-border terrorism, this visit alone adds a layer of geopolitical importance to the summit. How both nations engage, even indirectly, will be closely watched by observers, as it could set the tone for future bilateral interactions, including the upcoming Champions Trophy, which Pakistan is slated to host next year.

Pakistan has gone to great lengths to ensure the security of Islamabad during the summit, implementing lockdown measures and a heightened military presence to prevent any untoward incidents. This is not only to protect the integrity of the SCO moot but also to send a strong message: Pakistan can guarantee the safety of such events, despite the challenges posed by ongoing security concerns, including recent terrorist incidents. The focus on China is unavoidable. Pakistan’s relationship with China has deepened significantly in recent years, primarily due to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which has been a linchpin of Pakistan’s economic recovery. The visit of Chinese Premier Li Qiang, who arrived in Rawalpindi for a four-day visit, underscores the importance of Sino-Pak relations. China’s presence at the SCO Summit also reflects its growing influence in the region, and for Pakistan, this relationship is critical, especially as it seeks to pivot from traditional Western alliances toward a more multipolar global stance. However, while this shift may raise eyebrows in the West – especially in Washington – Pakistan has reiterated its commitment to

maintaining balanced diplomatic relations, striving not to side exclusively with any global power bloc.

The economic agenda of the SCO Summit is equally significant for Pakistan. After years of economic instability, the country has seen the first signs of recovery, and bolstering trade and investment ties with SCO nations, particularly China and Russia, is essential to sustaining this momentum. The summit offers an opportunity for Pakistan to promote CPEC's success and advocate for greater regional economic cooperation, positioning itself as a key player in connecting Eurasia's markets through its strategic geography. While the summit's outcomes will be measured by its discussions on trade, security, and economic cooperation, its success will also be judged by Pakistan's ability to host a seamless, incident-free event. Observers have noted that if Pakistan successfully navigates the logistical and security challenges posed by the summit, it will be seen as a significant diplomatic win, especially given the country's long hiatus from hosting such high-profile multilateral conferences. This could also neutralize India's perennial claims of security risks in Pakistan, which are often cited as pretexts for avoiding bilateral engagements.

However, political distractions loom on the horizon. The PTI has called for a protest today, coinciding with the summit – viewed by many as a reckless and poorly timed attempt to disrupt the government's efforts to showcase Pakistan's diplomatic capabilities. While protests are a legitimate form of political expression, the timing raises concerns about undermining the country's international standing at a moment when national unity and a cohesive front are most needed. With the world watching, Pakistan has a unique opportunity to prove itself as a capable host, a pivotal regional player, and a country committed to fostering peace, security, and economic cooperation in Eurasia.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350531>

What does the SCO Summit offer us?

Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) has become a powerful regional forum, bringing together countries with significant geopolitical and economic influence.

Founded in 2001, the SCO initially aimed to address security concerns, particularly in Central Asia. Over time, it has broadened its focus to include economic collaboration, energy cooperation, and infrastructure development, enhancing its potential to influence the Eurasian geopolitics as well as geoeconomics.

The organisation spans about 60 per cent of the Eurasian landmass and includes over 40 per cent of the global population. With major economic powers like China and Russia; four nuclear powers (China, Russia, Pakistan, and India); and energy-rich Russia, Iran, and Central Asian Countries, the SCO offers an alternative to Western-dominated platforms.

Starting today, Pakistan is hosting the SCO Council of Heads of Government Meeting, bringing together seven prime ministers, a vice president, and a foreign minister. This is a clear demonstration of Pakistan's strong regional standing and diplomatic influence. Hosting the summit allows Pakistan to demonstrate its stability and security capabilities, sending a

strong message that the country remains a crucial regional player, despite some complicated external and internal challenges.

Economically, hosting the SCO summit holds great promise for Pakistan. The SCO has been actively promoting regional trade and investment among its member states. Trade within the bloc has surged from \$336 billion in 2019 to \$490 billion in 2023, signaling the growing interdependence among members. Mindful that it has not fully explored the potential for intra-SCO trade, Pakistan aims to benefit significantly from this, especially through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which positions Pakistan as a strategic trade hub, connecting it to China and Central Asia.

The summit allows Pakistan to push forward connectivity projects that could help mitigate its economic challenges. Specifically, Pakistan could seek greater investment in infrastructure, deepen trade partnerships, and negotiate cooperation on energy (including renewables) and technology transfer with SCO members.

This year's SCO summit is particularly significant given the wider geopolitical context. The Ukraine war, the escalating conflict in the Middle East, and the ongoing tensions around Iran have shifted global priorities. The summit will offer an alternative platform for dialogue on these issues, distinct from many Western-dominated forums.

So why is the timing of the Islamabad Summit important? The answer is quite straightforward: China's, as well as India's, booming trade with Russia has been its lifeline so far and now it is looking to further strengthen its ties within the SCO as Western sanctions continue to strain its economy. Meanwhile, China, facing tariffs and trade restrictions from the US and its allies, is increasingly seeking to enhance regional cooperation with SCO partners as part of its broader strategy to diversify its global economic partnerships.

Iran, another SCO member under heavy Western sanctions, will also look to deepen its economic ties with neighbouring countries, particularly given the ongoing US pressure on its oil exports. Iran is also negotiating a strategic partnership with Russia, especially Su-35 fighter jets, to strengthen its defence against Israel.

Western tariffs on Chinese products and sanctions on Russia and Iran have opened up opportunities for the SCO to develop its own economic mechanisms, including exploring the options to gradually de-dollarise its economies.

Against this backdrop, the SCO's potential as an indigenous forum for discussing this region's issues and challenges becomes even more important. Pakistan can position itself as a key transit hub for trade between these major economies, further boosting its role as a bridge between South Asia, Central Asia, and beyond. For example, Russian energy resources and Chinese investments in infrastructure, especially through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and CPEC, can play a critical role in stabilising Pakistan's energy sector and boosting its economic growth.

The previous SCO summit, held in India in 2023, addressed key areas such as counterterrorism, economic cooperation, and climate change. A major outcome was the enhancement of the Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure (RATS), which facilitates intelligence sharing and coordinated efforts to combat terrorism, extremism, and separatism. For Pakistan,

this aligns with its own security concerns, particularly with ongoing threats from groups like the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

On the economic front, the India summit discussed reducing trade barriers and boosting investment among member states, but India's 'Make in India' initiative and cautious approach to SCO integration limited progress. Geopolitical tensions, particularly between India and China, and India and Pakistan overshadowed efforts to enhance regional cooperation and undercut the summit's effectiveness.

In Islamabad, Pakistan will have an opportunity to build on these discussions, particularly in areas where progress stalled. Counterterrorism will remain a priority, with RATS likely to be further strengthened. As a frontline state in the fight against terrorism, Pakistan is expected to push for deeper cooperation in intelligence sharing against militancy. Economically, Pakistan can use the summit to advocate for trade liberalisation and investment promotion within the SCO. Infrastructure projects, particularly those linked to CPEC, will likely dominate the agenda.

To capitalise upon the recent rise in trade among SCO members, Pakistan could push for reduced tariffs, simplified customs procedures, and enhanced connectivity through joint infrastructure financing. Joint ventures in renewable energy could also be on the table, particularly in light of global concerns over climate change.

Despite the opportunities, one must remain realistic about the summit's potential outcomes. While collaboration is possible, the SCO has often struggled to implement its decisions, largely due to competing interests among its member states. The rivalry between China and India, and India and Pakistan, may once again limit progress.

The verbal duel between India and Pakistan's foreign ministers at the 2023 SCO summit significantly impacted the event's overall atmosphere, and effectively dashed hopes for any thaw in India-Pakistan relations. In Islamabad, expectations remain similarly low for any breakthrough, as the SCO is a multilateral forum not focused on bilateral disputes between member states. However, it remains to be seen whether the encounter between the two foreign ministers this time will further strain their relationship or simply maintain the status quo.

Western countries, particularly the US, view the SCO with caution. Deepening partnership among Russia, China, and Iran further intensifies their concerns about the organisation's geopolitical influence and direction. Nonetheless, Western opposition is not absolute. The US and its allies monitor the SCO, particularly in areas of military cooperation and regional security.

Pakistan will need to carefully balance its SCO membership with its relationships with Western powers, particularly the US, which remains an important economic and security partner. However, beyond external dynamics, internal political tensions could also undermine Pakistan's ability to fully capitalise on the summit's opportunities.

At this crucial moment, both the government and opposition parties should recognise the significance of hosting key regional powers and refrain from actions or rhetoric that could cast a negative light on Pakistan in front of visiting dignitaries. This is a time for unity and

responsibility, not for political point-scoring, to ensure that Pakistan's standing on the global stage is enhanced rather than tarnished.

Although many decisions from previous SCO summits have yet to be fully implemented, the forum plays a vital role in ensuring the world remains multipolar. Its presence may not always deliver immediate or tangible results, but its absence would significantly undermine efforts to maintain a balance of power on the global stage. The SCO's role in fostering cooperation among major regional powers is crucial in countering unilateral dominance and promoting a more balanced international order.

Let us cherish and celebrate the SCO summit in this context, as it offers a rare platform for collective wisdom from the leadership of 40 per cent of the world's population. The question now is: can this collective wisdom turn into a shared vision to steer the future of global cooperation and balance of power?

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350539>

Nobody can be allowed to sabotage SCO, CPEC: PMLN MPs

LAHORE: Ruling party MPAs in Punjab Assembly supported action against elements planning to damage CPEC and reach Islamabad to create disturbance during the SCO commencing today (Tuesday).

During the heated PA session chaired by Speaker Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan a day before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit starting from Oct 15 (today) in the federal capital, the ruling party MPAs supported full action against those who were on a mission of sabotaging the summit or damaging Pakistan's interest. Sami Ullah Khan, the PMLN MPA from Lahore while voicing serious concern over the video message of PTI senior leader and former member of Imran Khan's cabinet Hammad Azhar stated if the intent to sabotage SCO was shown, the government was left with no option but to stop the miscreants from performing any subversive act.

Sami Ullah Khan, who hails from Lahore and served as MPA for multiple terms now went on to say that Hammad Azhar had asked the PTI workers to reach Islamabad on October 15, the day when the summit was starting. He said the law enforcement agencies were left with only one option that unfortunately could also affect politicians with positive intent. 'Those intending to sabotage peace will not be spared' said the Provincial Minister Mian Mujtaba Shuja ur Rehman while speaking on the floor of Punjab Assembly. 'Show the courage and come out, we will not let PTI supporters exit Punjab' said Mian Mujtaba Shuja ur Rehman. He said the elements who wanted to hinder Pakistan's way to progress and prosperity would be dealt with iron hands.

Mujtaba went on to say if these elements were sincere to Pakistan, they should withdraw the October 15 protest call.

He said the heads of world nations were coming to Pakistan after 27 years, inflation was coming down, the economic situation was improving, adding PMLN deserved the credit of all this. Mujtaba went on to say that law would take its course if PTI launched any attack against the state of Pakistan. The minister said that in the tenure of Imran Khan, the CPEC

project faced a delay, adding IK pushed the country towards bankruptcy but Shehbaz Sharif steered Pakistan out of crisis.

He criticised PTI leadership for their will to block CPEC and Pakistan's way to progress which, he added was not possible while Shehbaz Sharif was in power. He said PMLN and allies under the leadership of Shehbaz Sharif would take Pakistan on the track of progress.

Mujtaba Shuja ur Rehman, while grilling PTI leadership further, said that on the insistence of their foreign masters, they did not attend the All Parties Conference on Palestine. Only with the help of Gen Faiz Hameed and a few judges, PTI was able to win a few seats and in the next polls, the Goldsmith project failed again. Mujtaba also slammed PTI leaders like Arif Ali, Ali Amin Gandapur for provoking people.

Speaker Malik Muhammad Ahmad on the occasion remarked how could a member's arrest be averted if he was involved in subversive acts. Under Article 17, every citizen has the right to protest but if it is not peaceful, trouble could be invited.

The Speaker stated that protest is the Constitutional right but there must be some limits, adding if these elements were miscreants, they should be stopped.

Opposition MPA Ejaz Shafi while speaking on the occasion stated that this present assembly was a product of Form 47 whereas Prisoner number 804 enjoyed real mandate. He said rather than levelling allegations, the government should tell the name of the political workers who were against the state of Pakistan.

He questioned as to why the PTI workers were not allowed to reach Islamabad. He said the PTI welcomed the Shanghai summit but its protest call was totally peaceful and constitutional. He also stated that PMLN would be wiped out in the next elections.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350747>

All about SCO summit commencing in Islamabad today

Sabir Shah

LAHORE: As the leafy Islamabad braces up to host the two-day Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) amid extremely stringent security measures Tuesday (today), with Pakistan Army troops responsible for the security of the capital's Red Zone.

The Indian Foreign Minister, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, will be the first high-level leader of his country to visit Pakistan in nine years. As foreign secretary, Jaishankar, had accompanied the-then Indian Foreign Minister, (late) Sushma Swaraj, when she had visited Pakistan in 2015 for the Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process talks.

Meanwhile, the Chinese Prime Minister, Li Qiang, is the first government head of his country to have arrived in Pakistan after 11 years, greeted with a 21-gun salute. His predecessor, Li Keqiang, had visited Pakistan in May 2013.

The 58-year-old Russian Prime Minister, Mikhail Mishustin, and Premiers from Belarus (Roman Golovchenko), Kazakhstan (Olzhas Bektenov), Kyrgyzstan (Zhaparov Akylbek), Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan (Abdulla Aripov) will be attending the 23rd SCO moot, along

with Iran's First Vice President (Mohammad Reza Aref) and India's External Affairs Minister (Subrahmanyam Jaishankar).

The Russian premier will be the first government head of his country to touch the Pakistani soil after 17 years. In 2007, Mikhail Fradko, was the first Prime Minister of the Russian Federation to visit Pakistan to ink four bilateral accords in the areas of railways, narcotics control and culture exchanges.

In January 1966, President General Ayub Khan had toured Tashkent (then part of former Soviet Union) along with his Foreign Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, foreign secretary Aziz Ahmad and defence secretary Ghulam Ishaq Khan, for peace talks with Indian Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, and signed the historic Tashkent Declaration.

In 1974, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had paid a tiring and lengthy state visit to Soviet Union, becoming the first Pakistani Prime Minister since 1947.

In 1999, Premier Nawaz Sharif had landed in Moscow, the first Pakistani leader to do so after a gap of 25 years.

In February 2003, President Gen Pervez Musharraf had arrived in the Russian capital.

Premier Imran Khan had visited Russia in February 2022, the first visit by a Pakistani premier in 23 years.

The last high-level interaction between Pakistan and Russia took place in Beijing on October 17, 2023, when Russian President, Vladimir Putin, had met Caretaker Pakistani Premier, Anwaarul Haq Kakar, on the sidelines of the Third Belt and Road Forum.

The Prime Minister of Mongolia (Oyun-Erdene Luvsannamsrai) and Turkmenistan's Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers (Rashid Meredov) will also be joining as special guests.

Established by China and Russia 23 years ago, the Beijing-based Shanghai Cooperation Organisation covers approximately 24 per cent of the area of world and 42 per cent of the world population.

As of 2024, the combined nominal GDP of this nine-member group accounts for around 23 per cent of the net international output of goods and services.

In June 2017, the SCO expanded to eight states, with Pakistan, India and Iran joining the group in July 2023, and Belarus in July 2024. Other members include Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

The SCO Observers are Afghanistan and Mongolia, while its dialogue partners comprise Armenia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Maldives, Kuwait, Cambodia, Egypt, and Myanmar.

Previous SCO Summits of Heads of State were held at Shanghai, Saint Petersburg, Moscow, Tashkent, Astana, Shanghai, Bishkek, Dushanbe, Russian city of Yekaterinburg, Tashkent, Astana, Beijing, Bishkek, Dushanbe, Russian town of Ufa, Tashkent, Astana, Chinese city Qingdao, Bishkek, there was a video conference in 2020, Dushanbe, Samarkand, a video conference was held in 2023 and Astana.

The SCO Summits of Heads of Government were organised at Almaty, Beijing, Bishkek, Moscow, Dushanbe, Tashkent, Astana, Beijing, Dushanbe, Saint Petersburg, Bishkek, Tashkent, Astana, Zhengzhou, Bishkek, Sochi, Dushanbe, Tashkent, video conferences in 2020, 2021 and 2022, Bishkek and now Islamabad.

In September 2003, the heads of the SCO member states signed a 20-year Programme of Multilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation. As a long-term goal, the programme provides for the establishment of a free trade zone within the territory under the SCO member states; while in the short run, it seeks to reinvigorate the process of creating favourable environment for trade and investment.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350754>

All set for SCO summit today

Mumtaz Alvi & Muhammad Saleh Zaafir

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is all set to host the meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) here on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif would preside over the meeting. The meeting would see the participation of prime ministers and high-ranking officials from the SCO member states, including Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and the First Vice President of Iran. The External Affairs Minister of India and Premier of the State Council of China, Li Qiang, will also represent their respective countries.

The prime minister of Mongolia as observer state, and deputy chairman of the cabinet of ministers and foreign minister of Turkmenistan as special guest will also participate in the meeting.

The SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting would discuss ongoing cooperation in fields of economy, trade, environment and socio-cultural linkages and review the performance of the organisation.

PM Shehbaz Sharif would take over the chair of SCO Council of Chief Executives/Heads of the Government on Tuesday (today) for the period of one year, as India is relinquishing it after 17 months.

He would also hold important bilateral meetings with the visiting heads of delegations on the sidelines of the meeting. Indian Minister for External Affairs (MEA) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar would represent Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the summit. He would stay in Islamabad for about 24 hours, and he would return to his capital on Wednesday evening.

Jaishankar's visit would be the first by an Indian external affairs minister in almost 10 years. He might attend the welcome dinner, hosted by PM Shehbaz Sharif at the PM House for the delegates on Tuesday.

Both the countries have excluded the prospect of a formal bilateral meeting on the occasion, but visiting Indian minister, like other delegates, would converse with host PM Shehbaz

Sharif and Deputy PM Senator Ishaq Dar, who is also his counterpart, prior to the main summit. Jaishankar already stated that he was not traveling to Islamabad to address bilateral relations but to fulfil his role as a “good member” of the SCO, which comprises Pakistan, China, Russia, Iran, India, and four Central Asian nations.

The last Indian EAM to visit Pakistan was Sushma Swaraj in December 2015. The Indian PM has never participated in the annual meeting of the Council of Heads of Government since India became a member in 2017, so Jaishankar’s attendance comes as no surprise.

Indian High Commission media wing told The News on Monday it had no clue about any schedule of media interaction of its EAM. But sources hinted that since Pakistan would raise the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, occupied by India, in its principal statement, Jaishankar might respond through media before his returning home.

Sources hinted that the Indian minister would have at least two meetings on the margins of the summit with Chinese and Russian foreign ministers. Meanwhile, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar Monday termed the protest call of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) a hollow threat, saying that the area from the airport to the red zone was completely safe.

He said it was a matter of pride to hold such a big event in Pakistan after 27 years, noting that after 11 years, Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang had come to Pakistan. He was holding a news conference after Chinese prime minister’s arrival in Pakistan. He said PTI’s protest call was a trivial issue as the party leaders were fighting among themselves; Hamid Khan and Ali Muhammad Khan did not want any protest, and some others were saying it was aimed at only recording their protest.

He said he did not understand the purpose of the protest. He said the army, rangers and troops were deployed and fool-proof security measures were taken. The minister said Pakistan’s economy was moving in a positive direction, noting Bloomberg called Pakistan an emerging economy; investment is increasing due to reduction of policy rates, inflation rate has decreased to 6.9pc, IT exports are increasing rapidly, he added. He continued that Pakistan’s emerging economy was being viewed positively across the world.

To a question about PTI’s style of politics, Tarar said the more you increase hatred and ego, the more it will increase. “On the one side, there is ego while on the other is patriotism; and historically, there has always been a difference between what is right and what is wrong,” he remarked.

The minister contended that those who could carry out May-9 attacks, desecrate the martyrs’ memorials by destroying them; those who could write to the IMF to bankrupt the country; those who think that any leader was bigger than Pakistan, “let me make it clear that no political party, including his and no political leader, is bigger than Pakistan”.

“The day I understand that my political party and my political leadership are bigger than Pakistan, then I have no right to live in Pakistan,” he added. Tarar said if Pakistan exists, then there are political parties and politicians. “If someone says that it is not Pakistan, then it can only be regretted,” he argued.

Referring to the SCO moot, the minister said that “it is a matter of pride for us to have an event of this level in Pakistan after 27 years; the image of Pakistan has been restored at the international level and when a country hosts such a big conference, it also speaks volumes about its capabilities. It’s good that we have the ability to hold major events”.

He said that the successful holding of the SCO meeting gives hope that “we have the ability to organise the World Cup or a major international sports competition tomorrow. The image of Pakistan will be improved at the global level by holding the event”.

Separately, the federal government launched the Media Facilitation Centre on Monday, equipped with most modern facilities, to assist international and local media during the SCO Summit 2024, being hosted by Pakistan for the first time on October 15-16.

The facilitation centre was launched here at Pak-China Friendship Centre by the information minister, along with senior officers of the ministry. The centre has been decorated with thematic pictorials, banners and decorative material, fountains, highlighting the national landmarks of the member states, participating in the two-day regional summit. The media centre has SMDs, projecting banners of different SCO members, whereas a dedicated multimedia showcasing eye catching landscapes and cultural heritage of Pakistan has been installed. The ministry has set up a display centre providing literature regarding notable literary figures, cultural heritage, archaeological sites, tourism potential and other information valuable for the visiting dignitaries and the international media. A high-speed wifi internet, studio, printing facilities have also been provided at the centre. Member National Assembly Barrister Daniyal Chaudhary visited different stalls and cafeteria of the facilitation centre and appreciated the minister and his team. Separately, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Sherry Rehman Monday expressed her enthusiasm about the SCO summit, considering it a significant honour for Pakistan and believed that the pivotal event would not only bolster regional ties but also stabilise the country’s foreign policy as international trust in Pakistan grows. In an exclusive talk with a private news channel, she emphasised the significance of the SCO Summit in restoring confidence and strengthening diplomatic ties for Pakistan, which were damaged in the previous regime. “The SCO Summit presents a crucial opportunity for Pakistan to deepen its economic ties with member states, particularly China and Russia and position itself as a hub for trade and transit, facilitating greater economic integration within the region,” she added.

“By actively participating in the SCO, Pakistan can enhance its geopolitical and economic standing, strengthen security cooperation and promote regional connectivity,” she added. “India’s participation in the SCO Summit alongside Pakistan is a significant development where India can get an opportunity to discuss issues on table talks,” she added.

Sherry also emphasised that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) should demonstrate maturity and understand the significance of the SCO summit. “The SCO summit, founded by China and Russia in 2001, focuses on key areas such as political, economic, international security, and defence matters,” she added.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350776>

13 accords signed: Pakistan, China agree to ramp up cooperation

Muhammad Anis & Mehtab Haider

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China Monday expressed their satisfaction on strategic cooperative partnership, based on mutual trust and shared principles.

The understanding was reached at a delegation-level meeting, held between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang, here. The two sides said the partnership was growing stronger with each passing day and both the leaders exchanged views on the entire gamut of bilateral relations as well as matters of mutual, regional, and international importance.

Both leaders reaffirmed their support for each other on all core issues and expressed their commitment to the high-quality development of the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). They also emphasised the need for timely completion of all ongoing projects in various sectors, including industry, agricultural modernisation, information technology, and science and technology, for mutual benefit and Pakistan's socio-economic development.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif assured Pakistan's unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety of Chinese nationals and projects in Pakistan. "Held most productive talks with Chinese Premier Li Qiang," Shehbaz Sharif said on his 'X' social media site.

He said that they expressed satisfaction at the progress of various important CPEC initiatives and agreed to ensure their timely execution. The PM said that they also discussed ways to further enhance cooperation in multiple areas including trade, investment, economy, energy, agriculture, IT, and defence as well as regional peace and security. "Our strategic partnership and full understanding on our core issues is cornerstone of regional stability and prosperity," the PM said.

He pointed out that they presided over the completion of new Gwadar airport and witnessed the exchange of important MoUs that will enhance cooperation in various fields. "Long Live Pak-China friendship," Shehbaz Sharif concluded.

Both leaders agreed to continue high-level exchanges, which include strengthening cooperation in all bilateral areas. The meeting discussed the relocation of Chinese industries to Pakistan and also exchanged views on strategies to increase Chinese investment in Pakistan.

It was reiterated during the meeting that Pakistan and China will continue close consultation at multilateral forums as well as on issues of regional and global importance. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang virtually inaugurated the new Gwadar International Airport.

Addressing inaugural ceremony, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said completion of Gwadar International Airport was a gift from China. He said it shows China's commitment and dedication to support Pakistan's economic development agenda and to promote backwards areas of country.

He expressed the confidence that completion of this international Gwadar airport would not only transform Gwadar's economy, but also economy of the country. Expressing gratitude to Chinese leadership, Shehbaz appreciated untiring efforts of Pakistan and Chinese engineers and workers for their efforts in building a world class airport at Gwadar.

He said a signing ceremony and exchange of MoUs between Pakistan and China in various fields, including industry, agriculture and commerce was witnessed by prime ministers of both countries. The PM expressed confidence that the MoUs would shape into agreements very soon through joint efforts of both countries.

Chinese Premier Li Qiang said his country would continue working with Pakistan to uphold the principle of planning, building, and benefiting together. He said the New Gwadar International Airport is a critical step in building Gwadar into a regional hub of connectivity. He further said that Chinese and Pakistani workers built this modern and high-standard airport in five years, demonstrating the strength of China-Pakistan cooperation.

The Chinese premier expressed confidence that the inauguration of the New Gwadar International Airport would significantly enhance connectivity in the Gwadar region. The Chinese prime minister assured that Beijing would continue to work closely with the intimate Pakistani friends in building and benefiting together by pursuing the goals of high standards, sustainability and high quality of Belt and Road Initiative.

Referring to the Pak-China ties, Li Qiang termed those "special relationship and friendship", saying that this all-weather strategic partnership was further deepening. "The unique and unbreakable time-tested ironclad friendship stood the global changing landscape," he added.

Meanwhile, the military leadership of Pakistan met visiting Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang here on Monday. The Chinese premier held an important meeting with Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and three services chiefs. The meeting expressed the resolve to further strengthen and widen relations between the two countries. Matters relating to menace of terrorism and defence also came under discussion.

The Chinese PM lauded role of Pakistan's armed forces against terrorism and his country's full support and assistance in this war. Earlier on Monday, Pakistan and China signed 13 memorandums of understanding (MoUs) for enhancing cooperation including renewal of the currency swaps agreement between the two countries and signing of the protocol on quarantine requirements for export of donkey meat to China.

Both the countries did not sign any MoU related to the re-profiling of Chinese IPP debt of \$15.4 billion during the official visit of the Chinese premier to Pakistan. However, Minister for Finance Mohammad Aurangzeb when asked by The News said the profiling of Chinese IPPs debt was work in progress.

Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal said Pakistan and China have agreed to move towards construction of Mainline-1 (ML-1) under which China would grant financing for construction of phase-1 from Karachi to Hyderabad. The financing agreement for ML-1, he said, would be done as both sides agreed to devise modalities in months ahead.

Pakistan and China signed MoU for strengthening security cooperation as China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) and Ministry of Economic Affairs reached by the leaders of two countries would maintain a security environment for development. Both parties would maintain a peaceful and secure environment for development which is an important guarantee for deepening development cooperation and both sides agreed to further strengthen counter terrorism and security cooperation. The CIDCA is willing to provide six bulletproof vehicles to support national security and economic and social development of Pakistan. Both sides will maintain communication on related specific matters, discuss and solve relevant issues through consultation in a timely manner. Pakistan and China signed cooperation for Television co-production. The agreement between Pakistan and China aims to promote cultural exchanges by encouraging co-productions in television. The collaboration allows the production of television content that will be beneficial in fostering cultural understanding and cooperation, particularly by meeting technical and creative requirements set by both nations. The media should note the role this agreement plays in bringing both nations' cultural narratives to wider audiences, enhancing bilateral ties. For fire and rescue vehicles project, a letter of exchange highlighted China's commitment to aid Pakistan with 19 fire trucks, a multi-functional rescue vehicle, and a rescue excavator. It would significantly boost Pakistan's emergency response capabilities, specifically for fire and rescue services in Islamabad. Information and Communication Cooperation: The MoU focuses on enhancing digital infrastructure, promoting projects such as cloud services, smart classrooms, and green energy solutions for higher education. This is pivotal for Pakistan's digital transformation and competitive standing in the global market. Strengthening Livelihood Cooperation: This MoU strengthens social and livelihood projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), focusing on agriculture, healthcare, and vocational training. It supports Pakistan's socio-economic development and aligns with broader regional goals under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Development of Joint Laboratories: This MoU facilitates the creation of joint laboratories focused on disaster prevention and hydropower technology. The joint research and technology transfer will enhance Pakistan's capabilities in disaster management and rural electrification. Water Conservancy and Disaster Mitigation: This MoU aims at addressing Pakistan's needs in flood control and post-disaster reconstruction. It includes initiatives like river training and flood prevention, which are crucial for mitigating disaster impacts in vulnerable regions.

Minutes of 13th Joint Cooperation Committee meeting of CPEC and 7th Joint Working Group on Gwadar under CEPC were also handed over. Earlier in the day, the Chinese premier landed in Islamabad on four-day official visit ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit.

APP adds: Premier Li earlier arrived at PM House, and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif warmly received him at the formal welcome ceremony, where he was given a guard of honour before proceedings for the meeting and delegation-level talks.

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=350775>

Express News

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم سربراہی اجلاس کی تیاریاں مکمل، افتتاحی اجلاس آج اسلام آباد میں ہوگا

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کا 23 واں سربراہی اجلاس آج سے اسلام آباد میں شروع ہوگا۔ اسلام آباد

پاکستان نے شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے اجلاس کے لیے تمام تیاریاں مکمل کر لی ہیں، رکن ممالک کے درمیان کانفرنس کا انعقاد آج اسلام آباد کے کنونشن سینٹر میں ہوگا جبکہ تنظیم کا سربراہی اجلاس 16 اکتوبر کو ہوگا۔

وزیراعظم محمد شہباز شریف اجلاس کی صدارت کریں گے۔ اور ابتدائی خطاب کریں گے، اجلاس میں چین، روس، ترکمانستان اور تاجکستان کے وزیراعظم جبکہ بھارتی وزیر خارجہ سمیت کانفرنس میں سات ممالک کے وزرائے اعظم شریک ہوں گے۔

چینی وزیراعظم اسلام آباد پہنچ گئے ہیں جبکہ دیگر ممالک کے سربراہان رات گئے اور صبح کے اوقات میں اسلام آباد پہنچیں گے۔

اجلاس میں شرکت کے لیے روسی وزیراعظم 15 اکتوبر کی رات پاکستان پہنچیں گے اور 16 اکتوبر کو کانفرنس میں شریک ہوں گے۔

کانفرنس میں ترکمانستان، تاجکستان اور قزاقستان کے وزیراعظم شریک ہوں گے جبکہ مصر کی حیثیت سے منگولیا کے وزیراعظم شریک ہوں گے۔

سربراہی اجلاس میں تنظیم کی کارکردگی کے علاوہ تنظیم کے رکن ممالک کے درمیان تعاون اور باہمی تعلقات کو مزید بڑھانے کا بھی جائزہ لیا جائے گا۔

کانفرنس کے رکن ممالک کی نمائندگی چین، روس، بیلاروس، قازقستان، کرغزستان، تاجکستان اور ازبکستان کے وزرائے اعظم کریں گے، جبکہ ایران کے پہلے نائب صدر اور بھارت کے وزیر خارجہ بھی اجلاس میں شرکت کریں گے۔

مصر ریاست کے طور پر منگولیا کے وزیراعظم اور ترکمانستان کے نائب چیئرمین کاہینہ اور وزیر خارجہ خصوصی مہمان کے طور پر شرکت کریں گے، اسلام آباد میں شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم اجلاس کے لیے غیر ملکی وفد کی آمد کا سلسلہ شروع ہو گیا ہے۔

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے 2 روزہ سربراہی اجلاس کے موقع پر اسلام آباد کو بڑی خوبصورتی سے سجایا گیا ہے، مہمانوں کی نقل و حرکت کے تمام روٹس پر برقی قہقہے اور اسکرین لگادی گئی ہیں، جبکہ ریڈ زون کو مکمل سیل کر دیا گیا اور دس ہزار سے زائد پولیس اہلکار اسلام آباد میں تعینات ہیں جبکہ ریڈ زون کی سیکورٹی فوج کے کنٹرول میں ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2724657/1/>

خشک میوہ جات کی ویلیو ایڈیشن، برآمدات کیلئے چین کیساتھ مفاہمتی یادداشت پر دستخط

ایس آئی ایف سی کی معاونت سے پاکستان کی ٹیرانیو ٹریڈنگ پرائیویٹ لمیٹڈ اور چین کی ڈیجیٹل ہیری فوڈ کمپنی لمیٹڈ کے درمیان ایک مفاہمتی یادداشت پر: اسلام آباد دستخط کیے گئے۔ یادداشت کے نتیجے میں زراعت اور صنعتی شعبوں میں سرمایہ کاری اور ترقی کی رفتار میں اضافہ ہوگا جو ملکی معیشت کو مستحکم کرنے میں معاون ثابت

ہوگا۔ اس شراکت داری کا مقصد خشک میوہ جات خصوصاً چلغوزے اور پستے کی پراسیسنگ، ویلیو ایڈیشن اور سالانہ 500 ملین ڈالر کی برآمد ہے یہ تعاون پاکستان کو عالمی منڈیوں تک رسائی اور چین میں معیاری خشک میوہ جات کی طلب کو پورا کرنے کے لیے نئی منڈیوں کے وسیع مواقع فراہم کرے گا

اس شراکت کے باعث جنوبی وزیرستان کے عوام کے لیے روزگار کے مواقع پیدا ہوں گے جن کے نتیجے میں معاشی سرگرمیوں میں اضافہ ممکن ہوگا

اس اقدام کو ممکن بنانے میں ایس آئی ایف سی کا کردار، کاروبار دوست ماحول کی تشکیل اور نجی شعبے کی شرکت کی حوصلہ افزائی اس کے عزم کا واضح ثبوت ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2724740/6/>

Jang News

چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ کی پاکستان کی عسکری قیادت سے ملاقات

چین کے وزیر اعظم لی چیانگ نے پاکستان کی عسکری قیادت سے ملاقات کی ہے۔

چینی وزیر اعظم کی چیئر مین جو اینٹ چیفس آف اسٹاف کمیٹی، سروسز چیفس کے ساتھ ملاقات ہوئی جس میں پاک چین دیرینہ تعلقات کو مزید مضبوط اور وسعت دینے کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا گیا۔

ملاقات میں چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان دفاع اور دہشت گردی کیخلاف امور بھی زیر بحث آئے۔

چین کے وزیر اعظم نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں پاکستان کی مسلح افواج کے کردار کو سراہا۔ چینی وزیر اعظم نے دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ میں پاکستان کی مکمل حمایت اور مدد کی یقین دہانی بھی کروائی۔

<https://jang.com.pk/news/1400768>

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کا اجلاس آج سے اسلام آباد میں شروع ہوگا

شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کا 23 واں سربراہی اجلاس آج سے اسلام آباد میں شروع ہوگا، وفاقی دارالحکومت میں اجلاس کی تیاریاں مکمل کر لی گئیں۔ ایس سی اوسٹ میں شرکت کے لیے سربراہان کی آمد جاری ہے۔

چین کے وزیر اعظم، بھارت کے وزیر خارجہ، ایرانی اول نائب صدر، قازقستان، تاجکستان اور ازبکستان کے وزرائے اعظم پاکستان کے مہمان بنیں گے۔

کرغزستان، ترکمانستان سے اعلیٰ سطح کے وفد، شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم کے سیکرٹری جنرل، بزنس کونسل کے چیئر مین بورڈ بھی اجلاس میں شرکت کریں گے۔

ایس سی او اجلاس میں معیشت، تجارت، ماحولیات اور سماجی و ثقافتی روابط کے شعبوں میں جاری تعاون پر تبادلہ خیال کیا جائے گا اور تنظیم کی کارکردگی کا بھی جائزہ لیا جائے گا۔

اجلاس میں تنظیم کے رکن ممالک باہمی تعاون کو مزید بڑھانے اور تنظیم کے بجٹ کی منظوری کے لیے اہم تنظیمی فیصلے کریں گے۔

ترجمان دفتر خارجہ ممتاز زہر بلوچ کا کہنا ہے کہ ایس سی او اجلاس میں معاشی امور، تجارت اور کنیکٹیوٹیٹی پر فوکس رہے گا، رکن ممالک کے سربراہان کا آنا پاکستان کے

اقدامات پر اعتماد کا ثبوت ہے۔

<https://jang.com.pk/news/1400776>



https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Back_Page

https://epaper.dailyk2.com/Home?Issue=NP_GB&Page=Baqia

Chinese Newspapers

October 01, 2024

People's Daily

World leaders hope to deepen cooperation with China

BEIJING, Sept. 30 (Xinhua) -- On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, leaders from various countries have expressed their hopes to deepen friendly cooperation with China and make joint contributions to global sustainable development.

Congratulating China on its remarkable development achievements in the past 75 years, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said that the Serbian side is sincerely joyful over these achievements, and is confident in China's development prospects.

Faced with a complex international situation, the peoples of Serbia and China have always shared common philosophies and are committed to developing friendly relations, allowing the solid friendship between the two countries to continue to shine, Vucic said.

Pointing out that the practical cooperation between the two countries in various fields has yielded fruitful results, Vucic said he believes more cooperative projects will be implemented in the future for the benefit of the two peoples.

"China is a stabilizing force in international affairs and an important driving force for global economic growth," said Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, adding that under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, the Chinese people have achieved national independence.

Over the past 75 years, China has continuously promoted technological development and innovation, contributing Chinese wisdom to the improvement of the world's political, economic, and cultural landscape, Zardari said.

China has clear development goals and remarkable achievements in the fields of economy, infrastructure, technology, and manufacturing, which have attracted worldwide attention, said Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulides.

Emphasizing the deep friendship between Cyprus and China despite geographical distance, Christodoulides said that the Cypriot side sincerely appreciates China's long-term support on the Cyprus issue and is unwaveringly committed to the one-China policy.

The Cypriot side firmly supports the development of EU-China relations and is ready to work with China to further advance Cyprus-China and EU-China relations, he said.

Maltese President Myriam Spiteri Debono said that since Malta established diplomatic relations with China, the two countries have maintained friendly relations, mutual trust, and strong bilateral development, adding that the Maltese side looks forward to further enhancing cooperation with China for the benefit of the two peoples.

Noting that the Pakistan-China friendship is "unbreakable," Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said the two countries firmly support each other on issues involving their core interests.

Pakistan is ready to deepen cooperation with China in the fields of energy, agriculture, mining, information technology, and people's livelihoods, promote interaction between businesses of the two countries, support the high-quality development of Pakistan's economy, jointly build an "upgraded version" of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, and promote the construction of a closer Pakistan-China community of shared future in the new era, Sharif said.

Kyrgyz Prime Minister Akylbek Japarov said that China has embarked on a successful path of modernization, and the cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is uniting more and more countries.

Currently, Kyrgyzstan is undergoing large-scale economic reforms to improve the well-being of its people, and China's experience is of great significance for Kyrgyzstan, Japarov said, adding that Kyrgyzstan hopes to further strengthen friendship and cooperation with China, which will create new opportunities for the prosperity and development of both countries.

China's poverty alleviation efforts have provided valuable lessons for "Global South" countries, said Bahamian Prime Minister Philip Edward Davis, praising China's adherence to its own development path and its efforts to promote common development of the world.

Over the 27 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Bahamas and China, bilateral cooperation has yielded fruitful results in various fields, said Davis, adding that the Bahamian side is ready to work hand in hand with China to promote the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and jointly voice the concerns of developing countries on important issues.

President of the National Assembly of Thailand Wan Muhamad Noor Matha said that over the 49 years of diplomatic relations between Thailand and China, the two countries' relations and cooperation have continuously deepened.

This year, the two countries signed the visa-free agreement, marking an important milestone in bilateral relations, and it is believed to promote closer exchanges in trade, investment, tourism, and other fields between the two countries, said Matha.

Thailand is willing to cooperate more closely with China, and use the strong bond of Thai-Chinese relations to enhance the well-being of Thailand, as well as regional countries and peoples.

China has achieved a level of development that the world admires, said Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly Laszlo Kover.

In recent years, China-Hungary economic and trade cooperation has been continuously deepened, and it is believed that bilateral exchanges and cooperation will continue to flourish, said Kover.

Luis Redondo, president of the National Congress of Honduras, spoke highly of China's achievements in modernization and commended China's contributions to world peace and development.

He reiterated the firm adherence to the one-China principle and expressed willingness to deepen the relationship between Honduras and China for the benefit of both peoples.

Redondo also expressed willingness to work together with China to promote high-quality BRI cooperation, implement the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, and contribute to the great practice of building a community with a shared future for mankind.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1001/c90000-20225709.html>

Xinhua News

China-funded forest flourishes in Pakistan's Gwadar as symbol of friendship

Misbah Saba Malik, Deng Kaiyin

GWADAR, Pakistan, Oct. 1 (Xinhua) -- As the sea breeze swept through a vibrant forest just a few yards away from the bustling Gwadar Port, here in Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province, Muhammad Iqbal called out firmly from a corner, instructing his subordinates to water the plants carefully, making sure not to trample the delicate saplings.

For the 57-year-old fellow, who has been working with the port for the last 16 years, this friendship forest is not just a collection of greenery but a personal labor of love.

As one of the pillar projects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the Gwadar Port has been operated by China Overseas Port Holding Company (COPHC) since 2013.

Launched in 2013, CPEC, the flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while in the new phase expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others.

"This place was once barren, with nothing but dust blowing around all day," he recalled. "One day, a Chinese manager from COPHC told me that they were going to transform this land into a forest, and that is how it all began."

"We have selected tree species suitable for local climate with wind-breaking and sand-fixing functions for the greening project," said Wang Ruilei, who was in charge of greening at COPHC, adding that after joint efforts from both sides, more than 4,000 trees have been planted in the friendship forest in Gwadar.

The once-empty plot has now blossomed into a lush sanctuary, and the seedlings that Iqbal planted are now grown into strong trees providing beautiful scenery and fresh air to the people of Gwadar.

"As per our observation, the maximum ground temperature in a year used to reach 52 degrees Celsius, but now it is around 43 degrees Celsius," said Wang, "I am proud to say that I can feel the improvement of the local climate brought by the forest."

The forest has seen Chinese ambassadors to Pakistan and foreign ambassadors from countries like the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and the European Union to Pakistan plant trees during their visits to Gwadar, and each tree stands as a symbol of growing diplomatic ties between Pakistan and these nations.

Bilal Javed, Iqbal's subordinate who joined him a year ago, has been assigned the most crucial responsibility of nurturing the plants the dignitaries had planted.

"Iqbal is meticulous about these plants," Bilal said, adding that "they represent memories of our foreign guests, and we must ensure they flourish -- just like Pakistan's relations with China and these countries."

The 27-year-old said that the forest also motivated him and many other young people of Gwadar to replicate the good work and plant trees at their homes.

"Before this forest, this area used to be dusty and warm, but with all this greenery, the air feels cleaner and fresher," Bilal said, taking a deep breath as the breeze rustled the leaves of the trees overhead.

As a key component of the Chinese Ambassador's Green Employment Plan Project, the forest has helped promote local employment and increased farmers' income in Gwadar.

In a conversation with Xinhua, Allah Buksh, another forester in the forest, said the trees and shrubs planted in the forest have provided a large amount of feed for the sheep farm.

"Chinese staff has also taught local farmers techniques such as cuttings, grafting, scientific weeding, and fertilization to increase crop yields," he added.

The transformation of this once-desolate land into a flourishing forest has not only beautified the port area but has also sparked a green movement, making Iqbal plan to expand the forest of the kind to other parts of the city. "The Chinese workers not only planted the trees and covered the cost of water tankers to irrigate the plants, but also frequently visited to ensure the forest's upkeep. I hope that they will further expand this good work," Iqbal said. As each tree in the friendship forest grows, it serves as a living testament to the enduring bonds between Pakistan and China, besides promoting environmental stewardship in the region.

<https://english.news.cn/20241001/32bf3d7862f146e0a64ccf478bd55fc0/c.html>

October 03, 2024

People's Daily

Chinese investment plays instrumental role in stabilizing Pakistan's economy: minister

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 3 (Xinhua) -- Pakistan's Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said on Wednesday that Chinese investment and financial assistance have played an instrumental role in stabilizing Pakistan's economy during challenging times, the ministry said in a statement.

Chairing a meeting here with senior government officials on enhancing cross-sectoral cooperation and formulating a comprehensive action plan to boost economic ties with China, Iqbal reiterated Pakistan's commitment to strengthening collaboration across various sectors.

Chinese projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are a shining example of a shared vision for growth and modernization between the two countries, the statement quoted Iqbal as saying.

Launched in 2013, CPEC, a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while in the new phase expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others.

The minister also highlighted the essential role of all ministries in the successful implementation of CPEC, emphasizing that collaboration across government sectors is crucial to unlocking the full potential of the initiative.

Iqbal stressed the importance of interaction with the Chinese private sector to showcase Pakistan's potential as a prime destination for advanced business-to-business investments, the statement said.

The minister also underscored the urgency of achieving substantive advancements in priority sectors such as infrastructure development, road connectivity, information technology, agriculture, industrial cooperation, education, healthcare, water resources, energy, and artificial intelligence.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1003/c90000-20225986.html>

Xinhua News

Chinese investment plays instrumental role in stabilizing Pakistan's economy: minister

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 3 (Xinhua) -- Pakistan's Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said on Wednesday that Chinese investment and financial assistance have played an instrumental role in stabilizing Pakistan's economy during challenging times, the ministry said in a statement.

Chairing a meeting here with senior government officials on enhancing cross-sectoral cooperation and formulating a comprehensive action plan to boost economic ties with China, Iqbal reiterated Pakistan's commitment to strengthening collaboration across various sectors.

Chinese projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are a shining example of a shared vision for growth and modernization between the two countries, the statement quoted Iqbal as saying.

Launched in 2013, CPEC, a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while in the new phase expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others.

The minister also highlighted the essential role of all ministries in the successful implementation of CPEC, emphasizing that collaboration across government sectors is crucial to unlocking the full potential of the initiative.

Iqbal stressed the importance of interaction with the Chinese private sector to showcase Pakistan's potential as a prime destination for advanced business-to-business investments, the statement said.

The minister also underscored the urgency of achieving substantive advancements in priority sectors such as infrastructure development, road connectivity, information technology, agriculture, industrial cooperation, education, healthcare, water resources, energy, and artificial intelligence.

<https://english.news.cn/asiapacific/20241003/2a9642cdf1644bf89909f747eb655ccf/c.html>

November 05, 2024

Global Times

Chinese modernization serves as model for Pakistan to promote economic development: Pakistani PM

The unique Chinese modernization serves as a model for Pakistan to promote economic development, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said, extending congratulations on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

China has made remarkable achievements, and Pakistan desired to revamp its economy by emulating China's path of progress, which offers new opportunities for countries around the world, including Pakistan, Sharif said in an interview with Chinese media.

China believed in inclusiveness and multilateralism, a recipe for enhanced peaceful global interaction, bringing more understanding between various nations with enhanced economic cooperation, trade, investment and people-to-people exchanges, the prime minister said.

He said that 14 Palestinian factions have lately held a reconciliation dialogue in Beijing under the mediation of China, a testimony to China's positive role in promoting regional and world peace and development.

Speaking highly of Pakistan-China time-tested friendship, Sharif said that the friendship, based on mutual trust and respect, is exemplary in the world.

The two countries have always supported each other and have worked closely on the international stage to jointly strengthen the forces that promote regional and world peace as well as stability, he said.

Talking about the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, the prime minister said that the project promotes socio-economic development of Pakistan.

Launched in 2013, the CPEC is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase.

Issues of road connectivity and electricity that greatly hindered Pakistan's economy in the past were resolved in the first phase, Sharif said, noting the CPEC has successfully entered a new phase of high-quality development, which focuses more on strengthening cooperation with China in such fields as agriculture, information technology and mining.

The prime minister underscored that Pakistan and China would continue to work together to further enhance economic cooperation and lift their unshakable and unique friendship to new heights.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202410/1320732.shtml>

People's Daily

China's rise as a dual Olympic host and global sports power

BEIJING, Oct. 4 (Xinhua) -- When reflecting on the remarkable growth of Chinese sports over recent decades, few events better represent this progress than the historic ascent of Mt. Qomolangma via the north slope by Chinese mountaineers in 1960. This achievement symbolizes a national spirit of overcoming obstacles and striving for new heights.

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games serve as a modern testament to this enduring drive, with China achieving an unprecedented milestone by securing 91 medals, including 40 golds - marking its best performance at an overseas Summer Olympics.

Over the past 75 years, China's sporting journey has been characterized by numerous breakthroughs. This journey reflects not only athletic achievements but also a deep commitment to competition and national pride.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

In 1956, Chen Jingkai made history by setting a world record in weightlifting, becoming the first Chinese athlete to break a world record just seven years after the founding of the People's Republic of China. With minimal infrastructure but significant encouragement from the country, this achievement was remarkable.

Three years later, Rong Guotuan won the men's singles title at the 25th World Table Tennis Championships, becoming China's first world champion.

In 1958, China formally withdrew from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in protest of Taiwan's inclusion. However, in the 1970s, China's leaders began to recognize the benefits of greater international involvement and sought readmission to the IOC.

China's return to the Summer Olympics came in 1984 in Los Angeles, after the IOC restored the Chinese Olympic Committee as a full member in 1979. At the Games, shooter Xu Haifeng earned China's first-ever Olympic gold, with the national anthem "March of the Volunteers" played in an Olympic stadium for the first time. "During that era, our country needed a boost in our national pride," Xu later recalled.

Another iconic moment came when the Chinese women's volleyball team claimed gold at the 1984 Olympics by defeating the United States. They went on to achieve an unprecedented run of five consecutive global titles between 1981 and 1986.

Despite modest expectations before the 1984 Games, China finished an impressive fourth in the medal table, winning 15 golds. These performances inspired a generation of athletes and ignited a fervent interest in sports throughout the nation.

Following these achievements, China significantly increased investment in sports infrastructure, talent development programs, and international sporting events, all aimed at establishing the country as a global sports power. A defining moment came in 2008, when Beijing hosted the Summer Olympics, and the host nation topped the medal tally with 48 golds out of 100 total medals.

Although traditionally stronger in the Summer Games, China was a latecomer to winter sports. It wasn't until 2002 that the country claimed its first Winter Olympic gold, with Yang Yang winning the women's 500m short track speed skating final. By 2022, China had earned nine gold medals at its home Winter Olympics, following a significant investment in winter sports development.

As China continues to rise as a sports power, its athletes' success on the global stage embodies the nation's dedication to excellence and its pursuit of greatness. Meanwhile, younger generations of athletes are more expressive than their predecessors, reflecting broader societal changes in China. Their self-confidence mirrors the growing assurance of Chinese society itself.

"While the medals signify China's 'hard power,' the athletes' poise, confidence and the unity displayed during the Games are a testament to China's burgeoning 'soft power,'" read a commentary from Pakistan Today.

SPORTS FOR ALL

Since the founding of the People's Republic of China, the government has prioritized sports as a means to promote a healthy lifestyle. To encourage public health, China introduced its first set of radio gymnastics in 1951, broadcast daily so people nationwide could follow along.

In 1995, the State Council implemented "The National Fitness Program," aimed at embedding sports and physical activities within society. As a result, the accessibility and quality of fitness facilities improved, and public enthusiasm for sports grew.

To celebrate the success of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, August 8 was designated as "National Fitness Day," encouraging widespread participation in sports. By 2014, fitness for all had been established as a national strategy, with increased resources directed toward this effort.

Hosting the 2022 Winter Olympics fueled an ambitious goal to engage more than 300 million Chinese citizens in snow and ice sports. By the end of 2022, over 3,000 schools had integrated winter sports into their curriculum, including theory-based classes and practical sessions. In the colder northern regions, primary and middle schools incorporated winter sports into physical education, while areas with little or no snow promoted "dry land" practice of these sports.

With these efforts, the number of people regularly participating in sports has risen to over 37% of the population. The growth of sports like road running and cycling has been especially rapid; a 2023 report on China's road running events indicated that 699 races were held nationwide, attracting over 6.05 million participants.

"In an era where sedentary lifestyles have contributed to health issues like obesity and diabetes, such increases in physical activity can only be positive," said Chang Chun, a professor at Peking University's Department of Social Medicine and Health Education.

GLORY OF DUAL OLYMPIC HOSTS

China's contributions to global sports extend beyond athletic achievements; the country has played a pivotal role in shaping modern international sporting events through successful hosting. In 1908, Chinese scholars, inspired by the modern Olympics, advocated for the country's participation. However, China faced political and social challenges, making it unprepared to compete internationally at that time.

China's first Olympic participation came in 1932 in Los Angeles. After the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, the country's focus on sports increased, and by the 1980s, China aimed to host the Olympics. Beijing's first bid for the 2000 Summer Olympics was unsuccessful, losing to Sydney by two votes, but the determination persisted.

China's perseverance was rewarded on July 13, 2001, when Beijing won the bid to host the 2008 Summer Olympics. The Games, often referred to as China's "coming-out party," highlighted the nation's modernization and its potential as a global player. World-class facilities and meticulously organized events like the opening ceremony showcased China's capacity to host major international competitions.

Beijing 2008 left lasting legacies for China, significantly impacting the development of sports in the country. These foundations were built upon during the preparations for the 2022 Winter Olympics. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Beijing 2022 Games were held successfully, highlighting China's ability to organize large-scale international events in difficult circumstances. The event's diverse participation - featuring athletes from 91 countries and regions, including tropical nations without winter sports traditions - showcased the unifying power of sports.

The 2022 Games set new benchmarks for the Olympic movement, emphasizing "green Olympics" through the use of carbon-neutral technologies, energy-efficient venues, and reforestation efforts.

By hosting both the Summer and Winter Olympics, China has demonstrated its capability as a powerful participant and a visionary host in the global sporting community. As IOC President Thomas Bach noted, "Having the world's most populated nation in the Olympic movement has proved a huge success story for China and the Olympic movement in recent years, and you can see the growing contribution of China to the Olympic movement." China's role as a key player in international sports continues to solidify.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1005/c90000-20226192.html>

Xinhua News

Chinese modernization serves as model for Pakistan to promote economic development: Pakistani PM

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 5 (Xinhua) -- The unique Chinese modernization serves as a model for Pakistan to promote economic development, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said, extending congratulations on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

China has made remarkable achievements, and Pakistan desired to revamp its economy by emulating China's path of progress, which offers new opportunities for countries around the world, including Pakistan, Sharif said in an interview with Chinese media.

China believed in inclusiveness and multilateralism, a recipe for enhanced peaceful global interaction, bringing more understanding between various nations with enhanced economic cooperation, trade, investment and people-to-people exchanges, the prime minister said.

He said that 14 Palestinian factions have lately held a reconciliation dialogue in Beijing under the mediation of China, a testimony to China's positive role in promoting regional and world peace and development.

Speaking highly of Pakistan-China time-tested friendship, Sharif said that the friendship, based on mutual trust and respect, is exemplary in the world.

The two countries have always supported each other and have worked closely on the international stage to jointly strengthen the forces that promote regional and world peace as well as stability, he said.

Talking about the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, the prime minister said that the project promotes socio-economic development of Pakistan.

Launched in 2013, the CPEC is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase.

Issues of road connectivity and electricity that greatly hindered Pakistan's economy in the past were resolved in the first phase, Sharif said, noting the CPEC has successfully entered a new phase of high-quality development, which focuses more on strengthening cooperation with China in such fields as agriculture, information technology and mining.

The prime minister underscored that Pakistan and China would continue to work together to further enhance economic cooperation and lift their unshakable and unique friendship to new heights.

<https://english.news.cn/20241005/c1667838e61643b7b050cea3937de56e/c.html>

Pakistan reaffirms commitment to support teachers for nation's future: PM

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 5 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday reaffirmed his country's commitment to support teachers for the future of the nation.

While extending his deepest gratitude to all teachers across Pakistan on the occasion of World Teachers' Day, the prime minister highlighted the noble mission of teachers in shaping destinies and promoting knowledge, saying teachers play a vital role in the training of young minds.

"A country's development is intrinsically tied to the education of its people, and it is through the tireless work of our teachers who instill the drive for progress and prosperity in our young generation," he said.

Calling teachers the architects of our future, Sharif said that their dedication is essential to the national goal of becoming a knowledge-based economy, adding that without their efforts, Pakistan cannot achieve the aspirations set as a nation.

He said that the government of Pakistan recognized the importance of a motivated and well-supported teaching workforce and will continue to invest in modern infrastructure and educational resources.

"Our goal is to create a high-performing educational system that empowers both our students and teachers to thrive in a rapidly changing world," the prime minister said.

<https://english.news.cn/20241005/beb60f5e47bd469e8109c2f796eddeaf/c.html>

November 07, 2024

Global Times

Update: China condemns terrorist attack, urges thorough investigation and severe punishment of perpetrators after 2 Chinese killed in Pakistan

Thorough probe, punishment of perpetrators urged

Liu Caiyu and Zhang Han

Two Chinese nationals were killed and one was injured after a convoy carrying Chinese staff of the Port Qasim Electric Power Company (Private) Limited was attacked near Jinnah

International Airport in Karachi around 11 pm on Sunday. The attack also caused casualties among Pakistani personnel.

Observers said that in the face of provocations by terrorists who seek to undermine Pakistani development and China-Pakistan cooperation, China and Pakistan need to work more closely. They emphasized the importance of ongoing anti-terror efforts by Pakistan and warned of instability factors stemming from external forces.

In response to the terror attack, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said on Monday that China is deeply shocked by the attack against Chinese citizens and strongly condemns this terrorist act.

Terrorism is a common enemy of humanity. The attempts of terrorist forces to undermine China-Pakistan trust and cooperation and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will not succeed, the spokesperson said.

China will continue to support Pakistan's counterterrorism effort, and stands ready to work with Pakistan to foil any attempt to sabotage China-Pakistan relations, the spokesperson said. The Chinese Embassy and consulates general in Pakistan strongly condemned the terrorist attack, expressed deep condolences to the innocent victims of both countries, and offered sincere sympathies to the injured and their families. They were making every effort to handle the aftermath in collaboration with the Pakistani side, according to a statement issued by the Chinese Embassy on Monday.

The Chinese side launched an immediate emergency plan and requested the Pakistani side to thoroughly investigate the attack, severely punish the perpetrators, and take all necessary measures to protect the safety of Chinese citizens, institutions and projects in Pakistan.

The embassy reminded Chinese citizens, enterprises, and projects in Pakistan to be vigilant, pay close attention to the security situation, strengthen security measures, and make every effort to take safety precautions.

The separatist militant group the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) said in a statement that it had "targeted a high-level convoy of Chinese engineers and investors" coming from Karachi's airport, AFP reported.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sahrif said he is deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic incident. He strongly condemned the "heinous act" and offered his heartfelt condolences to the Chinese leadership and the people of China, particularly the families of the victims.

"May the injured recover soon. The perpetrators of this dastardly incident cannot be Pakistanis but are sworn enemies of Pakistan. An immediate investigation is underway to identify them and bring them to justice. Pakistan stands committed to safeguarding our Chinese friends. We will leave no stone unturned to ensure their security & well-being," Sharif said on social media platform X on Monday.

In a separate statement from the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs obtained by the Global Times, the ministry said that Pakistan reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects and institutions in Pakistan and will work closely with the Chinese government to defeat the forces of terror.

In March 2024, five Chinese engineers and a Pakistani national were killed by a suicide bomb near the China-invested Dasu hydropower project. Pakistan enhanced security measures following that incident. In 2021, nine Chinese engineers were killed in a similar attack near Dasu.

Cheng Xizhong, a senior research fellow specializing in South Asian affairs, told the Global Times on Monday that the recent terror attack highlights ongoing instability factors in Pakistan, which poses a threat to the local economic and social activities.

He said that the primary cause of the current security challenges in Pakistan stems from terrorist forces spilling over from other countries, along with the influence of external forces seeking to hold back Pakistan's development.

The terror attack should not hinder or hurt the China-Pakistan friendship and mutual trust, Cheng said, emphasizing that China will continue to work closely with Pakistan in the fight against terrorism and will move overall security situation in the country in a healthier direction.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202410/1320763.shtml>

People's Daily

Pakistani PM condemns attack on Chinese convoy in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 7 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif expressed his deep shock and sorrow on Monday over the attack on a Chinese national convoy in the country's southern port city of Karachi on Sunday night, which resulted in the deaths of two Chinese citizens and left another injured.

In an official statement, the prime minister strongly condemned the "heinous act" and offered his "heartfelt condolences" to the people of China, especially the families of the victims.

"I am deeply shocked and saddened by last night's tragic incident in Karachi, resulting in the loss of two precious Chinese lives and injuring another," said the prime minister, praying for the quick recovery of the injured.

Sharif assured that an immediate investigation is underway to identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

The prime minister also reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to protecting Chinese nationals in the country, pledging that every possible measure would be taken to ensure their safety.

"Pakistan stands committed to safeguarding our Chinese friends. We will leave no stone unturned to ensure their security and well-being," he added.

Earlier on Monday morning, the Chinese embassy in Pakistan said that the attack happened at about 11:00 p.m. local time on Sunday (1800 GMT) when a convoy from the Port Qasim Electric Power Company was attacked by terrorists near Jinnah International Airport in Karachi.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1007/c90000-20226429.html>

Xinhua News

Chinese, Pakistani nationals killed, injured in terrorist attack in Pakistan's Karachi

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 7 (Xinhua) -- Two Chinese nationals were killed, one Chinese national injured, and several Pakistani nationals were killed and injured in a terrorist attack in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Sunday night, the Chinese embassy in Pakistan confirmed.

The attack happened at about 11:00 p.m. local time on Sunday (1800 GMT) when a convoy from the Port Qasim Electric Power Company was attacked by terrorists near Jinnah International Airport in Karachi, the capital city of the country's south Sindh province, the embassy said in a statement.

"The Chinese Embassy and Consulate in Pakistan strongly condemn this terrorist act, express deep condolences to the victims of the two countries, and extend sincere condolences to the injured and their relatives," the statement said, adding that the Chinese side has been working with the Pakistani side to do their best to deal with the aftermath of the incident.

A big fire following a huge blast on Sunday night engulfed several vehicles near an airport in Karachi, police said.

The Chinese missions in Pakistan have initiated emergency response work as soon as possible, requiring Pakistan to do its best to treat the injured, conduct a thorough investigation of the attack, and severely punish the perpetrators, the statement said.

The embassy stressed that practical and effective measures to ensure the safety of Chinese citizens, institutions, and projects in Pakistan should be taken by the Pakistani side at the same time.

"The Chinese embassy and consulates in Pakistan remind Chinese citizens and companies in Pakistan to be vigilant, pay close attention to the local security situation, strengthen security measures, and make every effort to take safety precautions," said the statement.

The banned outfit Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed responsibility for the attack through a statement on a social media platform, while the Pakistani authorities have not confirmed it.

<https://english.news.cn/20241007/1da9d81af5d94e9587eb7ab61824b076/c.html>

China urges Pakistan to ensure safety of Chinese personnel

BEIJING, Oct. 7 (Xinhua) -- China has urged Pakistan to make more targeted measures to provide full protection for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the safety and security of Chinese personnel, projects and institutions in the country, a foreign ministry spokesperson said on Monday.

The spokesperson made the remarks in response to the terrorist attack at Sindh Province, Pakistan, that killed and injured Chinese personnel.

At around 11 p.m. local time on Sunday, a convoy of a Chinese project was attacked near the Jinnah International Airport in Karachi. The incident resulted in deaths and injuries of both Chinese and Pakistanis, among whom two Chinese were killed and one injured.

China is deeply shocked by the attack against Chinese citizens and strongly condemns this terrorist act, said the spokesperson. "We deeply mourn the victims and our thoughts are with their families."

The spokesperson said the Chinese Foreign Ministry and Embassy and Consulates General in Pakistan activated the emergency response mechanism right away and quickly started handling the incident. The Chinese side has requested Pakistan to make every effort to rescue the injured and handle the aftermath, get to the bottom of the incident swiftly, hunt down the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

China also demanded efforts to effectively close the security loopholes, and more targeted measures to provide full protection for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the safety and security of Chinese personnel, projects and institutions in Pakistan, said the spokesperson, adding that the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan has issued another alert to remind Chinese citizens, enterprises and projects in the country to keep a close eye on the local security situation, strengthen security measures and take precaution for safety.

"Terrorism is a common enemy of humanity. The attempts of terrorist forces to undermine China-Pakistan trust and cooperation and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will not succeed," said the spokesperson. "China will continue to support Pakistan's counterterrorism effort, and stands ready to work with Pakistan to foil any attempt to sabotage China-Pakistan relations."

<https://english.news.cn/20241007/a1e67c87291d4c25865bd726bede6b02/c.html>

October 08, 2024

People's Daily

China urges Pakistan to ensure safety of Chinese personnel

BEIJING, Oct. 7 (Xinhua) -- China has urged Pakistan to make more targeted measures to provide full protection for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the safety and security of Chinese personnel, projects and institutions in the country, a foreign ministry spokesperson said on Monday.

The spokesperson made the remarks in response to the terrorist attack at Sindh Province, Pakistan, that killed and injured Chinese personnel.

At around 11 p.m. local time on Sunday, a convoy of a Chinese project was attacked near the Jinnah International Airport in Karachi. The incident resulted in deaths and injuries of both Chinese and Pakistanis, among whom two Chinese were killed and one injured.

China is deeply shocked by the attack against Chinese citizens and strongly condemns this terrorist act, said the spokesperson. "We deeply mourn the victims and our thoughts are with their families."

The spokesperson said the Chinese Foreign Ministry and Embassy and Consulates General in Pakistan activated the emergency response mechanism right away and quickly started handling the incident. The Chinese side has requested Pakistan to make every effort to rescue the injured and handle the aftermath, get to the bottom of the incident swiftly, hunt down the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

China also demanded efforts to effectively close the security loopholes, and more targeted measures to provide full protection for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the safety and security of Chinese personnel, projects and institutions in Pakistan, said the spokesperson, adding that the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan has issued another alert to remind Chinese citizens, enterprises and projects in the country to keep a close eye on the local security situation, strengthen security measures and take precaution for safety.

"Terrorism is a common enemy of humanity. The attempts of terrorist forces to undermine China-Pakistan trust and cooperation and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will not succeed," said the spokesperson. "China will continue to support Pakistan's counterterrorism effort, and stands ready to work with Pakistan to foil any attempt to sabotage China-Pakistan relations."

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1008/c90000-20226466.html>

Xinhua News

Pakistani leaders, officials strongly condemn terrorist attack on Chinese convoy in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 8 (Xinhua) -- Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday strongly condemned a terrorist attack on a Chinese national convoy in the country's southern port city of Karachi on Sunday night, saying the anti-state elements attempted to damage Pakistan's progress and prosperity.

Two Chinese nationals were killed and more than a dozen people injured, including a Chinese national and Pakistani security personnel, in an explosion that occurred on a road near Jinnah International Airport in Karachi, capital city of the country's south Sindh province, according to Pakistani government officials.

Expressing his deep grief over the killing of the Chinese nationals, the Pakistani president conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families and wished the injured a speedy recovery.

He said that effective actions must be taken against the perpetrators of the attack.

To mourn the death of the Chinese citizens, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif paid a special visit to the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan.

He said in a statement on Monday that an immediate investigation is underway to identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice, adding that Pakistan stands committed to safeguarding Chinese friends, and the country will leave no stone unturned to ensure their security and well-being.

Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs also issued a statement to condemn the attack, emphasizing that the deplorable act of terrorism is an attack not only on Pakistan but also on the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China.

"We remain resolute in bringing to justice those responsible for this cowardly attack...Pakistan's security and law enforcement agencies will spare no effort in apprehending the perpetrators and their facilitators. This barbaric act will not go unpunished," the ministry said in the statement.

Pakistan and China are close partners and iron brothers, united by a bond of mutual respect and shared destiny, said the foreign ministry, while reaffirming Pakistan's unwavering commitment to the safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects, and institutions in the country.

After the incident, Chief Minister of Sindh province Syed Murad Ali Shah paid a special visit to the Chinese Consulate General in Karachi to mourn the death of the Chinese citizens.

In addition, other senior Pakistani officials also strongly condemned the terrorist attack and expressed deep condolences over the death of the Chinese citizens.

Earlier on Monday morning, the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan said that the attack happened at about 11:00 p.m. local time on Sunday (1800 GMT) when the convoy from the Port Qasim Electric Power Company was attacked by the terrorists near Jinnah International Airport in Karachi.

The banned outfit Balochistan Liberation Army has claimed responsibility for the attack.

<https://english.news.cn/20241008/d3f2d8133bce4783930aea28ab4adff2/c.html>

October 11, 2024

People's Daily

China sends inter-agency working group to handle Oct. 6 terrorist attack in Pakistan: spokesperson

BEIJING, Oct. 11 (Xinhua) -- Following the attack on a Chinese convoy of the Coal-fired Power Plant at Port Qasim which killed and injured Chinese personnel on Oct. 6, China quickly sent an inter-agency working group to Pakistan as part of the response to the incident, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said on Friday.

When answering a relevant query, the spokesperson said that after arriving in Islamabad on Oct. 8, the working group immediately joined the Embassy in Pakistan and the company concerned in the emergency response.

The working group met intensively with heads of Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, and military, police and intelligence departments, and asked the Pakistani side to properly handle ensuing matters, make every effort to save the injured, conduct thorough investigations, bring all the perpetrators to justice, and step up security measures to ensure the safety and security of Chinese personnel, institutions and projects in Pakistan, according to the spokesperson.

Pakistan strongly condemned the terrorist attack and is fully dealing with the aftermath, investigating the incident and nailing down the perpetrators, and has said it will further strengthen security measures and make all-out effort to protect China's interests in Pakistan, said the spokesperson.

While in Pakistan, the working group mourned the Chinese victims, and visited the injured in the hospital and the company's employees at the project camp, according to the spokesperson.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1011/c90000-20228224.html>

Global Times

China's inter-agency working group arrives in Pakistan to handle the fatal October 6 terrorist attack

Following the attack on a Chinese convoy of the Coal-fired Power Plant at Port Qasim which killed and injured Chinese personnel on October 6, China quickly sent an inter-agency working group to Pakistan as part of the response to the incident, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said on Friday.

After arriving in Islamabad on October 8, the working group immediately joined the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan and the company concerned in the emergency response, the spokesperson said. Two Chinese nationals were killed, one Chinese national injured, and several Pakistani nationals were killed and injured from a terrorist attack in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on October 6 night, the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan confirmed, according to Xinhua News Agency. The working group met intensively with heads of Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, and military, police and intelligence departments. The working group asked the Pakistani side to properly handle ensuing matters, make every effort to save the injured, conduct thorough investigations, bring all the perpetrators to justice, and step up security measures to ensure the safety and security of Chinese personnel, institutions and projects in Pakistan, the spokesperson noted. Pakistan strongly condemned the terrorist attack and is fully dealing with the aftermath, investigating the incident and nailing down the perpetrators. Pakistan said it will further strengthen security measures and make all-out effort to protect China's interests in Pakistan, according to the spokesperson. While in Pakistan, the working group mourned the Chinese victims, and visited the injured in the hospital and the company's employees at the project camp, said the spokesperson. A farewell ceremony was held at Jinnah International Airport Karachi on Thursday night to pay tribute to the remains of the two Chinese nationals killed in the October 6 terrorist attack. Chinese Consul General in Karachi Yang Yundong, the Chinese inter-agency working group, along with Pakistani officials, attended the farewell ceremony, according to the Chinese Consulate General in Karachi on Friday.

After the farewell ceremony, the Chinese working group escorted the remains of fallen compatriots back to China, according to the Consulate General.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202410/1321043.shtml>

October 12, 2024

People's Daily

SCO chief condemns terrorist attack in Pakistan

\BEIJING, Oct. 11 (Xinhua) -- Zhang Ming, secretary-general of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), on Friday condemned the terrorist attack in Pakistan's Sindh Province, which caused casualties to both Chinese and Pakistani people.

The SCO is shocked by the terrorist attack, strongly condemns this terrorist act, and expresses deep condolences to the victims and sincere sympathy to their families, Zhang said.

The SCO supports Pakistan in bringing the terrorists to justice, Zhang noted.

Terrorism is the common enemy of all mankind. The SCO will, as always, resolutely fight against terrorism and safeguard regional security and stability, Zhang said.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1012/c90000-20228468.html>

October 13, 2024

Global Times

Chinese premier to attend SCO meeting, visit Pakistan

Chinese Premier Li Qiang will attend the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) to be held in Islamabad and pay an official visit to Pakistan from October 14 to 17, at the invitation of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif of Pakistan, foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning announced on Sunday.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202410/1321114.shtml>

Li Qiang to Attend the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Visit Pakistan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China

Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mao Ning announces:

At the invitation of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from October 14 to 17, Premier Li Qiang of the State Council will attend the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to be held in Islamabad and pay an official visit to Pakistan.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202410/1321106.shtml>

October 14, 2024

People's Daily

China, Vietnam vow solidarity

Zhou Jin

China and Vietnam signed a series of deals on Sunday in the areas of connectivity, agricultural products, customs, finance, human resources, media and education, in a bid to further cement the pragmatic cooperation between the two neighboring countries.

The signing of the agreements was witnessed by visiting Premier Li Qiang and Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh.

Li arrived in Hanoi late Saturday afternoon to kick off a three-day visit to the Southeast Asian country.

The visit came after Li concluded a visit to Laos, where he attended a series of leaders' meetings on East Asian cooperation and made an official visit.

Noting that both China and Vietnam are developing countries at a crucial stage of modernization, Li told the Vietnamese prime minister that Beijing firmly supports Hanoi in pursuing a steady socialist path that suits its national conditions.

He expressed willingness to work with Vietnam to jointly implement the cooperation plan for the synergy of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative and Vietnam's "Two Corridors and One Economic Circle" plan.

China is ready to deepen cooperation with Vietnam in connectivity, trade and investment, tourism, healthcare, disaster prevention and reduction, and expand cooperation in local currency settlement, the digital economy and green development, Li said.

Statistics show that China is Vietnam's largest trading partner and remains the largest export market for Vietnamese agricultural products.

From January to July, bilateral trade volume reached \$145.07 billion, an increase of 20.9 percent compared with the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The Vietnamese prime minister emphasized that developing relations with China is the top priority and strategic choice of the Communist Party of Vietnam and the Vietnamese government.

He called on the two countries to explore new models of collaboration, such as cross-border economic cooperation zones, and to intensify exchanges in education, tourism and youth.

During the talks, the two leaders also reiterated their commitment to sticking to friendly consultation in properly handling differences, and to safeguarding maritime peace and stability and expanding maritime cooperation.

On Saturday, upon his arrival, Li also met with To Lam, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee and Vietnamese president.

Li expressed hope that the two sides will simultaneously promote the "hard connectivity" of railway, expressway and port infrastructure and the "soft connectivity" of smart customs to provide solid support for improving the facilitation of trade and investment and safeguarding the stability and smooth flow of industrial and supply chains.

The Vietnamese president said his country is willing to take the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries next year as an opportunity to maintain regular high-level exchanges, and to strengthen exchanges between parties, legislatures and civil societies.

China and Vietnam have engaged in close high-level exchanges in recent years. After assuming office, the Vietnamese president made China his first destination in August for an overseas visit, reflecting the great importance he attaches to developing China-Vietnam relations.

President Xi Jinping also met on Friday in Beijing with Luong Cuong, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee.

After wrapping up the visit to Vietnam, Li will fly to Islamabad, Pakistan, on Monday, to attend the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and to make an official visit to Pakistan.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1014/c90000-20228907.html>

Chinese companies make contributions towards Pakistan's economic growth: senate chairman

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 14 (Xinhua) -- Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan Yousuf Raza Gilani said that Chinese companies in the country have been making contributions towards the national growth and improving business landscape in the South Asian country.

Speaking at the launching event of two reports titled "The Glorious 11 years--How Chinese Companies Reshaped the Power Sector in Pakistan" and "Business Climate Index of Chinese Companies in Pakistan," organized by the China Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan, here on Sunday, Gilani said that Chinese companies are creating employment opportunities, improving local production and infrastructure as well as contributing positively in the national economy of Pakistan.

He said that the fast-paced geo-economics and geostrategic shifts at regional and global levels underscore the growing importance of economic integration, adding that Pakistan seeks to strengthen regional cooperation by fostering economic ties with partner nations, and China stands at the very top.

Highlighting the need for further cooperation between Pakistan and China, the senate chairman said that Pakistan offers immense potential for trade investment and joint ventures in the areas of energy, infrastructure, agriculture, and technology.

The Chinese companies are equipped with innovative ideas, competitiveness, and a forward-looking approach, and Pakistani entrepreneurs and companies can learn a lot from the

Chinese experience, he said, adding that the government is taking measures to provide a conducive business environment for foreign investors and companies.

Talking about the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Gilani said that CPEC played a vital role in reshaping Pakistan's energy and infrastructure sectors.

In the second phase, he said bilateral cooperation between the two countries would further expand in areas such as agricultural modernization, industrial growth, mining and mineral exploration, science and information technology, and educational and cultural partnerships to transform Pakistan's social-economic development.

On the occasion, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong said that China is ready to work with Pakistan to implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, promote synergy between the high-quality joint building of BRI and Pakistan's development plans, upgrade the CPEC, and jointly build a growth corridor, a livelihood-enhancing corridor, an innovation corridor, a green corridor, and an open corridor.

"China is willing to promote the high-quality development of China-Pakistan practical cooperation and bring tangible benefits to the two peoples, especially our Pakistani brothers and sisters," he added.

Launched in 2013, the CPEC is a corridor linking the Gwadar Port in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport, and industrial cooperation in the first phase, while in the new phase expands to fields of agriculture and livelihood, among others.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1014/c90000-20229169.html>

Chinese premier lands in Islamabad for SCO meeting, Pakistan visit

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 14 (Xinhua) -- Chinese Premier Li Qiang landed here on Monday to attend the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

During his stay, Li will also pay an official visit to the country.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1014/c90000-20229264.html>

October 15, 2024

People's Daily

China believes SCO meeting in Pakistan will achieve positive results: spokesperson

BEIJING, Oct. 14 (Xinhua) -- China believes that the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Islamabad will achieve positive results and provide more impetus to the security, stability and development of regional countries, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Monday.

Spokesperson Mao Ning made the remarks at a regular press briefing when answering a relevant question.

Mao said that since the establishment of the SCO 23 years ago, its member states have always adhered to the Shanghai Spirit, continuously enhanced good-neighborliness and friendship, and deepened cooperation in various fields, making important contributions to maintaining the security and stability of the Eurasian continent, and to promoting the development and prosperity of regional countries.

As changes unseen in a century are unfolding at an accelerated pace, the international community expects the SCO to shoulder greater responsibility and achieve more practical cooperation outcomes, Mao said.

During the SCO's Astana summit this July, China called for the construction of a common home featuring solidarity and mutual trust, peace and tranquility, prosperity and development, good-neighborliness and friendship, and fairness and justice, Mao noted. She said that the leaders of SCO member states have reached an important consensus on advocating solidarity and cooperation, upholding international fairness and justice, and improving the operational mechanisms of the SCO, which has provided guidance for the development of the SCO under new circumstances.

At the invitation of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif of Pakistan, Chinese Premier Li Qiang will attend the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of Member States of the SCO in Islamabad and pay an official visit to Pakistan from Oct. 14 to 17.

Premier Li will engage in in-depth discussions with leaders of SCO member states on implementing the consensus reached at the Astana summit and on advancing practical cooperation within the SCO, Mao said.

China believes that this meeting will achieve positive outcomes and provide more impetus to the security, stability and development of countries in the region, she said.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1015/c90000-20229558.html>

Chinese premier meets with Pakistani military leaders

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 14 (Xinhua) -- Chinese Premier Li Qiang met with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee of the Pakistan Army Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chief of Army Staff Asim Munir, Chief of Naval Staff Naveed Ashraf and Chief of Air Staff Zaheer Ahmad Babar here on Monday.

Noting that since the establishment of diplomatic ties, China and Pakistan have always respected and supported each other, Li said that the two countries are good brothers and good partners who have stood the test of the changing international landscape and truly shared weal and woe and helped each other.

Under the strategic guidance of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pakistani leaders, China-Pakistan relations have developed in depth and are moving steadily toward building an even closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era, Li said.

China is willing to work with Pakistan to implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, deepen strategic coordination, strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation and bring more benefits to the two peoples, he added.

Li pointed out that China firmly supports Pakistan in building a united, stable, prosperous and strong Pakistan, and is willing to continue to provide support and assistance to Pakistan within its capacity and further deepen cooperation with Pakistan in various fields.

It is hoped that the two militaries will continue to strengthen cooperation and provide solid support for China-Pakistan friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation, noted Li.

China supports Pakistan's efforts to combat terrorism and stands ready to deepen counterterrorism cooperation with Pakistan, pool counterterrorism efforts among regional countries and jointly safeguard peace and stability of the two countries and the region, Li said.

The Pakistani side said that deepening the ironclad Pakistan-China friendship is a strong consensus across all sectors of the Pakistani society.

Pakistan and China have always firmly supported and coordinated with each other on issues concerning their respective core interests, with solid political mutual trust, they said.

The Pakistani military is committed to contributing to the cause of friendly cooperation between the two countries and will take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of Chinese personnel, institutions, and projects in Pakistan, they said.

Pakistan is also willing to strengthen defense and security cooperation with China within bilateral and multilateral frameworks, safeguard the common interests of both countries and promote regional peace, stability and development, they added.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1015/c90000-20229498.html>

China ready to join Pakistan for closer community with shared future -- Premier Li

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 14 (Xinhua) -- Chinese Premier Li Qiang said here on Monday that China is willing to work with Pakistan to accelerate the building of a closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era.

In his meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Li said that China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic cooperative partners, always understanding, trusting, and supporting each other.

Noting that Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Prime Minister Shehbaz in June and further planned the development of China-Pakistan relations, Li said that China has always placed such ties as a priority in its foreign policy and is willing to work with Pakistan to implement the important consensus reached by the two countries' leaders.

China is ready to continuously strengthen strategic coordination and deepen cooperation in various fields, and stride hand in hand with Pakistan on the path of modernization and national rejuvenation, he added.

Li pointed out that China firmly supports Pakistan in safeguarding national sovereignty and territorial integrity and taking a development path that suits its national conditions.

China is ready to work with Pakistan to build an "upgraded version" of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), accelerate the construction of major projects in areas such as railways, highways and ports, strengthen industrial integration, deepen practical cooperation in agriculture, mining, information technology, and energy, to ensure the bilateral cooperation benefit the people more broadly, he added.

It is hoped that Pakistan will continue to provide a good business environment for Chinese companies and try its best to ensure the safety of Chinese personnel, institutions, and projects in Pakistan, Li said.

China firmly supports Pakistan's counterterrorism effort, and stands ready to actively promote counterterrorism cooperation with Pakistan and help Pakistan strengthen its counterterrorism capacity building, he added.

Li also said that China is ready to work closely with Pakistan in multilateral coordination and cooperation, jointly advocate an equal and orderly multipolar world and a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization, safeguard peace in Asia, and jointly promote regional development and prosperity.

For his part, Shehbaz extended his congratulations on the successful convening of the third plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and spoke highly of China's tremendous development achievements under President Xi's leadership.

The unbreakable Pakistan-China friendship has weathered the storm, and the Pakistan-China relations are the cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy, he said. Pakistan firmly abides by the one-China principle, firmly supports China's position on issues relating to its core interests such as Taiwan, Xizang, Xinjiang, Hong Kong and the South China Sea, fully supports the three global initiatives proposed by President Xi, and sincerely thanks China for its valuable assistance to Pakistan's development over the years, he added. Shehbaz said that the Pakistani government once again expressed its deep condolences over the recent terrorist attack that claimed the lives of Chinese nationals in Pakistan, and has pledged to do its utmost to hunt down perpetrators, fight terrorism, and ensure the safety of Chinese personnel, institutions, and projects in Pakistan. Pakistan is willing to work with China to create an "upgraded version" of the CPEC within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, speed up transport infrastructure connectivity, deepen cooperation in such fields as economy and trade, investment, agriculture, science and technology, mining and renewable energy, strengthen people-to-people exchanges and multilateral coordination, and continue to push forward the building of an even closer Pakistan-China community with a shared future in the new era, he noted. Following the meeting, Li and Shehbaz jointly attended the ceremony of cooperation documents exchange on such fields as CPEC, livelihood assistance, science and technology, radio and television, test and quarantine, and other fields.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2024/1015/c90000-20229341.html>

Xinhua News

Chinese companies make contributions towards Pakistan's economic growth: senate chairman

Chinese companies in Pakistan have been improving business landscapes and making contributions towards national growth, said Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan Yousuf Raza Gilani. #GLOBALink

<https://english.news.cn/asiapacific/20241015/256f76575b044a79919e1776208148f8/c.html>

China ready to join Pakistan to turn economic corridor into demonstration project -- Premier Li

Chinese Premier Li Qiang said that on the CPEC cooperation, China is willing to join Pakistan to follow the principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and highlight openness, green development and integrity, as well as high standards, people's well-being and sustainability.

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 14 (Xinhua) -- Chinese Premier Li Qiang said here on Monday that China is ready to work with Pakistan to make further efforts to build the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) into a demonstration project for the high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

Li made the remarks when attending a ceremony with Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to mark the completion of the New Gwadar International Airport project.

The new airport is a key facility for the Gwadar Port to become a regional connectivity hub and an important symbol of the further deepening of the construction of the CPEC, Li said.

Since its launch, the CPEC has achieved fruitful results with the concerted efforts of both sides and played a positive role in promoting Pakistan's economic and social development and regional integration, Li noted.

He also said that on the CPEC cooperation, China is willing to join Pakistan to follow the principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and highlight openness, green development and integrity, as well as high standards, people's well-being and sustainability.

Li hailed the new international airport as a vivid illustration of the special friendship between China and Pakistan.

Under the strategic guidance of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pakistani leaders, the China-Pakistan all-weather strategic cooperative partnership has been continuously deepened, and the China-Pakistan ironclad friendship, which has stood the test of changes in the international situation, is unbreakable, Li said.

Going forward, the Chinese side will continue to work with Pakistan to build an even closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era and deliver more benefits to the two peoples, he added.

For his part, Shehbaz also hailed the airport as another demonstration of the friendship of the two countries, saying that the completion of the project will allow the Gwadar Port to better play its role of a hub, and bring unprecedented development opportunities to Pakistan.

Pakistan is willing to continue to join hands with China to speed up cooperation on the "upgraded version" of the CPEC, and push for more fruitful results in building the Pakistan-China community with a shared future, he added.

<https://english.news.cn/20241015/3638db0d9b6e42089ed7d80b60d51bc7/c.html>