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**July 16, 2021**

**Business Recorder**

**Power sector**

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Chinese investors irked by non-payment of returns?

ISLAMABAD: Chinese companies are reportedly not interested in making further investment in Pakistan, citing inappropriate treatment, especially in payment to companies that invested in the power sector, well-informed sources told Business Recorder.

China have invested over \$ 60 billion in Pakistan in different sectors through its private sector companies including power sector, but are not being paid their returns as per the agreements, the sources added.

On July 12, 2021, Chinese ambassador Nong Rong met Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Asad Umar and discussed with him matters relating to the 10th JCC, Joint Working Group (JWG) meetings and economic cooperation between the two countries. However, the 10th JCC meeting scheduled for July 16, 2021 (today) has been postponed as both sides have still not agreed on financing of different projects, including multi-billion-dollar Main Line-1 (ML -1) project.

“JCC-10 meeting on CPEC which was scheduled to be held on July 16, 2021, has been postponed to a later date after Eid. Fresh date will be shared when finalized. Meanwhile preparations continue,” said Chairman CPEC Authority, Lt. General Asim Salim Bajwa (retired) in a tweet.

The concerned Ministries have completed their paperwork for JCC along with current status of projects, issues and future line of action. Likewise, Chinese companies that have invested in different projects in Pakistan have shared their concerns with the Chinese government. Some top-level public office holders have hurled accusations at over-invoicing by Chinese companies which established projects in power sector and have accused PML(N) government of establishing power projects that were “25 per cent more expensive” than their counterparts in other parts of the world. Some of the projects are already under investigation by National Accountability Bureau (NAB). The Chairman NAB and Chinese ambassador also held meetings to ensure transparency in projects.

The sources said Chinese companies are not only writing letters but also their representatives are personally visiting Power Division and other concerned organizations, demanding payments as per the agreements. However, they get just “promises” from the officials that efforts are being made to arrange funds for payments.

The country’s energy sector circular debt touched Rs 1.34 trillion as of June 30, 2021 with no hope of its resolution in the near future, which is one of the key concerns of energy sector

investors.

“Chinese question why Pakistan requested them to establish projects if there were no resources for payments against their investment,” the sources continued.

Chinese have not given drawdown to the two coal-fired power projects in Thar because lenders are not ready to release the funds due to the situation being faced by companies which have already invested in Pakistan.

The sources said, Chinese companies are angered at the proposals for renegotiation of existing agreements on the lines of Independent Power Producers (IPPs).

“Chinese say they are ready to extend financial assistance to Pakistan but are not willing to renegotiate existing agreements,” the sources maintained.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2021/07/16/1-page/893617-news.html>

### **Daily Times**

## **NATO-China Cold War: the Strategic Fallout**

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During an interview with English-language state broadcaster, China Global Television Network (CGTN), Pakistan’s Prime Minister accused West of pressurising Pakistan to withdraw its cooperation from China’s ambitious Belt and Road Initiative. Prime Minister Imran Khan has stressed that it was “very unfair” of the US and Western powers to “put pressure” on “countries like Pakistan” to choose sides and downgrade their relationship with China.

His diplomatic chatter, indeed, without putting forward a shred of formal diplomatic evidence, has just appeared when the Sino-US trade competition is stepping into a new phase, characterised by alignments, tactical moves, fluidity, sensitivity and higher responsiveness. At the NATO Summit in Brussels on June 14, 2021, leaders heading 30 allied nations decided to pursue a 360-degree approach on a wide range of topics. These included “changing geostrategic environment, collective defence, emerging technologies, and climate change and security, and other important issues.”

While concluding the summit, a 67-page communique on NATO Vision 2030 called on China. Its clause 55 stated,

“China’s stated ambitions and assertive behaviour present systemic challenges to the rules-based international order and areas relevant to Alliance security. We are concerned by those coercive policies which stand in contrast to the fundamental values enshrined in the Washington Treaty.”

Thereby in plain words, the Alliance loudly declared China’s “expansionism” a substantial threat to the conceptual blocks defining western socio-economic framework (individual liberty, democracy, rule of law, free-market values, open access, and freedom of speech) envisioned in the founding document of the NATO Alliance—The Washington Treaty (1949).

The heads of the seven wealthiest economies pledged to offer a “values-driven, high-standard and transparent” partnership model, Build Back Better World (B3W) plan, as a substitute to replace “China’s debt diplomacy” during the G7 summit held in the English county of Cornwall during the last month. However, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the group was not yet at a stage to release financing for its initiative.

Pakistan is still harvesting the disastrous outcomes of its participation in camp politics during the previous Cold War

Earlier in March, during a virtual summit, the heads of the states of four democracies (the US, Australia, India, and Japan) comprising the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue agreed to refurbish their terms of engagement on a higher strategic level. The alliance agreed to revamp the methodology required to clamp down the exploding Chinese influence in the Indo-pacific maritime routes.

The US and its allies interpret China’s world-clasping BRI as a soft but effective tool of its debt-driven foreign policy. Finance loans to a country to build roads, ports, dams, railways, etc. and get them constructed by Chinese companies by defeating local competitors through seeking concessions. Give employment to their people, and then, as per the not-so-fine print on the contract, take over the infrastructure built after the country fails to pay its Chinese debt.

As a case study, the western media presents the controversial Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act passed by the Sri Lankan parliament as a token of China’s economic imperialism underlying its BRI initiative. The act provides for the establishment of the Colombo Port City Special Economic Zone (SEZ), and the Colombo Port City Economic Commission (CPCEC) to control businesses operations within the Colombo Port City (CPC), which was constructed by the China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC).

Many reputed western periodicals have published consecutive reports pitching the miserable failure of Sri Lankan treasury in debt servicing against the loan it had taken on to construct Hambantota Port. Moreover, the default pushed Sri Lanka to hand over Hambantota port and 15,000 acres of nearby land to China on a 99-year-lease.

Umesh Moramudali at the University of Colombo, however, explains that Sri Lanka obtained five loans that amounted to \$1.263 billion from 2007 to 2014 to construct the Hambantota port. A part of these loans was negotiated on interest rates as high as 6 per cent while the rest were concessionary loans. He disagrees that China grabbed Hambantota port because Sri Lanka had failed to service the debt. The port deal was a separate lease agreement that had neither accounted for the cancellation of the debt nor changed the ownership status of the port. The money obtained from the lease was pooled into the crippling foreign reserves of the country stemming from trade and budget deficits and the middle-income trap.

The Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa welcomes BRI investments amounting to US\$ 15 billion for CPC that would create about 200,000 new jobs and livelihoods due to construction work on the Port City and about 83,000 permanent job opportunities at the CPC.

Other recipient countries like Pakistan, Turkey, and Israel have also repeatedly expressed the same expectations from BRI projects. Hence, China is offering substance in the forms of liquidity, cash, projects, and capacity which are absent in any 'tentative' scheme proposed by the critic alliance to counter BRI.

Countries like Jamaica, Montenegro, and Uganda built their first expressways, while Belarus has installed its car industry under BRI joint venture. China-Europe rail service, as a part of land-based "Silk Road Economic Belt," had connected 108 cities in 16 countries in Asia and Europe. Traditionally, the trade goods from Asia's East Coast to Europe were carried through the Indian Ocean, up through the Red Sea, the Suez Canal, and then through the Mediterranean and past the Iberian Peninsula. Alternative routes were around Africa, or the even longer journey across the Pacific, through the Panama Canal, and then the Atlantic. When a train from Yiwu, China, arrived in London, UK, in January 2017, The Telegraph called it "a new chapter in the history of the centuries-old trading route," and The Guardian claimed it to "herald the dawn of a new commercial era."

China counters the American offensive by putting in more and more methods in its global outreach. China remained the third-largest partner for EU exports of goods (10.5 per cent) and the largest partner for EU imports of goods (22.4 per cent) in 2020. Among the EU Member States, the Netherlands was the largest importer of goods from China and Germany was the largest exporter of goods to China. BRI incorporates an estimated 2600 projects in 100 countries of Asia, Eastern Europe, Eastern Africa, and the Middle East constituting more than a third of the world's GDP and two-thirds of the world's population are part of this massive economic activity through six development corridors.

Above all, the most important concern for the US and its allies is the strategic fallout of the sea-based "21st Century Maritime Silk Road," connecting China to Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe via major sea lanes. BRI includes Forest City and Malaka Gateway (Malaysia) adjoining the Straits of Malacca, Hambantota Port, and Columbo Port City (Sri Lanka) on the Indian Ocean, Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone (Myanmar) on the Bay of Bengal, Gwadar Port (Pakistan) on the Arabian Sea, Khalifa Port (Abu Dhabi) in the Persian Gulf, Doraleh Multi-Purpose Port (Ethiopia) on the Red Sea at the intersection of major international sea routes connecting Asia, Africa, and Europe, Suez Canal Economic Zone (Egypt) connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea, Haifa Port (Israel) on the Mediterranean, Kumport Terminal (Turkey) on the Marmara Sea, Port of Piraeus on the Aegean Sea, Greece, and Aktau Port on the Caspian Sea in Kazakhstan.

Thus, the action is enormous and the same would be the response. The world awaits another cold war, more sophisticated, dynamic, and tactical than the previous one. Struggling countries like Pakistan anticipate a huge economic transformation. But there are some massive challenges too. The goalposts defining BRI, like those as 'improve connectivity, embracing diversity, win-win for all, if fruit ingenuity, then it would be the greatest business concept in human history. Everyone will be a winner.

On the other hand, if China simply uses the BRI to ensnare countries into dependent and unequal relationships, the coming decades are tough. Pakistan is still harvesting the disastrous outcomes of its participation in camp politics during the previous Cold War. In parallel to hosting a tremendous investment inflow under CPEC, the country also avails financial assistance programs under IMF, The World Bank, USAID, and other western financial institutions. Many educational and cultural exchange programs are also ongoing. Millions of Pakistanis are living abroad in Europe and the US sending back Millions of Dollars in remittances.

The challenge for Pakistan and similar countries is to maintain a diplomatic balance that needs a professional approach in the selection of tone, words, and sequence. Unnecessary war-drumming will accelerate the polarisation. Despite having the competition, the US and China still enjoy a magnanimous trade exchange proving that the world community is intelligent enough to keep their love and hate circumstantially relevant to their benefit.

While knowing that BRI is going to anchor the foreign policy schemas of the world in the coming decades, countries like Turkey, Israel, and Abu Dhabi are cautious to maintain an intelligent diplomatic trade-off between the US and China. Keeping in view the scale and sensitivity of this silent war between two global giants, and Pakistan's domestic dependencies, the country needs to keep its national priorities away from the strategic implications of BRI primarily by avoiding diplomatic heroism and stating foreign policy assertions delicately.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/792092/nato-china-cold-war-the-strategic-fallout/>

### **China to help develop economic forest industry in Gwadar city**

“We not only try to build a beautiful port, but also want to develop the economic forest industry in the Gwadar city,” said Professor Wang Sen from the Central South University of Forestry and Technology (CSUFT) in an interview to China Economic Net (CEN).

Professor Wang, an expert on economic forestry, has been committed to cultivating tropical arid economic plants in Gwadar since late 2018 when the Gwadar port was a stretch of desert. The sight of the barren land inspired him to pioneer a research on tropical arid economic forest in a bid to bring both ecological and economic value to the hub. “Even in the temperate zone with sufficient rain and fertile soil, trees may die, let alone on a tropical arid desert”.

Despite the technical difficulties, Professor Wang compiled a comprehensive record of the tropical arid economic plants in Gwadar and established a tissue culture lab along with necessary laboratories for disinfection, breeding, etc. under the support of Yulin Holdings and China Overseas Holding Group.

Woody grain and oil species, woody fodder species, and woody floral species are being or have been introduced to the cultivation demonstration garden at Gwadar.

For example, a kind of Chinese jujube called “zhongqiusucui”, a new type that was cultivated by Professor Wang and matures around the Mid-autumn festival, or “Zhongqiu”, has successfully

grown in the garden. Resistant to drought and rich in vitamin, it has the potential to provide nutrition for the vessels at the port.

Fruit is another important part of economic forests. “We are now focusing on naseberry, a raw material of jam with high nutritious value”, Professor Wang told CEN. A germplasm resource garden of tropical arid economic plants is under construction based on previous investigations on hundreds of local germplasm.

By collecting and making the specimen of representative plants viable in tropical arid regions, the team aims to identify germplasm with high economic value and preserve them in the form of living plants. Furthermore, the breeding technique is being explored through genetic research.

“Unlike some food crops that require continuous cropping, which undermines soil fertility, economic crops like jujube can grow for decades”. According to Professor Wang, to discover and develop a suitable species that can survive in tropical arid regions not only serves innovation in scientific research, but more importantly, it complies with Pakistan’s green initiative and holds the prospect to alleviate poverty, as has been proved in China.

Once successful in the laboratory, it can be promoted in other “Belt and Road” countries with similar climate. Based on the tropical arid economic forest laboratory, Central South University of Forestry and Technology (CSUFT), the birthplace of China’s economic forestry discipline, is providing post-doctoral education to Pakistani students.

The project is also supported by Pakistani Ministry of Climate Change, University of Karachi, and Indus University.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/792339/china-to-help-develop-economic-forest-industry-in-gwadar-city/>

### **Dunya News**

#### **Asim Bajwa hails agreement for Samsung mobile phones manufacturing in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News) – Chairman China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority Lt Gen (r) Asim Saleem Bajwa Friday said numerous Chinese mobile phone manufacturing companies would set up their plants in Pakistan that would boost the country’s exports besides generating more jobs. Hailing the agreement signed between Samsung with Lucky Group to produce Samsung Mobile Phones in Pakistan, the Chairman said the facility would help expand the manufacturing base in the country.

“This landmark development coupled with a number of upcoming Chinese Mobile phone manufacturing facilities in Pakistan will expand our manufacturing base, help boost exports and create more jobs,” he said in his tweet. According to the agreement, the production facility of mobile phones would be operational by Dec 2021. The Lucky Motor Corporation Limited, a subsidiary of lucky cement limited, which is currently engaged in the business of manufacturing,



assembly, marketing, distribution and sales of Kia and peugeot branded vehicles, parts and accessories thereof, in Pakistan, has recently entered into an agreement with Samsung Gulf Electronics Co. for producing Samsung branded Mobile Devices in Pakistan. In pursuance of the transaction, LMC has also initiated the process of seeking necessary regulatory approvals to carry on the said business and in this endeavor, has filed an application with Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) for securing the license. The production facility for producing Samsung Mobile Devices will be located at LMC's existing plant facility producing vehicles at Bin Qasim Industrial Park, Special Economic Zone, Port Qasim- Karachi.

The production facility is anticipated to be completed by end of December 2021.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Business/611026-Asim-Bajwa-hails-agreement-Samsung-mobile-phones-manufacturing-Pakistan>

### **Pakistan Observer**

#### **Prime Minister Khan reassures Chinese counterpart that every effort will be made to investigate Dasu tragedy**

Prime Minister Imran Khan has reassured Chinese Premier Li Keqiang that every effort will be made to investigate the Dasu bus tragedy, which resulted in the deaths of 12 persons, including nine Chinese citizens. Prime Minister Khan expressed his condolences to Prime minister Li Keqiang over the phone on Friday for the deaths of Chinese nationals in the sad event in Upper Kohistan. "All efforts will be made to investigate the incident," the PM said and added that the security of Chinese citizens in Pakistan is the government's top priority. He said that hostile forces will not be permitted to damage the fraternal relations between the two countries.

'Terrorism cannot be ruled out'

Fawad Chaudhry, the Minister of Information, stated on Thursday that "terrorism cannot be ruled out" as a factor in the Dasu tragedy.

The minister had said, "Initial investigations into the Dasu incident have now confirmed traces of explosives. He had said that Prime Minister Imran Khan is "personally supervising all developments in this regard" and that the government is closely coordinating with the Chinese embassy. "We are committed to fighting the menace of terrorism together," he had said.

He had said, "We are dedicated to fighting the threat of terrorism together."

Earlier in the day, Foreign Office spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri had said that a "comprehensive" probe has been launched into the incident, adding that it is "also being investigated from the angle of terrorism". He had added that close contact is being maintained with Chinese officials.

Bus plunges into ravine

On Wednesday, a bus carrying Chinese workers in Khyber Pakhunkhwa's plunged into a ravine "after a mechanical failure resulting in leakage of gas that caused a blast", a statement from the Foreign Office had said. According to the statement, Chinese workers and accompanying Pakistani staff "were proceeding to their workplace for an ongoing project".

[Prime Minister Khan reassures Chinese counterpart that every effort will be made to investigate Dasu tragedy - Pakistan Observer \(pakobserver.net\)](#)

## The Nation

### **Punjab Tevta, China Tang and Zalmi Foundation sign MoU**

Lahore - Punjab Tevta, China Tang and Zalmi Foundation on Thursday signed an MoU to revolutionise skills development in Pakistan on this mega event to celebrate 'Skills Day'. Zalmi Foundation, a not-for-profit initiative of Peshawar Zalmi, which works for the youth's skills development and competence building, has led to improve vocational skills development in Pakistan. Tevta Chairman Ali Salman Siddique and Zalmi Foundation Chief Innovation Officer Dr Cedric Aimal Edwin signed the agreement. Punjab Minister of Industries, Commerce, Investment & Skills Development Mian Aslam Iqbal also graced the event with his presence. Punjab Tevta is one of the leading government vocational skills development organisations in Pakistan and it has worked relentlessly to launch skills development programmes on international standards. China Tang is a global vocational skills development organization that has launched similar Sri Lanka, Thailand and other countries. This three-party MoU will result in the launch of innovative skills development programmes which are developed jointly by Punjab Tevta, China Tang and Zalmi Foundation. These diploma courses have been developed keeping in mind the industry needs of Pakistan and the future needs of CPEC related industries.

"Through our efforts, the social and economic benefits of CPEC will reach the citizens of Pakistan. Our joint diploma programmes are based on a 2+1 model in which the student will study for 2 years in Pakistan and 1 year in China. With our diploma programmes, students will work in CPEC related industries at the middle management level," they said.

<https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2021-07-16/page-9/detail-2>

## The News

### **China supports Pakistan, S Arabia in developing photovoltaic power**

BEIJING: China supports Pakistan and Saudi Arabia to develop photovoltaic power, according to a report published by Gwadar Pro.

Energy China Group signed a contract for the 300 megawatt EPC photovoltaic power generation (PV) project in Rabig, Saudi Arabia.

The report says, combination with the PV projects under CPEC, China is effectively supporting PV development in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

The project in Saudi is expected to create 900 local jobs and provide green electricity to 45,300 homes.

After completion, the project will generate an average of 2,240 kWh of electricity per year, with a total power generation of 894 million kWh in the first year and a CO2 emission reduction of 779,900 tons.

It is estimated that the total electricity generation in 25 years will be about 21.4 billion kWh, and the translated CO2 emission reduction will be nearly 18.62 million tons, which will effectively optimize the energy structure of Saudi.

Pakistan and Saudi have similar conditions and demand to develop PV energy. Shen Lei, the executive secretary of China Society of Natural Resources (CSNR), a scholar of the Chinese Academy of Science (CAS), said in a previous interview that several BRI countries with rich resources to develop photovoltaic power generation need to increase the proportion of PV in their energy mix.

In consideration of vast tracts of land and plenty of sun Pakistan and Saudi have, the advantaged natural conditions provide the two countries with positive conditions to develop PV energy.

On the other hand, China is the largest exporter of solar power products, accounting for 28% of the world's exports, leading the world in PV industry. "China has ranked first in the world in PV installation capacity for four consecutive years, and PV energy is opening a new world," said Shi Zhengrong, a member of Australia's National Academy of Science and Engineering Technology.

Including EPC 30MW PV Project, QUAID-E-AZAM 100MW PV Project, China has invested and contracted to build most PV power stations in Pakistan.

According to a report released by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the PV energy market in Pakistan will continue to expand, which has been benefited by Chinese investment.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/864966-china-supports-pakistan-s-arabia-in-developing-photovoltaic-power>

### **JCC meeting under CPEC postponed on China's request**

ISLAMABAD: The much-awaited Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting, under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), has been postponed for an indefinite period, it is learnt.

No apparent reasons were cited for the sudden postponement of much-hyped JCC's scheduled virtual meeting between the two sides. The JCC meeting was scheduled after October 2019 when the last meeting was held before the eruption of the COVID-19 pandemic.

So practically, no meeting was held between Pakistan and China under CPEC at the level of JCC in almost the last two years.

First of all, the lingering pandemic of COVID-19 affected the process but now changing geopolitical situation also paved the way for the postponement of meeting at the last moment.

“On Chinese request, the JCC meeting under CPEC has been postponed” said the official sources. It was conveyed to Pakistani side on Thursday when Minister for Planning Asad Umar and Chairman CPEC Authority were chairing preparatory meeting to finalise projects to be considered into CPEC fold in virtual JCC meeting.

The ML-1 was also part of the agenda of JCC meeting, but finalisation of financing agreement was not part of it. One cabinet minister told this scribe that the JCC was supposed to show overall commitment of both sides to move towards finalising financing agreement and construction of Mainline-1 rail line from Peshawar to Karachi. The industrial cooperation could also not be finalised so far due to which the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) could not be made operational.

The CPEC had virtually gone slowed down but official quarters were not agreed to this assertion. This scribe made efforts to contact Federal Minister for Planning Asad Umar for seeking his comments and sent him a message as well, but got no response till filing of the story Thursday night.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/864972-jcc-meeting-under-cpec-postponed-on-china-s-request>

### **Jang News**

#### **چین سے کورونا ویکسین کی ایک اور کھیپ پاکستان پہنچ گئی**

ملک میں کورونا کی چوتھی لہر کے دوران کیسز میں تیزی سے اضافہ ہونے لگا، دوسری جانب چین سے کورونا ویکسین کی ایک اور کھیپ پاکستان پہنچ گئی ہے۔  
 پی آئی اے کی پرواز پی کے 6852 بیجنگ سے سائینو ویک ویکسین کی 15 لاکھ ڈوز لے کر اسلام آباد پہنچی ہے۔  
 پاکستان نے یہ 15 لاکھ سائینو ویک ڈوز چینی کمپنی سے خریدی ہیں۔  
 واضح رہے کہ رواں ماہ کورونا ویکسین کی تقریباً ایک کروڑ خوراکیں پاکستان پہنچ چکی ہیں۔

<https://jang.com.pk/news/957173>

**July 17, 2021**

### **Business Recorder**

#### **Kohistan bus incident**

High-level Chinese team arrives

ISLAMABAD: A high-level Chinese investigative team arrived in Islamabad on Friday to take a briefing from Pakistani counterparts on Kohistan bus incident in which nine Chinese nationals and three Pakistanis lost their lives on July 14, 2021.

Sources said that the Chinese team would visit the site of the bus incident where the Pakistani authorities would give them a comprehensive briefing on the incident and would also share the findings so far. Initially, the Foreign Office had stated that the bus carrying Chinese workers plunged into a ravine after a mechanical failure resulting in leakage of gas that caused a blast. However, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhry, on Thursday, said that initial investigations into the Dasu incident have now confirmed traces of “explosives”.

“Terrorism cannot be ruled out,” he added.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Imran Khan had a telephonic conversation with his Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang in which, according to the PM House, the prime minister assured him that “no effort would be spared to fully investigate the incident”.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2021/07/17/1-page/893761-news.html>

### **Daily Times**

#### **Pakistan assures China of proper probe into Dasu bus incident**

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday assured Chinese Premier Li Keqiang that his government would spare no effort to fully investigate the incident where Chinese nationals lost their lives in a bus accident in Kohistan area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

In a telephonic conversation, the prime minister said the security of Chinese nationals, workers, projects, and institutions in Pakistan is the ‘highest priority of the government’.

During the call, Prime Minister Imran Khan expressed heartfelt condolences over the loss of precious lives of Chinese nationals caused by the tragic incident in Dasu. He said the people of Pakistan share grief and pain of the bereaved families. He underlined that the government of Pakistan is providing the best possible medical care to the injured Chinese nationals. He reiterated that Pakistan and China had an iron-clad friendship which had withstood the vicissitudes of time. “No hostile forces would be allowed to damage brotherly relations between Pakistan and China,” he added

Meanwhile, European Union’s High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the European Commission Josep Borrell called on Prime Minister Imran Khan on the sidelines of the International Conference on Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Opportunities and Challenges on Friday. Views were exchanged on Pakistan-EU cooperation and situation in Afghanistan were discussed.

The prime minister highlighted Pakistan’s vital contributions to the Afghan peace process and intra-Afghan negotiations. He stressed that the conflict could only be settled through an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned political process leading to a comprehensive negotiated political settlement. The prime minister emphasized the importance of continued engagement of the international community after withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan to facilitate lasting peace in the country.

The prime minister expressed concern at the worsening situation in Afghanistan and its negative impact on Pakistan's security. He also called upon EU and international community to support and assist Afghan refugees.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/792814/pakistan-assures-china-of-proper-probe-into-dasu-bus-incident/>

### **Balochistan, Henan to set up sister province relationship**

Balochistan and Henan province of central China have signed a letter of intent to establish sister province relationship through a video conference, signaling more pragmatic cooperation in the future between the two major agricultural provinces that are both endowed with rich resources.

According to Gwadar Pro, the conference themed on Pak-China Agriculture Cooperation Forum 2021 was jointly organized by China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHC) and Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) to strengthen economic and trade cooperation, especially in agriculture sector, between Balochistan and Henan province.

The conference also witnessed the unveiling ceremony of PAK-CHINA (Puyang-Gwadar) Friendship Green Park and Henan Agricultural Industrial Park, which are part of the outcomes of Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to Gwadar in early July.

Addressing the event, Governor of Henan Province Wang Kai said the establishment of sister relationship between Balochistan and Henan is a significant development for both sides and the two provinces should strive to become a model of China-Pakistan cooperation at the provincial level.

Wang specified that Zhengzhou Airport Economy Zone and Gwadar Port, both as logistics hubs, are possessed with cooperation opportunities in manufacturing, tourism, e-commerce, and modern service industry, but it lies in the efforts of the two governments to realize these potentials.

He stressed the importance of organizing exhibitions and business matchmaking activities between the two provinces to enhance the business community's understanding of each other's markets and expand the scope of trade and investment.

The development of Henan Agricultural Industrial Park should be placed as a high priority, Wang noted, adding that the park will play an important role in facilitating storage and cold chain and promoting in-depth cooperation in the agricultural sector.

Chief Minister of Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan pinpointed that agriculture plays a pivotal role in the economic development of both Balochistan and Henan provinces. While they have some in common in agricultural development, there is more for Balochistan to catch up in the technological aspect.

Highlighting the opportunities presented by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in agricultural and industrial development, Jamal expected the cooperation could bring more changes to Balochistan as the two provinces strengthen economic ties and mutual exchanges.

Pakistani Ambassador to China H.E. Moin ul Haque stressed the significance of the event. He noted Balochistan is essential for CPEC, as Gwadar lies in the heart of the project, while Henan, as a historic and cultural province of China, has excelled in the agriculture and textile industry and renowned as a busy transportation hub.

In this condition, the inter-provincial cooperation is bound to bring more benefits for the two sides.

Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong, represented by Deputy Chief of Commission Mr Xie Guoxiang in the conference due to tight schedule, congratulated the inter-provincial partnership, calling it a step towards the building of a shared community between Pakistan and China. Reviewing his visit to Gwadar weeks ago with the Prime Minister, Nong expressed recognition of the work completed by enterprises from Henan in improving the environment in Gwadar and developing the port and the free zone. More than ten enterprises from each side were also invited to the conference to present their businesses, ranging from grain crops, product processing, storage cold chain, to seafood, mango, citrus, dried fruit and rapeseed, etc.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/792736/balochistan-henan-to-set-up-sister-province-relationship/>

### **Dunya News**

#### **No extremist element can damage Pak-China relations: Sheikh Rashid**

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News) – Federal Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed on Saturday held a telephonic conversation with Chinese Public Security Minister and apprised him about developments in investigation of Dasu bus tragedy. Sheikh Rashid expressed sorrow over loss of precious human lives. Both ministers agreed on completion of investigation as soon as possible. Interior Minister further said that Pakistan and China are time tested friends and no extremist force can damage the relationship.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/611081-No-extremist-force-can-damage-Pak-China-relations-Sheikh-Rashid>

### **Pakistan Observer**

#### **9 CPEC special SEZs identified under cooperation of industrial development**

The Senate was informed on Friday that nine Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been identified under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) cooperation of industrial development. Replying to a question Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Ali Muhammad Khan said that out of nine CPEC Special SEZs, four SEZs were at advance stage of development including Rashakai SEZ, Allama Iqbal Industrial City, Faisalabad, Bostan SEZ and Dhabeji SEZ.

He said that other SEZs were including Model ICT SEZ, Islamabad, Pak Steel Mills SEZ, Karachi, Moqandas SEZ Gilgit Baltistan, Mirpur SEZ, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Mohmand Marble City, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He said that the government has approved PC-1 worth over Rs16 billion for provision of gas and electricity to the above four SEZs, which are in advanced stage of development.

He said that Rashakai SEZ was being set up at 1000 acres of land and 10 Megawatt (MW) of electricity has been provided in October 2020 as short term arrangement and 50MW to be provided by June 2022, adding that gasification of the zone will be completed by December 2021. The minister said that Rashakai SEZ was a game changer for the Peshawar valley.

In a written reply, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar said that Allama Iqbal Industrial City, Faisalabad being established at 2,800 acres of land and so far 585 acres of land has been allotted to 24 zone enterprises with planned investment of Rs136.7 billion, including Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of \$ 5.21 million.

<https://pakobserver.net/9-cpec-special-sezs-identified-under-cooperation-of-industrial-development/>

### **Chinese firm stops working at Pakistan's Dasu project after bus incident**

ISLAMABAD – The Chinese company working on the Dasu Hydropower Project has announced to halt work on the site due to security concerns. The China Gezhouba Group Company (CGGC) has laid off all except essential Pakistani workers. It said that the decision has been taken due to the July 14 incident in which 13 people including nine Chinese nationals were killed. The CGGC in a letter said that it will pay salary and gratuity to the laid-off employees as per their contract. Project Director Anwarul Haq, according to local media, has confirmed the development, adding that the work will be resumed as the security situation improves.

#### **15 Chinese official part of inquiry team**

Earlier today, Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid said that 15 Chinese authorities have been added to the continuing inquiry into the Dasu bus tragedy. Sheikh Rashid told a news briefing in Islamabad that a 15-member team of Chinese investigators arrived yesterday and spoke with security agency officials at the incident site. “The investigation of the event is at its final stages and the highest institutions of Pakistan are investigating it. Fifteen individuals from China have been included [in the investigation] as well,” the interior minister said.

Sheikh Rashid said that the Chinese government had been notified of the situation and was being kept up to date when new information became available. “We completely reassure the Chinese government that these culprits, hidden hands and enemies of CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) and China-Pakistan friendship will never be forgiven at any cost.” Thirteen people were killed and 28 others were wounded when a coach carrying them to an under-construction tunnel site of the 4,300-megawatt Dasu hydropower project fell into a ravine in the Upper



Kohistan area after an explosion on Wednesday. The victims included nine Chinese nationals, two Frontier Constabulary personnel, and two locals.

Terrorism can't be ruled out

A day after the Foreign Office described the incident as an accident, Information and Broadcasting Minister Fawad Chaudhry stating that “terrorism could not be ruled out” in the Dasu incident. “Initial investigations into Dasu incident have now confirmed traces of explosives, terrorism cannot be ruled out, PM is personally supervising all developments, in this regard Govt is in close coordination with Chinese embassy we are committed to fight menace of terrorism together,” Fawad Chaudhry wrote on Twitter.

<https://pakobserver.net/chinese-firm-stops-working-at-pakistans-dasu-project-after-bus-incident/>

### **Dasu incident: Pakistan, China agree to complete probe soon**

Pakistan and China agreed on Saturday to expedite the inquiry into the Dasu bus tragedy. It killed a total of 12 individuals, nine of them were Chinese nationals.

The agreement was reached after a half-hour telephone conversation between China's Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi and Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed. They spoke about the terrible event in Upper Kohistan.

This is the second high-level communication in two days, after Prime Minister Imran Khan's call to Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, who promised him that the event will be thoroughly investigated.

Zhao claimed he phoned Rasheed on the orders of Chinese President Xi Jinping, expressing regret for the loss of valuable Pakistani lives.

The two officials discussed the investigation's progress thus far and decided to complete it as soon as possible.

“No hostile force can destabilize fraternal relations between the two countries.”

Rasheed told his Chinese colleague that the investigations are being taken out at the highest level on PM Khan's orders and would be finished shortly.

He said that Pakistan is assisting the Chinese team in investigating the incident.

The interior minister referred to Pakistan and China as “iron brothers,” and promised his Chinese colleague that all Chinese employees in Pakistan would be safe.

Chinese team to visit Dasu today

As part of a cooperative investigation into the event, a team of Chinese security officials will visit Dasu today to establish the facts. Pakistani security authorities will update them on the situation.

Terrorism cannot be ruled out

Fawad Chaudhry, the Minister of Information, stated on Thursday that “terrorism cannot be ruled out” as a factor in the Dasu tragedy. “Initial investigations into the Dasu incident have now confirmed traces of explosives,” the minister had said. He had said that PM Imran Khan is “personally supervising all developments in this regard” and that the government is closely coordinating with the Chinese embassy. “We are committed to fighting the menace of terrorism together,” he had said.

<https://pakobserver.net/dasu-incident-pakistan-china-agree-to-complete-probe-soon/>

### Express News

#### داسو بس واقعہ؛ چینی کمپنی نے ڈیم پر کام روکنے کا فیصلہ واپس لے لیا

داسو بس واقعہ کے تناظر میں چینی کمپنی نے اعلیٰ حکام کے کہنے پر داسو ڈیم پر کام روکنے کا فیصلہ واپس لے لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق چینی کمپنی غصوبہ نے داسو ڈیم کا تعمیراتی کام روکنے کا اعلامیہ واپس لے لیا اور دو دن بعد نیا اعلامیہ جاری کر دیا جس میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ڈیم کا کام روکنے اور معاہدے کی معطلی کا اعلامیہ اعلیٰ حکام نے رد کر دیا ہے۔ ڈپٹی کمشنر اپر کوہستان عارف خان یوسف زئی نے کہا ہے کہ چینی کمپنی غصوبہ نے داسو ڈیم کی ٹیم پر حملے کے بعد دو روز قبل تعمیراتی کام روکنے اور تمام پاکستان ملازمین کے ساتھ معاہدہ ختم کرنے کا اعلامیہ جاری کیا تھا لیکن اب چینی سفیر اور دیگر حکام نے کام جاری رکھنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ عارف یوسف زئی کے مطابق چینی سفیر نے یقین دلایا ہے کہ چین پاکستان کے ساتھ ہر ممکن تعاون جاری رکھے گا ساتھ ہی چینی سفیر نے تحقیقاتی کمیشن پر اطمینان کا اظہار بھی کیا ہے۔ قبل ازیں سی جی سی کمپنی نے کام روکنے سے متعلق اعلامیہ جاری کرتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ کمپنی نے تمام مقامی ملازمین کے ساتھ معاہدہ بھی ختم کر دیا گیا ہے، کمپنی چند روز میں ملازمین کی تنخواہ ادا کر دے گی۔ علاوہ ازیں داسو واقعے کی تحقیقات کے لیے چینی تحقیقاتی ٹیم داسو پہنچ گئی۔ تحقیقاتی ٹیم 8 افراد پر مشتمل ہے جسے چار ہیلی کاپٹر کے ذریعے داسو پہنچایا گیا جہاں سے وہ براستہ شاہرہ قراقرم جائے وقوع پہنچی۔ تحقیقاتی ٹیم کے ساتھ چینی سفیر اور متاثرہ کمپنی کے سی ای او بھی موجود ہیں۔ داسو ڈیم کے عملے کی بس کو حادثہ؛ 9 چینی باشندوں سمیت 13 افراد جاں بحق: یہ پڑھیں چینی تحقیقاتی ٹیم جائے وقوع سے شواہد اکٹھے کرنے میں مصروف ہے جس کے بعد بریفنگ بھی دی جائے گی۔ تحقیقاتی ٹیم کی حفاظت کے لیے سکیورٹی کے سخت انتظامات کیے گئے ہیں۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2203218/1/>

### Nawaiwaqt News

#### چینی انقلاب کا تیسرا مرحلہ

چین کی کمیونسٹ پارٹی نے سو سال مکمل کر لئے ہیں۔ انسانی تاریخ میں یہ سو سال ہمیشہ یاد رکھے جائیں گے۔ ان سو سالوں میں چین نے نہ صرف چین کے اندر کامیاب انقلاب برپا کیا بلکہ ایک غریب ملک کو دنیا کی نمبر ون معاشی طاقت بنا دیا۔ پولین بونا پارٹ نے کہا تھا کہ "چین کو سونے دو اگر یہ جاگ گیا تو یہ پوری دنیا کو ہلا کر رکھ دے گا" یہ پیشین گوئی درست ثابت ہوئی اور ایک سو سال کے بعد چین نے واقعی دنیا کو ہلا کر رکھ دیا ہے۔ دنیا کے عظیم ملک چین کی ترقی کی وجہ سے خوفزدہ ہیں اور دنیا پر اپنی بالادستی کیلئے سنگین خطرہ

سمجھتے ہوئے چین کے عالمی اثر و رسوخ کو روکنے کیلئے منصوبہ بندی کر رہے ہیں۔ چین کی کمیونسٹ پارٹی نے عظیم انقلابی لیڈر ماؤ زے تنگ کی قیادت میں 1948 میں چائینہ پیپلز ریپبلک کی بنیاد رکھی۔ پرانے عوام دشمن اشرافیائی نظام کو تبدیل کر کے سوشلسٹ نظام کو نافذ کیا۔ پرانی ذہنیت کو تبدیل کرنے کیلئے کلچرل انقلاب کی تحریک چلائی اور عوام کی پرانی سوچوں کو تبدیل کر کے ان کو سوشلزم کے نظریے کے ساتھ وابستہ کیا۔ چین کے انقلاب کا یہ پہلا مرحلہ تھا جس کو ارتقائی سوچ کی بنیاد پر آگے بڑھایا گیا۔ اگر چین کا کامیاب انقلاب سٹیٹس کو اور جمود کا شکار ہو جاتا تو چین آج دنیا کی عظیم طاقت کبھی نہیں بن سکتا تھا۔ ثابت ہوا کہ عوامی انقلاب کے بعد بھی ارتقائی عمل جاری رہنا چاہیے اور نئے حالات کی مطابقت حکمت عملی میں تبدیلی لانی چاہیے۔

چین کے برعکس روس کی مثال ہمارے سامنے ہے جس نے انقلاب کے بعد ارتقاء کے بجائے جمود کی شکل اختیار کر لی اور اسکے نتیجے میں ٹکڑے ٹکڑے ہو گیا۔ چین کے دوسرے بڑے عظیم لیڈر ڈینگ زیادنگ نے 1970 میں نئے حالات کی مطابقت چین کے سیاسی اور معاشی نظام میں تبدیلیاں کیں۔ انہوں نے معاشی ترقی کو اپنا مرکز اور محور بنایا اور یہ کہا "جب تک کہ بلی چوہے پکڑتی رہے اس بات سے کوئی فرق نہیں پڑتا کہ بلی سفید ہے یا کالا ہے" انقلاب کے دوسرے مرحلے میں چین نے دنیا کے مختلف ممالک کو چین میں سرمایہ کاری کرنے کے مواقع فراہم کیے البتہ چین سوشلزم کے بنیادی فلسفہ کیساتھ جڑا رہا۔ چین کی قیادت نے مغربی ممالک کے مشوروں اور تجاویز کو قبول کرنے سے انکار کر دیا اور انہوں نے اپنے حالات اور انقلاب کے فلسفے کی مطابقت اپنی سیاسی اور معاشی پالیسیوں کو ترتیب اور تشکیل دیا۔ ڈینگ زیادنگ نے اپنی پارٹی کے لیڈروں کو یہ نصیحت کی تھی کہ اپنی صلاحیتوں کو خفیہ رکھو وقت گزارو اور عالمی سطح پر قائدانہ کردار ادا کرنے سے گریز کرو۔ بد قسمتی سے پاکستان قیام کے بعد سے عالمی سطح پر لیڈر بننے کی کوشش کرتا رہتا ہے جبکہ اسے اپنے گھر کی کوئی فکر نہیں ہے۔ گزشتہ تیس سالوں کے دوران چین نے مختلف عالمی تنازعات میں الجھنے سے گریز کیا اور معاشی ترقی پر اپنی توجہ مرکوز رکھی۔ چین کی

کمیونسٹ پارٹی سوسال گزر جانے کے باوجود چین کے اندر سیاسی استحکام کو محفوظ رکھنے میں کامیاب رہی ہے اگر چین میں سیاسی استحکام نہ ہوتا تو اس کا معاشی استحکام بھی ناممکن ہو جاتا۔ چین کے تیسرے عظیم لیڈر شی جن پنگ نے چین کو انقلاب کے تیسرے مرحلے میں داخل کر دیا ہے۔ انہوں نے سوشلزم اور کمیونسٹ ازم کے حسین امتزاج پر عمل کر کے دنیا کو حیران کر کے رکھ دیا ہے۔ چین نے انسانی تاریخ کا معجزہ کر دکھایا ہے کہ اس نے سرمایہ کاری کو بھی فروغ دیا ہے اور کروڑوں شہریوں کو غربت کی لکیر سے بھی باہر نکال دیا ہے۔ معاشی ترقی اور سیاسی استحکام کی وجہ سے چین کے اعتماد میں اضافہ ہوا ہے اور اس نے اب عالمی سطح پر مزاحمتی رویہ اختیار کر لیا ہے۔ چین کے عظیم لیڈر نے کرپشن کے سلسلے میں زیرو ٹالرنس کا مظاہرہ کیا ہے اور کرپشن کے مرتکب افراد کو موت کی سزائیں دے کر چین میں کرپشن پر کافی حد تک قابو پایا ہے۔ چین کی کمیونسٹ پارٹی نے اپنے قائد کی بے مثال قیادت اور کامیابیوں کے پیش نظر ان پر دو ٹوم صدر بننے کی پابندی ختم کر کے انہیں تاحیات صدر منتخب کر لیا ہے۔ چین کے عظیم قائد شی جن پنگ نے انسانی تاریخ کا پہلا معجزاتی انفراسٹرکچر کا منصوبہ بیلٹ اینڈ روڈ سے شروع کر رکھا ہے جس میں دنیا کے مختلف براعظموں کے 68 ممالک شامل ہیں۔ اس عظیم الشان تاریخ ساز منصوبے کا ایک مقصد یہ ہے کہ دنیا کے سب ممالک مشترکہ ترقی کریں اور دوسرا یہ ہے کہ امریکہ اور مغرب کی دنیا پر بالادستی کو ختم کر کے ترقی انصاف اور امن پر مبنی نیو ورلڈ آرڈر نافذ کیا جائے۔ امریکہ نے جی سیون ممالک کے ساتھ مل کر چین کے عالمی اثر و رسوخ کو روکنے کیلئے اربوں ڈالر کا ایک نیا معاشی منصوبہ تیار کیا ہے جس میں دنیا کے مختلف ممالک کو شامل کیا جائیگا۔ امریکہ کی کوشش ہے کہ اس کا ورلڈ آرڈر دنیا پر قائم اور دائم رہے۔ امریکا طاقت کا حربہ استعمال کرتا ہے جبکہ چین معاشی ہتھیار استعمال کر کے دنیا کو فتح کر رہا ہے کیونکہ وہ اپنی معاشی پالیسی میں دنیا کے ملکوں کے معاشی مفادات کو بھی جگہ دیتا ہے۔ چین کے عظیم لیڈر شی جن پنگ نے کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے سوسالہ جشن کی تقریبات میں خطاب کرتے ہوئے دنیا کو واضحگاف الفاظ میں انتباہ کیا ہے کہ چین کسی دھونس اور بلیک میلنگ میں نہیں آئیگا اور نہ ہی مغرب کی مقدس تبلیغ کا شکار ہوگا جس نے بھی چین کو دھمکی دینے یا بلیک میل کرنے کی کوشش کی اسکے سر پر شدید چوٹ لگائی جائیگی۔ مغرب کے ممالک چین کیخلاف یہ پروپیگنڈا کرتے ہیں کہ چین انسانی حقوق کی پرواہ نہیں کرتا جبکہ چین کا موقف یہ ہے کہ انسانوں کے سب سے بڑے انسانی حقوق یہ ہیں کہ انکو عزت اور وقار کے ساتھ جینے کا حق دیا جائے اور انکو بنیادی حقوق روٹی کپڑا مکان تعلیم صحت ٹرانسپورٹ صاف پانی جیسی سہولتیں فراہم کی جائیں تاکہ وہ امن اور سکون کے ساتھ معیاری زندگی گزار سکیں۔ پاکستان کے نوجوان چین کے کامیاب تجربات سے سبق سیکھ

کر اپنی اور آئیو ایل نسلوں کا مقدر سنوار سکتے ہیں۔ پاکستان کے نوجوان پاکستان کا قیمتی اثاثہ ہیں اگر انہوں نے بیدار ہونے کی بجائے اپنی آنکھیں بند رکھیں تو انکی اس سرد مہری کی وجہ سے پاکستان کو خدا نخواستہ ناقابل تلافی نقصان بھی ہو سکتا ہے۔ پاکستان کے نوجوانوں کا قومی فرض ہے کہ وہ پاکستان کے سیاسی اور معاشی استحکام کیلئے فیصلہ کن کردار ادا کریں۔

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**Celebrating 20 Years of SCO**

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Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) started with a low profile but was extremely focused on the goals and objectives. Since the inception of the organisation, the SCO is adhering to the principles of respect, trust and win-win cooperation. The principles led to the successful execution of plans and achievement of the most urgent objective, including border issues, which boosted the confidence of SCO members. The principle of mutual respect and openness attracted many countries to join the organisation. Thus, in recent years, the SCO underwent expansion. Pakistan and India are the most recent addition to the organisation. The inclusion of Pakistan and India highlights the core values of being open, culturally diverse and focused on common grounds.

The primary difference of the SCO from other organisations is that it was established on the code of partnership. It is not an alliance and works as a non-alignment organisation. Additionally, it does not centre around any country as an adversary or opponent. Although many experts try to compare it with NATO, EU, ASEAN, G-7, it does not have any comparison with these groups. The SCO follows the philosophy of partnership against the approach of alliance building. The partnership approach helped it avoid controversies for it demonstrated that mutual respect and trust could be alternatives to binding commitments. It worked well and turned the SCO into one of the major organisations in the world. It is also considered the emerging face of Asia.

Howbeit, the global dynamics are changing now. The process of change will be expedited after the G-7 and NATO meetings. Although both meetings are important, NATO's communique is far more important. Whether the SCO likes it, the changing dynamics will urge it to respond to new challenges. Owing to the presence and the leading role of China and Russia, it will be under scrutiny. Already, the NATO communique has unambiguously identified Russia and China as major threats and areas of concern for the future. China has been pinpointed as a challenge to Western hegemony and interests.

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The communique has one very interesting contradiction, which highlights the confusion of the alliance. On one hand, NATO is talking about a rule-based system. Simultaneously, it is working

to exclude China and Russia. Independent experts, from the G-7 and NATO meetings, have inferred that the West only recognised the values developed by the West. Moreover, the West only consider those economic activities fair and beneficial that serve its interest. Although they spend a good time highlighting the importance of diversity of culture, on the practical side, they preach the supremacy of Western perceived culture and values. Thus, the NATO communique suggested enhancing the presence of NATO and explore new partners in Asia-Pacific, Africa and Latin America to secure the interest of the alliance. The presence of NATO in Asia-Pacific through building new partnerships will be a major challenge for China, Russia and the SCO in the coming days.

Being the leading organisation of Asia with political, economic and security strengths, the SCO will be the main focus of the expansion of NATO. In addition, the emerging role of China and Russia to steer the SCO will further complicate the situation. Thus, the SCO will have to adjust to new realities and will have to refine and reform its structure and role. Asian Institute of Eco-civilization Research and Development came up with few suggestions to reform the SCO. It is high time to suggest the reforms due to the 20-years-celebrations of success and the underway foreign ministers' meeting.

First of all, the SCO will have to revisit the concept of partnership and non-alignment. NATO is putting forward a commitment to bind with all partners and ensure the security of all against perceived threats. In this scenario, the loose structure will weaken its capabilities and the trust of members. Thus, it is suggested that the SCO tries a hybrid model to help counter the alliances of the West and keep the independence of members intact. The proposed model mandates the organisation to make clear that it would not create conflict or threat for anyone. However, if the members are being threatened, it will reply with full force.

Second, the SCO should concentrate on common goods and challenges. It will help counter threats emerging from the non-traditional security areas, for example, climate change, food insecurity, water and climate-driven migration. For that purpose, the SCO should establish a dedicated platform, which works on non-traditional security threats and provide policy options. It should also launch a dialogue on non-traditional security threats. It will help the SCO venture into future challenges and avoid undesired interference from NATO and other Western institutions; strengthening its status.

Third, a forum should be launched under the name "Prosperity Forum". The objectives of the forum should be to promote the well-being of people, create livelihood opportunities and acts as a shock absorber to external challenges like COVID-19. The forum should be designed to achieve the objective of a community with a shared future. The forum must have a single goal, "No One Left Behind" as it is defined for SDGs. Fourth, the diversity of forums in terms of history, culture and civilization provides an excellent opportunity for piloting the concept of dialogue among civilizations. Thus, the SCO should turn this into its strength and launch a "dialogue among civilizations" platform. The platform should be given the task to find common grounds, where all can move hand-in-hand. It would be a landmark achievement; the success of

which would pave the way for the replication of the model at a larger scale. Right now, the world is in dire need of such a platform, as the war of superiority has been launched by the West.

Fifth, the SCO is weak in engaging with non-government organizations and think tanks. Presently, only government-backed, or supported think tanks are its partners. It is not a good model as it shrinks the space for independent policy advice. The SCO should invite independent non-government organisations that can help on two fronts. First, they will provide policy, which is required, not which government want to listen to. Second, they will help mitigate the Western propaganda that civil society organisations do not have space on important platforms. The SCO should also look into options to engage the non-government and non-partisan organisations of the West. In conclusion, the SCO should avoid the mistake of Western alliances. The most important mistakes are arrogance, self-claimed greatness and rightness. It must acknowledge the space for improvement and give respect to other organisations, without considering their strengths and weaknesses. Developing and least developing countries are desperately looking for such help. This would pave the way for a fair and rule-based system; critical for the sustainability of global order and mother earth.

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### **Chery gearing up to enter Pakistani market**

Recently @Chery Pakistan shared a post on its digital media platforms seeking applications for the potential 3S dealers nationwide. Chery and Jaguar Land Rover Motors jointly invested for the establishment of Chery Jaguar Land Rover Motors Co., Ltd., which is China's first Sino-British joint venture high-end automobile company. Chery along with its local partner Ghandhara Nissan Ltd., is gearing up to enter into the Pakistan market very soon. Chery Automobile Co., Ltd was founded in 1997 is China's No.1 passenger car exporter brand from past 18 consecutive years with exports in more than 80 countries and regions. The company has a diversified range of luxurious passenger cars including Arrizo Series of Sedans and Tiggo Series of SUVs. As per reliable sources, Ghandhara Nissan Ltd., has already started modifications into its car assembly plant and the company is most probably planning to launch Chery's mid and premium range of vehicles by early next year. The current global range of Chery cars is performing well in China and other international markets like Russia, Brazil and Latin America. With an increasing acceptability of Chinese origin cars in Pakistan, the venture might bring fruitful results for Ghandhara Nissan Ltd.

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### **The Nation**

### **Dasu blast: Perpetrators will be exposed, brought to justice**

*Imran Mukhtar*

ISLAMABAD - Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed on Saturday said that a 15-member team of Chinese investigators has reached Pakistan to join the probe into the Dasu bus blast

while the culprits behind the tragic incident would be brought to book at any cost. The high-level joint investigation was at an advanced stage, China and its Ministry of Public Security were on board with the government of Pakistan and they were being informed about all developments, he said while addressing a press conference here. He said that the Chinese team had arrived here on Friday and visited the incident site along with officials of Pakistani security agencies. “We assure the Chinese government that the culprits, the hidden hands and the enemies of CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) as well as Pak-China friendship will not be spared,” he said adding that they would be exposed, brought to book and awarded exemplary punishment.

On last Wednesday, as many as 13 people, including nine Chinese nationals were killed and 28 others got injured when a coach carrying the workers to an under-construction site of Dasu hydropower project fell into a ravine in the Upper Kohistan area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa following an explosion. A day after Foreign Office in a statement termed the incident due to “mechanical failure”, Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry had said that the traces of explosive have been found and the aspect of the terrorism could not be ruled out in the incident.

The interior minister stressed that it appeared that the motive behind the incident was to postpone the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) on CPEC that was scheduled on July 16 but later postponed after the blast. “We have assured China that it was our duty to provide security to China and their products.”

Sheikh Rashid said a similar effort had failed in Quetta when the Chinese ambassador had been visiting the provincial capital in April this year and referred to the blast at the Serena Hotel.

He said that the culprits remained successful in their design in Dasu but this success was temporary. He also said the Prime Minister Imran Khan had instructed Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi to visit China and also passed instruction to him on the security of those Chinese in Pakistan. The Ministry of Interior has directed all security agencies to effectively increase the security of Chinese nationals living in Pakistan, he added. He said all possible steps would be taken to make foolproof security arrangements for Chinese.

Giving the details of his telephone conversation with the Chinese Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi, he said that his counterpart on the instruction of President Xi Jinping expressed his thoughts over the incident and has asked for ensuring more security to Chinese people working or residing in Pakistan. “China has been assured to provide more security as Pakistan’s friendship with Chinese is higher than Himalayas,” he said adding that this all-weather friendship could not be affected by such events.

Answering a question about the situation at the Chaman border, Sheikh Rashid said the interior ministry had the mandate to look after border management only and all institutions were vigilant on it.

Responding to a question on the display of flags of Afghan Taliban in some areas of Peshawar, he said some arrests had been made there.

Regarding the Afghan issue, the minister stressed that peace in Pakistan was linked to peace in Afghanistan. “Pakistan only wants peace (in Afghanistan) and has no favourite.” He said Pakistan had a clear stance that it would not allow its soil to be used against Afghanistan and expected that the neighbouring country would not allow anyone to use its land against Pakistan. He said that Pakistan was located on such a geographic location that no super power could bypass it.

He also said India used to leave no opportunity to interfere into Pakistan but it was misunderstood that this was not a Pakistan of 1979. At that time, Afghanistan had a border with Russian but now, it borders were with seven countries of Central Asian states including Uzbekistan and Tajikistan and all have good friendship with Pakistan, he also said.

He added that Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be in a better position to give government’s stance on Afghan policy.

Sheikh Rashid informed that some time had been given to illegal foreigners with expired visas to leave the country without facing penalties in the form of fines. He said after online visas, and online exit permits were also being issued now for about a month to end corrupt practices.

The interior minister predicted that the PTI will form its government in Azad Jammu & Kashmir as a result of July 25 elections. He said that Rangers, FC and other civil armed forces have been deployed in AJK to provide security during election and more deployment would be made in the region if demanded.

Responding to media queries regarding the Chinese delegation’s visit to Pakistan to provide assistance in investigating the Dasu incident, the Spokesperson stated: A fifteen member Chinese delegation is currently visiting Pakistan in connection with the investigation of the tragic Dasu incident which took place on 14 July 2021. The delegation comprises of the representatives from the Chinese Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Commerce, criminal investigation and technical experts.

Yesterday, the delegation held a meeting with all relevant stakeholders in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Pakistani side was led in the meeting by the Interior Secretary and the Chinese side by His Excellency the Ambassador of China.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged deepest condolences on the loss of precious lives and the Chinese side was briefed regarding the progress in the ongoing investigation indicating possibility of sabotage and about the care being provided to the injured. After the meeting the Chinese delegation visited injured Chinese nationals at CMH Rawalpindi.

Today, the delegation visited Dasu and was briefed at the incident site by the Pakistani investigators. The delegation also examined the site along with the Pakistani counterparts, it added. The Chinese team expressed appreciation over the efforts made by the Pakistan side.

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## The News

### **Dasu Dam Project: Employment termination notification cancelled**

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PESHAWAR ISLAMABAD/BEIJING: The competent authority disapproved notification of employment contract termination of Dasu Hydro Power Project issued on July 16, 2021 by China Gezhouba Group Company (CGGC).

The notification was issued following a blast on a bus on July 14, 2021 in which 13 persons, including nine Chinese workers, were killed. The CGGC in its press release stated, “The notification of employees contract termination issued by CGGC Dasu HPP Management on July 16, 2021, had not been approved by the competent authority and has been declared null and void now.

Earlier, the Chinese company issued a letter on July 16, stating that owing to the blast that occurred on July 14, 2021, which caused casualties; CGGC Dasu HPP Management had been forced to suspend the construction of the Dasu Hydropower Project. CGGC Dasu HPP Management had regrettably decided to terminate the employment contract with all Pakistani personnel, complying with the Pakistan Industrial and Commercial Ordinances, other than some necessary personnel to maintain on-site maintenance and operation.

Wapda officials confirmed the suspension of work on Dasu Dam, adding that the suspension is temporary and work will be resumed soon. Around 466 Chinese, 22 foreigners and 2,500 plus Pakistanis are working under CGGC at the Dasu HPP project. However, the government sources said that the construction work of Dasu Dam has been temporarily halted due to deaths, investigations, and visits of various delegations.

The contract with the Chinese company has not been cancelled or terminated. The company has decided to lay off some employees who are accustomed to the strikes or are redundant. Those who do not implement SOPs are also being identified.

The Chinese company issued a letter on July 16, stating that owing to the explosion attack which has caused extremely heavy casualties, CGGC Dasu HPP Management has been forced to suspend the construction of the Dasu Hydropower Project and has regrettably decided to terminate the employment contract with all Pakistani personnel, complying with the Pakistan Industrial and Commercial Ordinances, other than some necessary personnel to maintain on-site maintenance and operation. 14-day half-month wages (from July 15 to July 28, 2021) and gratuity will be paid in line with the stipulations as specified in the above ordinances. The aforesaid money will be paid at one time. “CGGC Dasu HPP Management is once again with great thanks to all the Pakistani personnel who participated in the accident rescue on July 14, 2021”, the letter said.

While confirming the letter, the Dasu Dam project director Anwarul Haq told this correspondent that the Chinese company has temporarily suspended work as the tragedy was so large that nine

Chinese engineers were killed and the company could not resume work immediately. He said that due to the Eid holidays, the employees had to go on holiday, so the work of the Dasu Dam project would not be affected. He hoped that the construction work would soon resume.

“The negotiations are underway with the Chinese company. The government has assured full security to the Chinese engineers and staffers. As soon as the security situation improved, the Chinese company would resume work on Dasu Dam and all employees would be recalled after Eid”, he said.

This is pertinent that at least 13 persons, including nine Chinese engineers and two FC personnel died and several others were injured on July, 14 in a bus explosion near the Dasu hydropower plant in the Upper Kohistan district.

The government had signed an agreement in 2017 with a Chinese firm Gezhouba Group Company (CGGC) for the construction of the 4320MW dam, which is expected to be completed in 2023.

Meanwhile, Minister for Interior Sheikh Rashid Ahmed on Saturday said Pakistan would provide foolproof security to Chinese, working on different projects and directives had been issued to all the law enforcement agencies in that regard.

China is Pakistan’s closest friend and the cowardly acts like the Dasu Hydropower bus incident will not affect the two countries’ friendship, he said while addressing here a press conference.

He said China’s Minister for Public Security Zhao Kezhi had over half an hour telephonic conversation with him, during which he was informed of the progress made in the investigation into the bus incident.

The Chinese minister, he said, contacted him on the instructions of President Xi Jinping. He was apprised of the sentiments of government and the people of Pakistan over the incident, and also the instructions of Prime Minister Imran Khan to the authorities regarding beefing up the security of Chinese nationals in Pakistan.

The prime minister, he said, had directed Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi to visit China, and asked him (Sheikh Rashid) to ensure more security to the Chinese nationals and the Interior Ministry had issued directives to the law enforcement agencies accordingly. He said both sides expressed the optimism that no power on earth could make their relations sour as the two countries were iron brothers and time-tested friends.

He said that a 15-member team from China had arrived in Pakistan yesterday, which along with the Additional Secretary and officials of security institutions was now at the site of bus incident to carry out investigations.

The minister said the government of Pakistan assured that the enemies of Pak-China friendship and China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would never be forgiven, and would be given exemplary punishment. The investigation into the bus incident was underway while the wounded persons were being provided the best treatment, he added.

The culprits involved in the Lahore incident had been arrested and those behind the Dasu bus incident would also be exposed, the minister said.

As regards Afghanistan, the interior minister said the Foreign Ministry would give a better briefing on the Afghan policy. Pakistan wished peace in Afghanistan as its own peace was linked with that of the neighbouring country. He said the border management was the responsibility of the Interior Ministry. He said India always tried to avail any opportunity to create unrest in Pakistan, but the latter was strong enough thwart. He said online visa service initiative had ended corruption on that count.

Meanwhile, China on Saturday said it has sent investigators to Pakistan to probe an explosion on a bus that killed 12 people including nine Chinese nationals, calling the blast a "terrorist attack".

Islamabad previously blamed the blast on a mechanical failure that led to a gas leak, but China has called it a bombing. "China and Pakistan will work together to find out the truth," Chinese public security minister Zhao Kezhi said in a statement after a phone call with his Pakistani counterpart. Beijing has "sent technical experts in criminal investigation to Pakistan to assist in the investigation", he added. He called on Islamabad to strengthen security for Chinese nationals in the country.

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## K2 Daily



کا دوسرا مرحلہ پاکستان اور چین کے فنی شعبوں کو مربوط کرے گا، مزید فنی سرمایہ کاری لائے گا، زراعت، سائنس اور ٹیکنالوجی کے شعبوں میں تعاون کو فروغ دے گا اور خصوصی معاشی زون کے قیام سے صنعتی دور کا آغاز ہوگا۔ عالمی سلام باجود سنے کہا کہ قومی معیشت کو فروغ دینے اور علاقائی رہا اور تجارت کو بڑھانے کے لئے سی پیک کے تحت زیر تعمیر پاکستان کی اسٹریٹجک اہمیت کی گوارا بنوگا اور شہرت کے باہر انفراسٹرکچر کے ذریعے ملک کے باقی حصوں سے منسلک کیا جا رہا ہے۔ سی پیک کی مشترکہ تعاون کھلی کے آئندہ والے علاقوں کے بارے میں انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان کا مقصد چین کے ساتھ مختلف شعبوں میں تعاون کے دائرہ کار کو مزید وسعت دینا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم سی پیک منصوبوں میں توسیع اور انہیں مکمل کرنے اور تعاون کی بنیاد کو وسیع کرنے کے خواہاں ہیں۔ سی پیک اقتصادی کے مزید اہانے کہا کہ بہت سے ممالک معاشی مواد اور ترقی کے لئے چین سے سیکر رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کوویڈ 19-20 ہائے درجہ چیلنجوں کے باوجود چین کی معاشی سونارتا کر رہی ہے۔

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## Nawaiwaqt News

### چینی کمپنی نے داسو ڈیم پر کام روک دیا بھارت مداخلت کا کوئی موقع جانے نہیں دیتا شیخ رشید

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار) کوہستان میں چینی انجینئرز کی ہلاکت کے معاملے پر چینی کمپنی نے داسو ڈیم پر کام بند کر دیا ہے۔ داسو ڈیم پر کام کرنے والی چینی کمپنی چائنا گیزو باکی جانب سے حکومت پاکستان کو لکھے گئے خط میں کہا گیا ہے کہ 14 جولائی کو پیش آنے والے واقعے کے باعث کام نہیں کر سکتے۔ خط میں لکھا گیا تھا ہے کہ تمام پاکستانی ملازمین کو فارغ کر دیا گیا ہے، تاہم بعد ازاں یہ نوٹیفیکیشن واپس لے لیا گیا۔ داسو ڈیم کے پراجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر انور الحق نے بھی چینی کمپنی کی جانب سے لکھے گئے خط کی تصدیق کر دی ہے۔ پراجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر انور الحق نے کہا کہ جو نہی سیوریٹی کے معاملات درست ہو گئے تو ڈیم پر کام دوبارہ شروع ہو جائے گا۔ وزیر داخلہ شیخ رشید اور چینی وزیر پبلک سیوریٹی کاٹلیفونک رابطہ ہوا جس میں داسو ہائیڈرو پاور بس حادثے سے متعلق بات چیت کی گئی۔ وزیر داخلہ شیخ رشید نے بس حادثے میں قیمتی جانوں کے ضیاع پر اظہار افسوس کیا اور بس حادثے میں اب تک کی تحقیقات سے متعلق پیشرفت پر تبادلہ خیال کیا۔ دونوں وزراء نے داسو بس حادثے کی تحقیقات جلد از جلد مکمل کرنے پر اتفاق کیا اور کہا کہ کوئی بھی شریک تعلق سے متعلق خراب نہیں کر سکتی۔ شیخ رشید کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان چین آزمودہ دوست اور آہنی بھائی ہیں، وزیر اعظم کی ہدایت پر بس حادثے کی تحقیقات جاری ہیں۔ دریں اثناء اسلام آباد میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے شیخ رشید نے کہا ہے کہ داسو واقعے کی تحقیقات آخری مراحل میں ہیں اور واقعے کے ذمہ داروں کو قانون کی گرفت میں لایا جائیگا۔ چین کے 15 حکام تحقیقات کے لیے پاکستان پہنچے ہیں، انہوں نے کہا کہ حادثہ قراقرم ہائی وے پر پیش آیا، چین کی 15 رکنی تحقیقاتی ٹیم نے کل جائے حادثہ کا دورہ کیا، شیخ رشید کا کہنا تھا کہ سیوریٹی ایجنسیز کو کہا گیا ہے کہ چینوں کی سیوریٹی مزید بہتر بنائی جائے، یہاں چینی باشندوں کی جان و مال کی حفاظت ہمارا فرض ہے، وزیر اعظم نے وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود اور مجھے چین جانے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ وزیر داخلہ نے مزید کہا کہ پاک چین دوستی لازوال ہے اس میں کوئی فرق نہیں پڑ سکتا، سی پیک اور پاک چین دوستی کے دشمنوں کو معاف نہیں کیا جائے گا۔ بھارت پاکستان میں مداخلت کا کوئی موقع جانے نہیں دیتا جب کہ پاکستان امن کا داعی ہے۔ داسو پراجیکٹ پر چینی کمپنی نے پاکستانی ملازمین کو نکالنے والا نوٹیفیکیشن واپس لے لیا ہے، چیئرمین واپڈا کی کوششوں سے چینی کمپنی نے نیا نوٹیفیکیشن جاری کر دیا ہے۔ جاری نوٹیفیکیشن کے مطابق کمپنی کی انتظامیہ کی طرف سے ملازمین کا کنٹریکٹ ختم کرنے کا جو نوٹیفیکیشن جاری کیا گیا تھا مجاز اتھارٹی نے اس کی منظوری نہیں دی اس لئے یہ نوٹیفیکیشن غیر مؤثر ہو گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق چینی کمپنی واپڈا کے ساتھ مل کر جلد کام کا آغاز کرے گی۔ عید کے فوری بعد داسو پین بجلی منصوبے پر کام شروع ہو جائے گا۔ وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود قریشی نے نجی ٹی وی سے گفتگو میں کہا ہے کہ داسو واقعہ میں وہی عناصر ملوث ہیں جن کو سی پیک کھٹک رہا ہے۔ چین دوست ملک ہے ہر سطح تک جائیں گے اور ملزمان کا کھوج لگائیں گے۔ چین کے وزیر خارجہ سے ٹیلی فون پر اور دو شعبے میں بھی بات ہوئی جس میں طے ہوا تھا عید کے بعد چین جاؤں گا۔ ایسے واقعات سے چین گھبراتا ہے اور نہ پاکستان، داسو واقعہ کی تحقیقات تک عارضی طور پر پراجیکٹ پر کام بند ہوا۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/lahore/2021-07-18/page-1/detail-6>

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### **Work on Dasu dam to resume soon: Pakistan**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri on Sunday said work on Dasu hydropower project will resume soon as both Pakistan and China remain committed to the timely completion of this project and others being undertaken with

Responding to media queries regarding a notification by the Chinese company, the spokesperson in a statement said, “The Chinese construction company, China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) through its latest notification has declared its earlier notice, about contract termination of employment of Pakistani personnel working on Dasu Hydropower Project, null and void.”

He further said matters regarding security and execution of the project were being looked into, and the relevant authorities from Pakistan and China have been in close contact on the same.

All Pakistani employees who were fired by a Chinese company working on the Dasu Hydropower Project have been reinstated, the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) said in a statement. The employees were fired as work on the project was halted after nine Chinese engineers died in an accident. The statement said that the Chinese company working on the Dasu project has withdrawn the notice of firing its Pakistani staff.

Shedding light on the matter, a WAPDA spokesperson said the Chinese firm working on the Dasu Hydropower Project had stopped work on the site over “security concerns”. However, the company agreed on resuming work after the company and the WAPDA held talks on the issue.

The spokesman said that the work was suspended so security around the project could be increased. He added that WAPDA is constantly in touch with the Chinese company.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed has said that the probe into Dasu incident is in its final stages and will be completed soon. He said that he has directed security agencies to further improve the security of Chinese nationals.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/793962/work-on-dasu-dam-to-resume-soon-pakistan/>

### **Qureshi visits injured Chinese nationals at CMH Rawalpindi**

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and China’s Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong on Sunday paid a visit to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) Rawalpindi to inquire about the health of the Chinese nationals injured during the Dasu incident. According to a statement by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), during the visit, the foreign minister wished the injured individuals a speedy recovery. Qureshi assured the injured Chinese nationals that the government of Pakistan is ready to provide all-out support and medical care to them. Ambassador Nong Rong said that China and Pakistan will continue to cooperate more closely to face any challenges together, per the statement.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/793957/qureshi-visits-injured-chinese-nationals-at-cmh-rawalpindi/>

### **Pakistan Observer**

### **Chilli farming under CPEC to expand over 5000 acres in Pakistan**

After a successful pilot project at 100 acres under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the next phase of Chilli farming will be ready for launch with upcoming sowing. Referring to an article published by China Economic Net, Chairman CPEC Authority Lt Gen (Retd) Asim

Saleem Bajwa on Sunday in a tweet said, the Chilli farming could spread over an area of 5000 acres in various regions of the country. According to the article of China Economic Net, Pakistan has ideal conditions for Chilli/Pepper (*Capsicum Annum L.*) cultivation. Pakistan is amongst the top ten chilli producing nations which enjoy a combination of warm, humid yet dry weather and a well-drained sandy loam with rich organic content. However, Pakistan's chilli production has been lower than the world average for the same period since 2015. From FY2014–15 to FY2017-18, the average annual production of chilli in Pakistan was around 143,428 tons, but it plummeted to 126,943 tons in FY2018-19, accounting for 85.7% its peak in FY2017-18 of 148,114 tons.

In Pakistan, Sindh province is the major producer of chilli followed by Punjab and Balochistan. The major constraints in production faced by chilli farmers here are lack of modern irrigation system, imbalance use of fertilizer and pesticide, and lack of training.

“In Pakistan old methods of 1970s, 1960s or 1980s are adopted by farmers.

Now Pakistan has to adopt modern technology to increase its production,” recommended Zahid Gishkori, a Special Investigative Correspondent in Pakistan. What is worse, growers are troubled by some marketing issues, including unreasonable commission agent charges, improper weighing, price fluctuations and lack of proper storage facilities.

<https://pakobserver.net/chilli-farming-under-cpec-to-expand-over-5000-acres-in-pakistan/>

### **The Nation**

#### **China, Pakistan to face any challenge together: Nong Rong**

ISLAMABAD - Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi Sunday assured China that all the Chinese nationals in Pakistan will be protected. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate, the FM and the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong visited the Combined Military Hospital Rawalpindi to enquire after the health of Chinese nationals injured in the Dasu incident and wished them speedy recovery.

On the occasion, Qureshi assured the injured Chinese nationals for all out support and medical care.

FM Qureshi said China was Pakistan's Iron Brother and such incidents cannot create misunderstandings between the two allies.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Nong Rong said that China and Pakistan will continue to cooperate more closely to face any challenges together.

Earlier on arrival, Major General Muhammad Aleem, Commandant CMH, apprised the visiting dignitaries about the medical care being provided to the injured, said the ISPR.

Over the weekend, Chinese investigators, accompanied by Pakistani counterparts, visited the site of a bus explosion in which 13 people, including nine Chinese workers, were killed on July 14.

FM Qureshi, Chinese envoy meet injured Chinese nationals in CMH

Pakistan initially blamed a mechanical failure but later said traces of explosives had been found and terrorism could not be ruled out.

The Chinese investigators spent a few hours at the site to study it closely. Beijing initially called it a bomb attack but backed away from the assertion after Pakistan stated it was an accident. Later, Beijing said it would send a team to help investigate the matter jointly with Pakistan.

China is a close ally and major investor in Pakistan, and various militants opposed to the Pakistani government have in the past attacked Chinese projects and citizens.

Chinese Premier Li urged his Pakistani counterpart to hold accountable the culprits for what he described as a ‘terrorist attack.’

The Chinese workers killed on the bus were employed at the Dasu hydroelectric project, part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, a \$ 65 billion investment plan aiming to link western China to the southern Pakistani port of Gwadar. CPEC is part of Beijing’s massive Belt and Road Initiative.

15-member Chinese team visits Dasu incident site

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No Pakistani employee has been terminated by Chinese company China Gezhouba Group Corporation at the Dasu Hydropower Project, the foreign ministry said yesterday. Foreign Office spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said the Chinese company had restored the employment contract of Pakistani personnel working on the Dasu Hydropower Project.

“The China Gezhouba Group Corporation through its latest notification has declared its earlier notice, about contract termination of employment of Pakistani personnel working on Dasu Hydropower Project, null and void,” he said.

The spokesperson said that both Pakistan and China “remain committed to timely completion of Dasu Hydropower and other projects being undertaken with Chinese cooperation.”

The notification of employment contract termination published by CGGC DASU HPP Management on July 16, 2021, was not approved by the competent authority and is declared null and void now, read a latest notice issued by the CGGC Dasu Hydropower Project. Construction work on the project would now resume very soon, said a notice issued yesterday.

Earlier, in the wake of the Dasu bus incident, the civil administration, Water and Power Development Authority and CGGC had decided with mutual consultation to suspend construction work on the project for a few days so some operational aspects can be re-organised and construction work resumes in a more secure atmosphere.

On July 14, a bus carrying workers in Khyber Pakhunkhwa’s Upper Kohistan plunged into a ravine after an explosion. The Chinese workers and accompanying Pakistani staff were

proceeding to their work place for the ongoing project. The accident resulted in the death of 12 people, including nine Chinese nationals. Several others were injured and are being treated.

A 15-member Chinese delegation has visited Dasu in connection with the investigation of the tragic incident where it was briefed by the Pakistani side.

In a statement on Sunday, Foreign Office Spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri, responding to media queries regarding the Chinese delegation's visit to Pakistan to provide assistance in investigating the Dasu incident, said the Chinese team expressed appreciation over the efforts made by the Pakistan side.

He said the delegation visited Dasu and was briefed at the incident site by the Pakistani investigators. The delegation also examined the site along with the Pakistani counterparts.

The delegation comprises of the representatives from the Chinese Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Commerce, criminal investigation and technical experts.

<https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2021-07-19/page-1/detail-4>

### **The News**

#### **Inland aquaculture potential area for Pak-China cooperation**

ISLAMABAD: Inland aquaculture is a potential area for Pak-China cooperation to earn foreign exchange, says a report published by Gwadar Pro.

According to Dr.Saeed Murtaza Hasan Andravi, director of Animal Sciences Institute, NARC in Pakistan, fisheries is a big and emerging sector, especially inland fisheries.

As for marine fishery, nature has provided us with a long coast line where we catch different natural varieties of fish and seafood which we are also exporting.

Then we have inland fisheries, freshwater fisheries, in Pakistan. He told Gwadar Pro that this is an emerging sector and has proven itself that in an agricultural country where crops and livestock are important, fishery is also valuable at the same time.

He further explained that it provides a good diet to humans, which is high in protein, and can be exported to earn foreign exchange, adding that “if we look at all these factors such as human health, poverty alleviation, nutritious diet, export, fisheries has proven itself.”

Meanwhile, China is advanced in aquaculture. According to the National Scientific Big Data Sharing Platform for Fishery, from 2015 to 2019, the gross output value of China's mariculture industry and freshwater aquaculture industry maintained an average annual growth rate of about 5% and 2%, respectively.

In this new avenue in the business sector, Dr. Saeed Murtaza Hasan Andravi believed that the aquaculture fisheries can be a good opportunity for Chinese investors, and the Pakistani side can learn from Chinese experience and expertise. “For inland fish farming, farmers need a good, cheap and easily available aqua feed. This is a very good field for Chinese investment. As for



breeding, Chinese investors can bring the new Chinese fish breeds to Pakistan and set up their farms, hatcheries and sell these and their eggs to the farmers. This also requires investment, preferably from Chinese,” he said.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/866204-inland-aquaculture-potential-area-for-pak-china-cooperation>

### Express News

#### چینی باشندوں کو مکمل سیکورٹی فراہم کی جائے گی، آرمی چیف کی چین کو یقین دہانی

آرمی چیف جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ سے پاکستان میں تعینات چین کے سفیر لونگ روگ کی ملاقات، آرمی چیف نے داسو بس واقعے پر چینی حکومت اور عوام بالخصوص سوگوار خاندانوں سے دلی ہمدردی کا اظہار کیا۔

آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ نے چینی سفیر لونگ روگ سے ملاقات میں داسو بس ہونے والے واقعے پر اظہار ہمدردی کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاک فوج چین کے ساتھ اپنے دیرینہ برادرانہ تعلقات کی بہت قدر کرتی ہے۔ آرمی چیف نے پاکستان میں کام کرنے والے چینی شہریوں کی مکمل سپورٹ، تعاون اور سیکورٹی کی یقین دہانی کرائی۔

اس موقع پر ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہم امن کے لیے کام کر رہے ہیں، ہمیں اپنے عزم کو چیلنج کرنے والی تمام دشمن قوتوں کے ناپاک عزائم کو ناکام بنانے اور خصوصاً پاک چین اسٹریٹیجک اشتراک کو لاحق خطرات سے نمٹنے کے لیے مستحکم رہنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ چینی سفیر لونگ روگ اور سربراہ پاک فوج جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ نے خطے میں امن و استحکام کے لیے مل کر کام کرنے پر بھی اتفاق کیا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2204076/1/>

#### چینی فرم کا کراچی کے کچرے سے 40 میگا واٹ بجلی پلانٹ لگانے کا منصوبہ

سندھ حکومت نے چینی فرم سے ایک معاہدے پر دستخط کیے ہیں جس کے تحت چینی فرم کچرے سے 40 میگا واٹ بجلی کا پلانٹ لگائے گی۔

چینی کمپنی بجلی پیدا کرنے کے لئے لینڈ فل سائٹ پر 40 میگا واٹ کا کچرے سے توانائی پیدا کرنے کا پاور پلانٹ بھی لگائے گی۔ اس مقصد کے لئے کمپنی کو ایک الگ کنٹریکٹ بھی دیا جائے گا۔

وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے کچرے سے توانائی کے منصوبے کی تنصیب کو ایک تاریخی کامیابی قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ تھر کوئلے سے بجلی پیدا کرنے کا سہرا سندھ حکومت کی سب سے بڑی کامیابی ہے اور اب یہ ایک اور نمایاں کامیابی حاصل کرنے جا رہے ہیں۔

چینی کمپنی گنسو ہیوی انڈسٹری، گنسو پاکستان کی مادر تنظیم نے انڈسٹریل پلانٹ کے قیام کا بھی اعلان کیا جو ویسٹ مینجمنٹ سے متعلقہ مشینری فراہم کرے گا۔ جیسے ٹرالیز، ڈسٹ بزنز، گارجنگ ہینڈنگ سسٹم اور اس طرح کی دیگر مشینیں مہیا کرے گا۔

وزیر بلدیات ناصر شاہ نے اس موقع پر بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ کوری اور وسطی اضلاع کے سالڈ ویسٹ مینجمنٹ آپریشن کو چینی اور ہسپانوی فرموں کے حوالے کرنے سے ایک طرح سے پورے شہر کا احاطہ ہوتا ہے۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2204062/1/>

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### داسو واقعے کے بعد چینی کمپنی نے کام کی رفتار مزید تیز کر دی: فواد چودھری

جہلم (آئی این پی) وفاقی وزیر اطلاعات و نشریات فواد چودھری نے کہا ہے کہ داسو میں پیش آنے والے واقعے کے بعد چینی کمپنی نے کام کی رفتار پہلے سے زیادہ تیز کر دی۔ اتوار کو جہلم میں میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے فواد چودھری کا کہنا تھا کہ داسو ڈیم واقعہ انتہائی افسوسناک ہے۔ دشمن سمجھتے ہیں ایسی کارروائیوں سے ڈیم منصوبے پر کام بند ہو جائے گا تو وہ غلط ہیں کیونکہ ایسے واقعات سے پاک چین تعلقات متاثر نہیں ہو سکتے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ چینی کمپنی نیداسو ڈیم پر کام کی رفتار پہلے سے زیادہ تیز کر دی ہے۔ پاک چین دشمنوں کو یہ پیغام ہے ہم نئے عزم سے کام کریں گے۔ داسو ڈیم پاک چین دوستی کا ایک مظہر ثابت ہو گا۔ وفاقی وزیر نے بتایا کہ افغان سفیر کی بیٹی کے ساتھ پیش آنے والے واقعے کا مقدمہ درج کیا جا چکا ہے۔ ٹیکسی ڈرائیور حراست میں ہے۔ جس سے پوچھ گچھ کی جارہی ہے۔ افغان ایسٹیمی بھی تفتیش میں تعاون کر رہی ہے۔

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### پاکستان چین داسو ڈیم منصوبہ مکمل کرنے کیلئے پر عزم، کام جلد شروع ہو گا: دفتر خارجہ

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار) وزیر خارجہ مخدوم شاہ محمود قریشی کا چینی سفیر لونگ رونگ کے ہمراہ سی ایم ایچ راولپنڈی کا دورہ، داسو واقعہ میں زخمی ہونے والے چینی شہریوں کی عیادت کی۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق وزیر خارجہ مخدوم شاہ محمود قریشی نے چین کے سفیر لونگ رونگ کے ہمراہ سی ایم ایچ راولپنڈی کا دورہ کیا۔ وزیر خارجہ نے داسو حادثے میں زخمی ہونے والے چینی شہریوں کی عیادت کی اور ان کی جلد صحتیابی کی دعا کی۔ داسو ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹ پر کام کرنے والے پاکستانی کارکنوں کی ملازمت کے معاہدوں کی منسوخی کے حوالے سے میڈیا نمائندوں کے سوالات کے جواب میں دفتر خارجہ کے ترجمان زاہد حفیظ چودھری نے وضاحتی بیان میں کہا ہے چین کی تعمیراتی کمپنی نے کہا ہے داسو ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹ پر کام کرنے والے پاکستانی کارکنوں کی ملازمت کے معاہدوں کی منسوخی کے حوالے سے قبل ازیں جاری کردہ نوٹیفیکیشن منسوخ ہو چکا ہے۔ منصوبہ پر تعمیراتی کام کا جلد دوبارہ آغاز کر دیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور چین داسو ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹ سمیت چین کے اشتراک سے جاری دیگر ترقیاتی منصوبوں کی بروقت تکمیل کیلئے پر عزم ہیں۔ ترجمان واپڈا کے مطابق داسو واقعے کے بعد چینی کمپنی نے پاکستانی ملازمین کو نکالنے کا نوٹس واپس لے لیا ہے۔ چینی کمپنی عنقریب داسو پراجیکٹ پر تعمیراتی کام دوبارہ شروع کریگی۔ ترجمان واپڈا کے مطابق پراجیکٹ پر کام کی بندش کا مقصد حفاظتی اقدامات کو از سر نو منظم کرنا تھا۔ دریں اثناء ترجمان وزارت خارجہ زاہد حفیظ چودھری نے داسو حادثے کی تحقیقات میں معاونت کی فراہمی کے لئے پاکستان کا دورہ کرنے والے چینی وفد سے متعلق میڈیا کے سوالات کا جواب دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ 15 رکنی چینی وفد 14 جولائی 2021ء کو داسو کے افسوسناک واقعے کی تحقیقات کے سلسلے میں اس وقت پاکستان کے دورے پر ہے۔ وفد نے وزارت امور خارجہ میں تمام متعلقہ سٹیک ہولڈرز کے ساتھ اجلاس منعقد کیا۔ پاکستان کی طرف سے سیکرٹری داخلہ جبکہ چین کی طرف سے عزت مآب سفیر نے قیادت کی۔ اجلاس کے بعد چینی وفد نے 'سی۔ ایم۔ ایچ' راولپنڈی میں زخمی چینی باشندوں کی عیادت کی۔

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**Business Recorder**

**Spanish, Chinese firms to collect solid waste in Karachi**

KARACHI: The Sindh government has signed an agreement with Spanish and Chinese companies for waste collection in district central and Korangi.

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presided over a function in Karachi on Monday to kick start the cleaning up process in the metropolitan city.

Spokesperson of Sindh government Murtaza Wahab said that the Chinese company would undertake the solid waste management operation in Korangi and the Spanish firm would start its operation in Central Karachi. The two companies would start working in both areas in the second week of August. The Chinese company has already set up a cleaning plant in Karachi. It will also set up a plant that will produce 40-megawatt electricity from rubbish.

The Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) had started working in 2016 in district southern and district eastern. In 2017, it started its operation in district western, Keamari and Malir.

SSWMB MD Zubair Channa said that from today work would be started in district central and Korangi. He said the cleaning up work was going to be outsourced in Karachi.

SSWMB MD Channa and CEOs of the foreign companies signed the agreement.

CM Murad Ali Shah said that from all municipal areas of the city, the companies would collect the solid waste and would do the dumping. He added that it was the responsibility of the SSWMB to monitor the cleaning up work of Karachi city. He stated the work on a project that would generate power from rubbish would be started soon.

Later, Advisor to CM Sindh on Law and Environment and Spokesperson of Sindh Government Murtaza Wahab posted a tweet saying that an agreement for solid waste collection in districts central and Korangi respectively have been signed with Spanish and Chinese companies, respectively. Now all districts of Karachi will have a uniform system of waste collection and these companies will start operations in a month's time.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2021/07/20/3-page/894143-news.html>

**Daily Times**

**COAS tells China to 'stay strong to thwart designs of inimical forces'**

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa Monday extended heartfelt sympathies and deepest condolences to the government and the people of the People's Republic of China, particularly the bereaved families of Dasu incident victims.

Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong called on Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa at General Headquarters (GHQ) here, said an ISPR news release.

In wake of the recent Dasu bus incident involving Chinese citizens, the COAS expressed sincere condolences to the government and the people of the People's Republic of China.

The COAS said Pakistan Army greatly values its brotherly relations with the time-tested friend and also assured full support and cooperation and security of Chinese citizens working in Pakistan. "While we work for peace, we need to stay strong to thwart designs of all inimical forces challenging our resolve particularly those threatening China-Pakistan strategic cooperation," he said. Both agreed on need for continuous engagement and coordination for peace and stability in the region.

The meeting comes days after a shuttle bus carrying Chinese engineers plunged into a deep ravine after an explosion on board. At least 13 people including nine Chinese nationals were killed in the tragic incident. The bus was ferrying the Chinese and Pakistani workers to an under-construction tunnel site of the Dasu Hydropower Project in the remote Kohistan district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province.

Earlier, Prime Minister Imran Khan had also spoken with his Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang and assured him that the government of Pakistani would spare no effort to fully investigate the incident. "He [prime minister] assured that no effort would be spared to fully investigate the incident," a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office detailing the telephone call between the two premiers had said.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/794749/coas-tells-china-to-stay-strong-to-thwart-designs-of-inimical-forces/>

## **Pakistan Observer**

### **Dasu tragedy**

*By Rizwan Ghani*

THE loss of Chinese and Pakistani nationals is tragic. Based on the resolve shown by both countries including news of telephone calls and investigation team, it is hoped that the case will be solved and appropriate steps will be taken to avoid them in future. However, due to the emerging geo-political situation, Islamabad needs to adopt a comprehensive strategy to deal with its core objectives including economy, political challenges and blocking India. There is a lot of aspects of Afghan peace process. Pakistan should welcome a compromise government in Afghanistan and work with it. The statements on women education, right to work, individual freedom, zero tolerance for the use of Afghan soil against others and FDI permission are welcome. Islamabad should aggressively coordinate with concerned to keep refugees as IDP on Afghan side of border for Pakistan's security and their early resettlement. Pakistan can achieve its core objectives without entangling in Afghan situation. The Pak-Afghan border fence will help secure its western border. It can be further improved online of China's Rulli-Myanmar

fence having AI technology, cameras and warning sensors. Both countries should use international laws to control borders, immigration and smuggling with special focus on weapons, drugs and money laundering. The strategic objective is to destroy Pakistan's economy in the region. Pakistan has strong regional connectivity but Central and South Asia Connectivity it is being used to give India access to 5 CARS. Parliament should scrap it to protect its economy from two exporting giants flooding our markets with cheap goods. Pakistan can use Afghan Wakhan corridor for additional land access to CARS from Chitral to Khorough (Tajikistan) to bypass political uncertainty. Pakistan has CPEC already. Pakistan should scrap new AF-Pak agreement as economic redline. By restoring old Pak-Afghan transit trade agreement, Islamabad can: (a) Fulfil international obligation of giving land access to Afghanistan. (b) Close backdoors of foreign interference in the region. (c) Block India from accessing CARS through Pakistan to protect its economy, industry and jobs. (d) Deny an alternate route to India to bypass China to strengthen its economy in exchange for being part of military buildup against the region. There is need for Pakistan first deals.

Under America first, Trump scrapped NAFTA and signed USMCA. Obama could not sign TPP trade deals because corporations were allowed to challenge domestic laws and regulations. They could sue governments and get compensation from taxpayers. They were not accountable to local judiciary. Pakistan should bring its new regional deals to Parliament so that money comes into the pocket of public and state exchequer. It will stop corruption of indebting public and benefitting private mafia. Old deals have not benefitted public. Pakistan is member of WTO but it has been subject to all kinds of illegal discriminatory controls including SBP, IMF, FATF, no cooperation on money laundering, cross border crimes and returning of fugitives. Imagine status of a nuclear Pakistan having EU member like privileges with strong economy having more than 230 million population with 60 per cent youth, majority highly educated, well travelled with excellent global standing. It exposes our incompetent leaders, Alibaba friends and useless alliances. Similarly, infrastructure of the country is mysteriously not working despite alliances with the West and the East. There is no change in their status under dictatorships or civil governments. It is privatized, left in ruins or under foreign control. Look at energy sector, railways, Pak Steel, PIA, ports and PTCL. It is true for systematic destruction of our education (professional and general), training (technical and vocational) and research. Without controlling infrastructure, there can be no economic prosperity for the public and the country. Pakistan can be on a strong footing in the region by learning from history. EU created single market, fixed Euro exchange rate and gave four freedoms (free movement of goods, capital, services and people). America enacted \$15bn European Recovery Plan. NATO provided security to the EU member states so that they could build their economies. We should use these examples to empower public in terms of well paid jobs, pensions, free healthcare, transport, education, wealth tax, revenue, agri-sector, food security, value addition and public sector instead of private mafia.

Dual nationality has to be scrapped. France used parliament memberships to control its colonies to exploit their resources. Quaid-i-Azam rejected similar traps. Johnson enacted Brexit to have independent trade deals, foreign policy and defence alliances like Space Partnership with the US.

But Britain has asked UK citizens to choose British or the EU citizenship. Merkel accepted one million immigrants but did not allow dual nationality. The overseas Pakistanis should also be reduced by 90%. Merkel has defended Russia's \$11bn Nord Stream gas pipeline to fuel German economy. She rejected US sanctions during Trump era. The annual exports of Germany are more than \$1.5tn due to workers, research and free higher education. She is successfully using bilateral, multilateral and other platforms to build the country because her hands were not tied due to overseas workers. Pakistan will have to take similar steps to free it from foreign pressures to protect its public, economy and security interests while having healthy relations with all.

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<https://pakobserver.net/dasu-tragedy-by-rizwan-ghani/>

### **Pak-China friendship unbreakable**

DASU incident was perpetrated, with a misconception, by our common enemy that it will damage Pakistan-China relations and impede progress on multibillion-dollar China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. The despicable incident claimed innocent lives of Pakistani and Chinese workers, which aggrieved everybody on both sides of the border. The evil plot of the enemy failed to achieve its objective when Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi during delegation level talks in Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan, reaffirmed the commitment to firmly advance the construction of CPEC, ensure timely completion of under construction projects, focus on socio-economic development, job creation and improvement of people's livelihood and further strengthen cooperation in Industrial Park, infrastructure development, science and technology and so on. Both sides also agreed on the need to build health, industry, trade, digital and green corridors. Both the sides have once again proved that nothing can harm or create a wedge in their relationship and that their ironclad relationship that is often described as higher than Himalayas and deeper than seas is unbreakable.

In our view, the Chengdu talks provided an opportunity to both sides to review the pace of work on ongoing projects and explore new avenues of cooperation, which indeed is the best response to our enemy that does not want peace and development in the region for vested interests. Qureshi and Wang also reaffirmed their resolve to further strengthen their strategic cooperative partnership with fresh dynamism and vitality. The enduring Pakistan-China friendship has reached momentous milestone of the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations, being enthusiastically marked in the two countries, demonstrating warmth and deep sentiments of their unshakeable fraternal bonds. This relationship has always stood the most difficult of times with both sides providing their unyielding support on issues concerning each other's core national interests. We are confident that it will achieve new heights in the years to come due to collective wisdom of the leadership of both the countries. It is really heartening to see level of understanding between the two sides on different matters including the threats faced by the CPEC.

In fact Dasu was not the first incident of its kind as in the past also failed attempts have been made to undermine the projects including through attacks on Chinese consulate in Karachi and Serena Hotel in Quetta where Chinese ambassador was to participate in an event. Who is perpetrating these attacks is well known to both Pakistan and China, and we are confident that both the countries will work hand in hand and take collective steps to further enhance the security of CPEC related projects in order to give a sense of security to workers engaged with them. It is also important that culprits behind the deadly Dasu bus incident are apprehended and given exemplary punishment to prevent recurrence of such incidents. Given the commitment by Qureshi and Wang, work on Dasu project will also be restarted in a matter of few days. And most importantly, the Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) needs to be convened at the earliest to further give a loud and lucid message that the CPEC and the BRI are destined to success, come what may. At the JCC, the projects facing delays such as upgradation of railway network from Karachi to Peshawar must be given special emphasis. Early commencement of work on this strategic project is important to turn this region hub of trade and economic activities. Similarly, there is a need to fast track Chinese investment in the SEZs to make them a success story for the world. This will take us towards industrialisation that will not only provide job opportunities to our youth but also help bolster our exports. Prime Minister Imran Khan repeatedly talks about seeking Chinese expertise and experience to enhance our agriculture yield.

This certainly is need of the hour, if we really are interested to ensure food security in the country.

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## **The News**

### **Dasu dam**

After the mysterious attack on a bus near Dasu dam – in which nine Chinese nationals and three Pakistanis were killed and 28 others injured – work on the dam project was suspended pending improved security for Chinese engineers and workers. Both China and Pakistan have, however, vowed to continue cooperating closely to face such challenges together. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong have visited the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Rawalpindi and inquired after the well-being of the Chinese nationals injured in the Dasu incident. The support that China has provided to Pakistan in initiating and completing various projects across Pakistan is commendable and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor has emerged as a flagship milestone. The road to better cooperation between the two countries has also enraged certain people both nationally and internationally. Those who are not happy at the close ties of the two neighbours have been trying to create hurdles in the smooth progress and completion of bilateral projects.

It is heartening to note that China and Pakistan have quickly come together to encourage the Chinese company to restore the employment contract of Pakistan personnel working on the Dasu Hydropower project. The company has issued a new notification to cancel the termination of the

employment of Pakistani nationals working on the project. The CPEC projects are a major source of employment for Pakistani nationals and any such development that jeopardizes their prospects of working on these projects will be a negative turn. To complete the project in a timely manner, there has to be foolproof security arrangements and any negligence may result in more untoward incidents.

There have been conflicting reports about the cause of the incident, from a ‘mechanical failure’ to ‘a terrorist attack’. The ongoing investigation into this incident will ascertain the cause but irrespective of whatever caused the incident, a high level of security is necessary for such projects to be completed and play their role in the development of the country. The Dasu project is likely to generate over 4,300 megawatts of electricity when completed and is a significant component of the CPEC plan.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/866400-dasu-dam>

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**Daily Times**

### **Pakistanis in China celebrate Eid-ul-Azha with religious fervor**

The Pakistani community living in the Chinese capital and other parts of China celebrated Eid-ul-Azha with religious zeal and fervor on Tuesday.

Pakistan’s Ambassador to China Moin ul Haq, senior diplomats, officials, businessmen, teachers and students offered Eid prayers at Pakistan Embassy mosque. The ambassador exchanged Eid greetings with the countrymen.

The local Muslims and faithful from Islamic countries including Indonesia, Egypt, Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan and Bangladesh also celebrated Eid-ul-Azha with religious zeal. They sacrificed animals at the designated places and exchanged Eid greetings and best wishes to each other through text messages. Beijing’s oldest Niujie Mosque, first built in 1996, opened its doors early in the morning to both locals and foreigners willing to partake in the prayer.

Muslims in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Gansu and Qinghai provinces as well as other parts of China also celebrated the Eid festival. The emphasis was on family reunions, meeting friends, enjoying meals and wearing new clothes.

China is home to about 20 million Muslims from more than 10 ethnic minorities. The largest group is the Hui minority, which largely hails from northwest China’s Ningxia Hui and Xinjiang Uygur autonomous regions.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/794919/pakistanis-in-china-celebrate-eid-ul-azha-with-religious-fervor/>



### **CGGC to resume work on Dasu dam after security arrangements**

Pakistan's Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) said that the Chinese contractor has assured to restart the work on the 4,320MWs Dasu Dam project after completing of security arrangements, according to Gwadar Pro.

The China Gezhouba Group Company (CGGC) suspended work on the project following the July 14 incident in which 9 Chinese and 3 Pakistani workers of the company lost lives, while others sustained injuries.

On July 17, the company laid off all Pakistani workers except a few to look after on-site operations. However, the WAPDA Chairman approached the CGGC officials, after which the company took back the earlier order and vowed to resume work on the project after improvement in security situation. The WAPDA Chairman also visited the site soon after the horrific news came in.

Abid Ali Rana, DG Media of WAPDA told Gwadar Pro that the contractor will soon resume work on the project after reevaluation of security arrangements. The incident sent shockwaves across Pakistan as people started speculation about various projects underway in the country with China's help, and those being executed by the Chinese contractors.

The July 17 letter by the CGGC further upset the people, until another order issued the same day stated that the competent authority of the company had not approved the initial letter of sacking Pakistani employees. DG Media of WAPDA later stated in a private text message to Gwadar Pro that the CGGC had cancelled the previous order and assured the Pakistani official of continuing work on the hydropower project. The CGGC is executing several important power projects in Pakistan including Azad Pattan HPP, Sukhi Kinari HPP and others.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/795077/cggc-to-resume-work-on-dasu-dam-after-security-arrangements/>

### **Pakistan Observer**

#### **China to hold int'l investment fair in September**

The 2021 China International Fair for Investment & Trade (CIFIT) will be held from Sept. 8 to 11 in Xiamen, east China's Fujian Province, an official said Tuesday. Covering an area of 130,000 square meters, the 2021 CIFIT will hold over 50 activities aimed at promoting investment, said Chinese vice commerce minister Wang Shouwen, who is also the deputy China International Trade Representative, at a press conference. The 2021 CIFIT is expected to attract over 100,000 merchants from over 120 countries and regions, making it more global, Wang said. Having invited over 200 overseas senior officials and executives of Fortune 500 multinationals, the organizing committee also welcomes Belt and Road countries, BRICS countries, and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership members to attend.— Xinhua

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## **China a viable market for Pakistani cosmetic products**

Export of Pakistani cosmetics to Chinese customers particularly Muslims community would be a good opportunity for Pakistani products as China has a huge and approachable market, said Ahmad Zafar, director of Beauty Expert (Pvt) Ltd. “China is a huge market and it is an approachable market as well. Targeting the Muslim community is a viable option in China. We have a plan in near future of exporting our products”, he said.

“If we talk about Pakistani mindset about choosing a cosmetics product, they prefer foreign products over local brands,” said Ahmad Zafar, adding, this is a problem faced by most domestic cosmetic brands in Pakistan.

“Pakistani cosmetics products that are exported to foreign countries get positive reviews and feedbacks from their markets, but Pakistani perception is a bit against local products.”

A few years ago, China’s cosmetics companies also faced such kinds of problems, while in recent years, some indigenous brands have become trendy among Chinese consumers.

“In recent years, especially during the COVID-19 period, China’s domestic cosmetics industry has made great progress. The annual output value has exceeded RMB 1 trillion,” said Sheng Jie on the China International Beauty Expo(CIBE) held recently in Beijing, who is the president of cosmetics industry branch in the China National Association of Health Industry Enterprise Management, according to CEN. “Chinese consumers increasingly appreciate the concept of Chinese traditional medicine, so they now tend to buy cosmetics products with herbal ingredients. On the other hand, with the development of the e-commerce and short video platform, live streaming sales and internet celebrity economy catalyzed the rapid growth of the domestic cosmetics industry.” The rise of domestic cosmetic brands in China also results from government support. “China National Medical Products Administration has issued new regulations for the cosmetics industry, which makes the industry more and more standardized.— APP

<https://pakobserver.net/china-a-viable-market-for-pakistani-cosmetic-products/>

## **Pakistan sends China condolence over flood deaths in Henan province**

ISLAMABAD – Pakistan on Wednesday expressed sadness over the loss of human lives due to torrential rains and flooding in Central China’s Henan Province. A statement issued by the Foreign Office said, “Govt. & people of Pakistan are deeply saddened to learn about loss of precious human lives caused by torrential rains & flooding in Central China’s Henan province. Our sympathies & prayers are with the affected families & people who are battling against this natural calamity”. As the rescue operation is underway in the neighbouring country, the FO said: “We are hopeful that due to efforts of Chinese government, normalcy would be restored soon & displaced people would soon return to their homes”. “Pakistan stands ready to assist our Chinese brothers and sisters in this hour of need,” read the statement. At least 25 people were killed as torrential rain battered the Chinese province, causing landslides and flooding that partially

submerged the underground rail system of Zhengzhou. Soldiers, who are leading the rescue operations, have so far evacuated about 200,000 residents in Zhengzhou where streets are inundated due to the rain. Images circulating on social media show passengers standing inside carriage of the subway with water up to their necks. Other passengers also filmed videos of the water rising in the tunnels outside the carriage windows. The provincial capital had “experienced a series of rare and heavy rainstorms, causing water to accumulate in Zhengzhou metro”, city officials said in a Weibo post on Wednesday. In the metro incident, at least twelve people were killed and five others injured while 500 were rescued by the officials. Storms have lashed out Henan province since the weekend in what Chinese officials calling it an unusual rainy season.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistan-sends-china-condolence-over-flood-deaths-in-henan-province/>

## **CPEC & Revival of Ancient Silk Route**

*Dr Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan*

CHINA-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has brightened the chances of greater regional connectivity. It seems that revival of the ancient Silk Route has been further consolidated after the successful international conference themed “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Challenges and Opportunities” in Tashkent. Moreover, Pakistan’s paradigm shift from “geopolitics to geo-economy” and Uzbekistan’s “regional connect policy” are now bearing their socio-economic fruits.

While addressing the “Pak-Uzbek Business Forum” Prime Minister Imran Khan showcased the strategic orientation of CPEC which would be used for achieving the desired goals of greater connectivity, socio-economic integration, eradication of poverty, new job generation and last but not the least, stability and harmony in the region. Prime Minister Imran Khan termed Pakistan’s connectivity with Uzbekistan in trade and bilateral spheres a giant step to open up new avenues of prosperity in the region. He highlighted Pakistan’s immense potential to connect Central Asia with the rest of the world and become a hub of trade. The Prime Minister assured the businessmen and traders of Uzbekistan that Pakistan will extend all possible facilitations in promotion of trade.

He labelled the trans-regional railway project as revolutionary development among Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan. He termed regional peace and security essential for socio-economic prosperity. He also called for more frequent flights between Pakistan and Uzbekistan. He emphasized that the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), banking system, financial cooperation and improvement in customs would open a new era of cooperation between Pakistan and Uzbekistan. He said Pakistani businessmen have come up with a plan for investment in Uzbekistan. In this regard, the Secretary Board of Investment shared that the negotiations relating to the PTA will be completed in the next two months. The forum was attended by a large number of businessmen from Pakistan (130 delegates) and Uzbekistan (public & private) besides the delegation of the Premier. More than US\$ 500 million agreements were signed between the Pakistan & Uzbek investors and trade houses. Several MoUs and agreements were also signed to

strengthen cooperation between the two sides in diverse areas. These include a protocol on exchange of pre-arrival information on goods moved across the state border, an agreement on transit trade, cooperation in the field of military education and an agreement on simplification of visa procedures for businessmen and tourist groups. Furthermore, an MoU between Pakistan's Foreign Service Academy and the University of World Economy and Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan was also signed, in addition to a cultural exchange program 2021-2026 and an MoU on tourism. On its part, Pakistan is expecting to tap the potential \$90 billion after the agreement of PTA which will provide all Central Asian States and especially Uzbekistan easy access to Pakistani sea ports, mainly Gwadar Port. Adviser to Prime Minister on Commerce and Investment Abdul Razak Dawood attended the sixth session of Pakistan-Uzbekistan Joint Ministerial Commission, on July 14, 2021, followed by the Pakistan-Uzbekistan "Silk Route Reconnect" Business Forum on July 15-16. Uzbekistan is currently highly reliant on the Iranian seaport of Bandar Abbas, accessed through Turkmenistan but they also had a transit trade agreement with Afghanistan while Pakistan also had Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA). The agreement between Uzbekistan and Pakistan has been negotiated and finalised, covering trade and transit of goods by road and rail along with customs procedures, largely on the pattern of APTTA, which was a comprehensive and time-tested agreement and improved mechanisms. It is hoped that the AUPTT would give access of Pakistani seaports to Uzbekistan and offer access to all five Central Asian States for Pakistani exports. It would help in enhancing trade and regional connectivity and open doors for increasing Pakistan's exports to Uzbekistan, while harnessing the potential of a \$90 billion market in Central Asia. The APTTA will give access to Pakistan's trade with Central Asia for taking goods up to the border crossing points of Afghanistan with Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, whereas, Pakistan had no arrangement to take exports beyond those points. As part of the vision of the government, to make Pakistan trade, transit and trans-shipment hub, and enhance regional connectivity with Central Asia, Uzbekistan was offered to use seaports of Pakistan, which would provide them the shortest route for trade, during visit of the Uzbek Deputy Prime Minister to Islamabad in September 2020. The contours of the bilateral transit trade agreement were further discussed during the meeting of the Joint Working Group on Trade and Economic Affairs at Tashkent in February 2021. The Ministry of Commerce organised 16 technical negotiation sessions with the Uzbek side from April-June 2021. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Law & Justice, Federal Board of Revenue, Department of Plant and Protection (Ministry of National Food Security and Research), Attorney General Office, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Ministry of Railways participated in the sessions.

The Commerce Ministry had also provided its input regarding the trade deal with Uzbekistan. According to highlights of the agreement between the two countries, transit trade between Uzbekistan and Pakistan must take place along pre-determined routes and only utilise specified ports and border crossings. Uzbekistan and Pakistan were obligated to ensure that suitable infrastructure and personnel were available at border crossings and would provide separate

spaces for off-dock terminals and warehousing, at entry/exit points and other customs notified places, on reciprocal basis. Uzbekistan and Pakistan would issue Road Transport Permits on the basis of which transport operators would be able to transport goods through the other country's territory. Uzbek trucks would carry goods via Pakistan to seaports rather than having to reload them onto Pakistani trucks at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border and vice versa. The Uzbek government would recognise Pakistani driver's licenses and vehicle registration documents, and vice versa. The Uzbek and Pakistani governments would expedite and simplify the process for awarding multiple-entry visas to truck drivers from one another's countries. The Uzbekistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Coordination Committee (UPTTCC), which would be established under the AUPTT, would be responsible for monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the agreement. There will be grievances redressal mechanism and dispute settlement mechanism and arbitration in the agreement to settle disputes between the two countries. Participation of the State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi in this important international conference has further strengthened strategic role of CPEC, the flagship project of BRI. While addressing the event Wang Yi termed connectivity as an unremitting pursuit of human society since ancient times. He showcased that regional connectivity has become a key impetus to development and prosperity in today's world. He projected the strategic importance of BRI which was initiated by President Xi Jinping in 2013. Now bilateral relations and cooperation between China and Central and South Asian countries have become all the more closer. He assured that China stands ready to join hands with Central and South Asian countries to forge a closer regional connectivity partnership through high-quality cooperation under the BRI. Being a prominent regional expert on CPEC & BRI I foresee that revival of the ancient "Silk Route" would be easily achieved through the "concept" of greater regional connectivity for which "Pak-Uzbek" cooperation is must.

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## **Western & Indian Anti-Gwadar Propaganda & Reality**

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CPEC is a 3,000-km corridor from Kashgar in western China to Gwadar in Pakistan on the Arabian Sea. It slices through the Himalayas, plains and deserts to reach the ancient fishing port Gwadar. Huge infrastructure projects, including road and railway networks as well as power plants, are being built along the way. Originally valued at USD 46 billion, the corridor is estimated at USD 62 billion today. CPEC is part of China's One Belt One Road (OBOR) initiative, a massive regional trade and diplomatic venture that covers both land and maritime routes linking China to the rest of Asia and Europe. Gwadar is the hub of CPEC & One Belt One Road and a gateway to the oil rich Middle East, Central and South Asia. Pakistan's coast is about 990 km long, extending from the Indian border in the east to the Iranian border in the west. The Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Pakistan is about 240,000 square km, with an additional continental shelf area of about 50,000 square km. At any given time, the Gwadar port can berth two or three large ships with a capacity of 50,000 DWT (deadweight tonnage). By 2045, the port

will be able to berth 150 ships and cargo up to 400 million tonnes, and will have multiple logistics services, a huge storage facility and a nine-square kilometre industrial free trade zone (GPFZ). Phase 1 of the GPFZ will include a pipe plant, a cold storage and fish processing area, an e-bike factory and display centres for Chinese goods. The entire zone will be fully operational in 7-8 years and house over 400 companies and Pakistani-Chinese joint ventures. Recently a number of articles have been published in the media against the CPEC and Gwadar fisher-folk community. The propaganda highlights “Chinese fishing trawlers swamp Arabian Sea” and some minor events of “Baloch fishermen protest against fishing rights to China in the Arabian Sea near Gwadar port in Balochistan for the purpose of deep-sea fishing”. Media reports in western and Indian media propagated the stories that the fisher-folk community in Pakistan fear that Chinese companies are slowly taking over Pakistan’s fishing sector posing a threat to the livelihoods of thousands of fishermen in the province. The western and Indian backed propaganda goes on and spreads rumours in the fisher-folk community that Chinese catch fishes, which they then process and sell to international markets, thereby depriving local fishermen of their livelihoods. Khudad Wajo, President of the Gwadar Fishermen Alliance, says that China is preparing to capture Pakistani waters while the Fisher-folk Forum’s Shah claims the permit has already been given to Chinese trawlers. The reality is totally different. Pakistan has signed several cooperation agreements with Chinese companies for the development of the Gwadar port & fisher-folk community. The important point of cooperation is that the fishermen will be provided with technology, nets, boats and engines for them to go out into the sea. In 20 years, there will be two million people employed in Gwadar, both from Gwadar and elsewhere in Pakistan and including 20,000 Chinese. Consequently, the fish will be bought from the fisher-folk at market rates and eliminate the middlemen so they make maximum profits. With advanced technology, bigger boats, modern fishing tools, processing factories and skills training programs in Gwadar more and more fisher-folk will have a chance to catch fish. Consul General Li Bijian said that Pakistan has resources when it comes to fisheries and Chinese investors are very much interested in investing in the fishing sector in Pakistan. The local fishermen need to increase their fishing capacity to help export the seafood and locals need to go into the deep sea for fishing as “fishing is not profitable” on seashores. At least 20 lakh people are connected to the fishing business in Gwadar. Their livelihood depends on day-to-day fishing. The fisher-folk’s livelihood will not be affected once the factories are set up at the port. Skills development has been in the mind of the port authorities in the second phase of its construction. Chinese authorities have been building a vocational training institute in Gwadar for over two years which is ready for inauguration in December 2021. The project was being built under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the port city. The project is aimed at creating a state-of-the-art vocational and technical training institute in Gwadar. “The project will enhance the skills of the local population of Gwadar to participate in the growth of the Port City and bring investment, business and tourism to the area. The Institute would help in fulfilling maritime skilled manpower requirements of the Gwadar Port after the development of industrial projects including the Gwadar Port Free Zone, Export Processing Zone and other industrial and port-related projects.

There are 17 classrooms there which we plan to renovate and within two months begin the courses in motor winding, crane and fork-lifter maintenance, welding and Chinese language,” In addition, the China-Pakistan Friendship Hospital worth 100 million dollar, several schools and carpet roads have already been completed. The fisher-folk already earn at least four times more than they could prospectively earn as skilled labourers. In a week, the fisher-folk can make from PKR 20,000 (USD 188) to PKR 50,000 (USD 471). The wages of an unskilled worker at the port are not more than PKR 20,000 a month, and those of skilled labour, somewhere between PKR 28,000 (USD 264) to PKR 50,000 a month. Pakistan Fisher-folk need to realize the importance of CPEC & Gwadar Port projects and need to actively participate in the development of advanced technology fishing at Gwadar port and nearby deep-sea waters. Fisher-folk community should be aware of Indian & western propaganda. They have a golden opportunity to take advantage of advanced technology, bigger boats, learning advanced skills and language for prosperity and a better future for themselves and future generations.

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### **Pak-China resolve**

CHINESE Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong and Chief of Army Staff Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa met at the General Headquarters on Monday and stressed the need to “thwart designs of all inimical forces challenging the resolve of Pakistan and China, particularly strategic cooperation between the two sides.” The meeting was held in the backdrop of the July 14 incident in which at least nine Chinese nationals and four locals were killed and 28 others sustained injuries when a coach carrying them to an under-construction tunnel site of the 4,300-megawatt Dasu hydropower project fell into a ravine in the Upper Kohistan area after an explosion. The tragic incident was, no doubt, part of the conspiracies being hatched by enemies of peace, progress and development as the manpower working on purely a developmental project was targeted. The objective was to create misunderstanding and mistrust between the two sincere friends but credit goes to the leadership of the two countries for foiling designs of the enemies of Sino-Pak friendship. One must appreciate the positive and significant contribution made by the Chinese envoy, Mr. Nong Rong, who remained instrumental in sorting out the issue in an appropriate manner. Initial reports were troubling as the Chinese company stopped work and issue notices of termination of services to its Pakistani employees but it was because of the sincerity and commitment to the cause of friendship by the two sides that these were withdrawn and a firm decision has been taken to resume work on the project with same speed and zeal. All this has sent a strong message to the forces inimical to Sino-Pak friendship that they cannot succeed in their designs to harm the cooperative relationship between the two countries which is scaling new heights with the passage of time.

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## Express News

### چین کی دعوت پر وزیر خارجہ کل پیچنگ روانہ ہوں گے

وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود قریشی چین کی دعوت پر کل پیچنگ کے لیے روانہ ہوں گے جہاں وہ اعلیٰ حکام سے داسو واقعے اور سی پیک کے معاملات پر بات چیت کریں گے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود قریشی کل چین کے دوروزہ دورے کے لیے روانہ ہوں گے۔ انہیں دورے کی دعوت چینی ہم منصب وانگ ڈی نے دی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق وزیر خارجہ اپنے دورے میں دو طرفہ امور اور خطے کی صورتحال پر بات کریں گے، ملاقاتوں میں داسو واقعے کی تحقیقات پر پیش رفت، سی پیک پراجیکٹس کے کام کی رفتار کا بھی جائزہ لیا جائے گا۔

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## Nawaiwaqt News

### سی پیک اور زراعت کی ترقی

کسی ملک کی ترقی کے لیے صنعت اور زراعت لازم و ملزوم ہیں پاکستان زرعی ملک ہے ہماری ترجیحات زراعت، پاکستان کی معیشت میں زراعت ریڑھ کی ہڈی کی حیثیت رکھتی ہے۔ آئل، رائس، ٹیلرز، فلور ملز، ٹیکسٹائل، شوگر، اور لیڈر جیسی صنعتوں و دیگر ان کے روزگار کا دارومدار زراعت پر یا زراعت سے متعلقہ ہے اور یہ سب زراعت پر یا زراعت سے اثر انداز ہوتے ہیں۔

پاکستان قدرتی وسائل سے مالا مال، ماحول اور موسم بھی زراعت کے لئے بہترین۔ ہر قسم کی غذائی اشیاء کی پیداواری صلاحیت موجود ہے۔ سرسبز جنگلات، آبی وسائل، معدنی پھاڑ اور قدرتی وسائل معیشت کا اہم حصہ ہیں۔ زراعت کو کی معیشت میں ریڑھ کی ہڈی کی حیثیت حاصل، پاکستان کا کل رقبہ 79.6 ملین ایکڑ، 23.77 ملین ایکڑ، زرعی رقبہ ہے جو کل رقبہ کا 28% بنتا ہے۔ فصلوں کی بدولت قیمتی زر مبادلہ حاصل کر سکتا ہے۔ ماضی میں ملکی زرعی شعبے کی ترقی کی رفتار نہایت سست رہی ہے۔ دنیا کے دیگر ملک زیادہ پیداوار اور ہماری پیداوار کم ہے۔ ناخواندگی کسانوں کا بہت بڑا مسئلہ اور زراعت میں جدت لانے میں رکاوٹ ہے۔ جدید دور میں کسان پرانے طریقوں سے کاشتکاری، زرعی آلات اتنے مہنگے ہیں کہ کسان کی استطاعت سے باہر ہیں۔ اجناس کی کسانوں کو معقول قیمت نہیں ملتی جس سے روزمرہ کے اخراجات بھی پورے نہیں کر پاتے۔

چھوٹے چھوٹے کھیتوں کی تعداد زیادہ ہے۔ ان میں جدید طریقوں سے کاشتکاری ممکن نہیں ہوتی۔ ساتھ غیر معیار بیجوں کا استعمال سے پیداوار کم ہوتی ہے۔ فی ایکڑ فصل خرچہ زیادہ ہوتا ہے۔ ٹیوب ویل یا بجلی کا فکس ریٹ نہ ہونا، مہنگا ڈیزل، مہنگی کھاد، اسکے علاوہ پاکستان اس وقت پانی کی کمی کے خطرناک مسئلے سے دوچار ہے۔ کسان کھیتی باڑی کی بجائے اپنی زرعی زمینیں فروخت کر کے شہروں میں منتقل ہو رہے ہیں۔ پاکستان میں زراعت کا معیشت میں بہت بڑا کردار ہے۔ پاکستان بنیادی طور پر زرعی ملک ہے جس کی 50% زیادہ آبادی دیہات میں رہتی ہے اور ان کا تمام تر دارومدار زراعت پر ہے۔

معیشت کو سنوارنے کے لیے اسے بہتر اور جدید زراعت نظام بنانا لازمی ہے۔ اس سے عوام کو خوشحال کیا جاسکتا ہے ہر سال فی ایکڑ پیداوار کو زیادہ سے زیادہ کہیا جائے تاکہ قومی آمدنی میں اضافہ ہو۔ آج کل پوری دنیا میں میکا کی زراعت کا طریقہ رائج ہے جس میں کیڑے مار دویہ، مصنوعی کھاد، ٹریکٹر، تھریشر وغیرہ کا استعمال شامل ہیں۔ پنجاب کبھی پورے ہندوستان کے صوبوں کو گندم فراہم کرتا تھا مگر اب خود بیرونی ممالک سے گندم درآمد کرنا پڑتی ہے۔ کسان نہ صرف جدید مشینیں ذرائع تک رسائی حاصل ہو۔ حکومت اسے وسائل کے حصول میں مدد دے۔ تاکہ ملک غذائی اجناس میں خود کفیل ہو سکیں۔ یہ تب ممکن ہے زراعت کے جدید طریقوں سے استفادہ کیا جائے۔



حکومت زراعت کی ترقی کے لئے انفراسٹرکچر پر توجہ دے رہی ہے۔ آج کل پیداوار کی کامیابی کا انحصار جدید ٹیکنالوجی کے استعمال پر ہے۔ کم جگہوں پر زیادہ فصل یہ کسان کے لئے زیادہ نتیجہ خیز اور منافع بخش ہے، پاکستانی کی زرعی جامعات میں اس پر کام ہو رہا ہے۔ پاکستان کی آبادی زیادہ ہو رہی ہے خوراک کی ضروریات کو پورا کرنے کیلئے زراعت کو ترقی دینے کی بہت ضروری ہے۔ زراعت کے جدید طریقے نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے بھی پیداوار میں کمی آرہی ہے

چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کے پہلے مرحلے کے منصوبوں کے ثمرات عوام کو ملنا شروع ہو گئے ہیں۔ پہلے مرحلے کے منصوبوں میں توانائی کے منصوبے اور انفراسٹرکچر کے منصوبے شامل ہیں۔ اب دوسرے مرحلے میں صنعتی ترقی اور زراعت پر توجہ دی جا رہی ہے۔ پاکستان سی پیک کے تحت زراعت کو جدید رجحانات ترچھی بنیادوں پر اقدامات کر رہی ہے، کاشت کاروں کے معیار زندگی کو بہتر بنانے اور قومی معیشت میں اس کے مثبت اثرات کو بڑھانے کے لئے خاص توجہ دی جا رہی ہے۔ چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کے دوسرے مرحلے میں زراعت کے شعبے پر خصوصی توجہ دی جا رہی ہے۔ پاکستان چین نے سی پیک کے تحت زراعت کے شعبے میں ترقی کیلئے بھی مشترکہ تعاون کمیٹی تشکیل دیدی گئی ہے

سی پیک کا بنیادی مقصد صنعتی ترقی اور توانائی کے بحران کا خاتمہ ہے لیکن درحقیقت اس منصوبہ سے سب سے زیادہ فائدہ ہمارے زرعی شعبے کو ہو گا۔ زراعت پاکستان کی معیشت کا اہم ستون ہے جس کا جی ڈی پی میں حصہ 21% ہے۔ زراعت کا شعبہ پاکستان کی ترقی کیلئے کلیدی اہمیت ہے۔ سی پیک کے تحت مقصد کے حصول کیلئے تفصیلی منصوبے ترتیب دیے گئے ہیں جن پر کام کا آغاز ہو چکا ہے۔ زراعت کی میکانائزیشن پر خاص توجہ دی جا رہی ہے۔ بیج اور زراعت کی میکانائزیشن کے ٹیکنالوجی ٹرانسفر / امپورٹ پیکیج، چین سے متوقع سرمایہ کاری اور زرعی سائنسدانوں کی صلاحیتوں کی ترقی شامل ہوگی۔ چیئر مین سی پیک اتھارٹی لیٹینینٹ جنرل (ر) عاصم سلیم باجوہ نے کہا کہ 2021 میں چین-پاک اقتصادی راہداری کے تحت پاک-چین صنعتی اور زرعی تعاون پر بھرپور توجہ دے جائے گی

بلوچستان، چولستان، ڈی آئی خان، سابق قبائلی اضلاع وہاں نئی زرعی تکنیک کو بروئے کار لائیں گے اور زمینوں کی کاشت کر سکتے ہیں۔ چین کے زرعی ماہرین پاکستان دورے مقامی افراد کو تربیت دیں گے۔ سی پیک دوسرے مرحلے میں زراعت کے شعبے میں ٹیکنالوجی کی منتقلی ہے۔ تحقیق کے شعبوں میں تعاون، پودوں کے کیڑوں کی بیماریوں کے پائیدار کنٹرول کے لئے مرکز کے قیام، چین نے زراعت، مویشیوں اور ماہی گیری قومی زراعت ریسرچ سینٹر میں سنٹر آف ایکسی لینس کے قیام کے لئے مالی اعانت، گلگت بلتستان میں تجارتی پیمانے پر چیری کی کاشت، چائنہ کے ساتھ کپاس کی پیداوار اور ریسرچ پر کام۔ زراعت کے شعبے کو جدید بنیادوں پر استوار کرنے کے لئے جدید ترین ٹیکنالوجی سے استفادہ۔ پاکستان میں کپاس کی پیداوار میں اضافہ ہو گا

نیشنل انسٹی ٹیوٹ برائے جیو ٹکنس اینڈ ایڈوانس ٹیکنالوجی میں چینی سائنس دانوں کے ساتھ طویل اناج گرین سپر چاول اور اعلیٰ پیداوار دینے والے گنے اور روئی کی ترقی کے لئے بھی کام کر رہے ہیں تھوڑے ہی عرصے میں مقامی کاشت کے لئے فصلیں دستیاب ہوں گی جس سے ملک میں زراعت کے شعبے پر انقلابی اثرات مرتب ہوں گے۔ سی پیک کے دوسرے فیڑ میں زراعت کی ترقی فروغ مل رہا ہے، پاکستان کو چینی ماہرین کی بھرپور معاونت حاصل رہے گی زرعی پیداوار میں نمایاں اضافہ کیا جاسکے گا۔ چینی ادارے پاکستانی اداروں کے مل کر زرعی پیداوار کو محفوظ رکھنے کے لیے گوداموں نظام ترتیب دیں گے جس میں مصنوعات کی خریداری اور انہیں محفوظ رکھنے کے گودام، عبوری گودام اور بندرگاہ پر بنائے جانے والے گودام شامل ہیں۔ سبزیوں کے پراسیسنگ پلانٹ لگائے جائیں گے

ٹریڈرز، اجناس کو محفوظ بنانے کی مشینری، انرجی سیونگ پمپس، کھادوں اور بیج بونے اور فصل کاٹنے کے آلات خریدنے کے لئے مختلف وزارتیں اور چین کا ترقیاتی بنک بلاسود قرضے فراہم کرے گا۔

ایکڑ اراضی پر مرچ فارم کا پائلٹ پروجیکٹ مکمل دوسرے مراحل مرچ فارم کا رقبہ 3 ہزار ایکڑ تک، دوسرے فیڑ میں کے پی کے اور سندھ میں 30000 ایکڑ پر کاشت کی 100 منصوبہ بندی، مقامی کسانوں کو ایک ایکڑ سے ایک لاکھ روپے سے زاہد مدنی ہوگی جبکہ 8000 ٹن سے زیادہ خشک مرچیں پیدا ہوگی۔ جنوبی پنجاب میں بھی اچھی قسم کی مرچ کاشت اچھا ہے۔ چائے اور دیگر پر کام ہو رہا ہے۔ سی پیک پاکستانی معاشرے اور عوام کی حالت زار میں بہتری کیلئے انتہائی اہم کردار ادا کرے گا۔

حکومت زراعت کے شعبہ کی اہمیت دے رہی ہے، اس کو اپنی ترجیحات میں شامل کر لیا ہے۔ مسائل پر توجہ، اب حل ہو رہے ہیں۔ اس سے زراعت کا شعبہ دن دو گنی اور رات چو گنی ترقی کرے گا ان شاء اللہ۔ پاکستان خوشحال ہوگا، عوام آسودہ ہوں گے۔ ان شاء اللہ۔ پاکستان قدرتی وسائل سے مالا مال ملک ہے۔ اس کو اللہ تعالیٰ نے وافر افرادی قوت سے بھی نوازا ہے۔ جو ہنرمند اور باصلاحیت ہے۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2021-07-21/page-5/detail-8>

### چین سے کرونا ویکسین کی ایک اور کھیپ پاکستان پہنچ گئی

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) چین سے کرونا ویکسین کی ایک اور کھیپ پاکستان پہنچ گئی۔ پی آئی اے کا طیارہ 7 لاکھ ویکسین ڈوز لے کر اسلام آباد پہنچ گیا۔ چین سے 20 لاکھ سائینو فارم، 55 لاکھ سائینو ویک ڈوز لائی جا چکی ہیں۔ کرونا ویکسین کی کھیپ فیڈرل اے پی آئی کے مرکزی ڈیز ہاؤس منتقل کر دی گئی۔ بیجنگ سے مزید ویکسین کی بھی آئے گی۔ رواں ماہ چین سے 75 لاکھ کرونا ویکسین ڈوز لائی جا چکی ہیں۔ پاکستان نے 20 لاکھ سائینو فارم ڈوز چینی کمپنی سے خریدی ہیں۔

<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2021-07-21/page-10/detail-7>

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### **The Express Tribune**

#### **Bodies of Chinese engineers killed in Dasu incident to be handed over**

ISLAMABAD: The dead bodies of the nine Chinese engineers killed in the deadly Dasu incident had brought the Islamabad airport on Friday morning, to be handed over to China. Construction on a Dasu hydropower project is currently underway under the supervision of CPEC's Chinese experts. On July 14 workers were travelling to the construction site when their bus suddenly plunged into a deep ravine after an explosion on board. The incident led to the death of at least 13 people, including nine Chinese engineers, two FC officers, and two labourers. More than two dozen individuals were wounded and subsequently rushed to a nearby hospital. The foreign ministry had initially declared the occurrence an accident. However, Federal Minister for Information Fawad Chaudhry later tweeted about the evidence of explosives coming to light and the possibility of terrorism or sabotage. A high-level investigation into the incident is underway. The bodies of the deceased were reportedly kept at cargo terminal at the capital's airport, and will be flown to China by flight number GHT CA-42 at 2:30 pm. On July 15, China asked Pakistan to "lose no time" in conducting a thorough investigation into the tragic incident. "We have asked the Pakistani side to lose no time in conducting a thorough investigation, properly transfer and treat the wounded, strengthen security measures, eliminate security risks, and ensure the safety and security of Chinese personnel, institutions and projects in Pakistan," Chinese

foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said during a media briefing. He added that China will send out a cross-departmental joint working group to Pakistan to help with the relevant work. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi stated that Pakistan would “thoroughly investigate the truth of the incident, [and] lose no time in sharing the progress of the investigation with China”.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2311834/bodies-of-chinese-engineers-killed-in-dasu-incident-to-be-handed-over>

### **FM Qureshi leaves for China on two-day visit**

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi will be visiting China today as part of the high-level exchanges between the two countries, the Foreign Office has said. "On the invitation of the State Councilor and Foreign Minister Mr Wang Yi, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi will visit China from 23-24 July 2021," read an official communique released on Friday. The statement added that the foreign minister will be accompanied by senior officials. It added that the visit was part of the high-level exchanges between Pakistan and China. During the visit, both sides will inter alia discuss further deepening of bilateral relations, focus on cooperation in the high quality development under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), defence and security cooperation, Covid-19 vaccines, counter-terrorism and regional and international issues of mutual interest. "The visit will play an important role in further strengthening Pakistan-China “All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership” and will expand strategic communication and coordination with China on a range of issues." The Foreign Office further stated that, "This year, Pakistan and China are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations."

"More than 100 celebratory events have been planned of which over 60 events have already been held so far. These celebrations have immensely contributed to injecting a fresh vigour and warmth in the traditional friendship," the statement read. "Pakistan and China are the closest friends and staunch partners. The time-tested Pakistan-China relationship is based on unparalleled mutual trust, understanding and commonality of interests. Both sides are fully committed to building closer China-Pakistan Community of Shared Future," the statement concluded.

'Visit to renew ties'

In a video message prior to his departure, Qureshi said, “I’m leaving for China on a two-day visit today where I will meet Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Mr Wang Yi. “Secretary foreign affairs [ministry] and other senior officials are accompanying me [during the visit],” he added. According to the minister, “We will be renewing the ties between Pakistan and China.” He added that a bilateral strategic agenda will be discussed during the meetings. “The two sides will get to know about each other’s thoughts on Afghanistan and regional situation,” he remarked. Qureshi further stated that an elaborate session will be held to review the progress on CPEC projects so far and the future strategy. He hoped the visit will help strengthen the

brotherly relations between the two countries. “Pak-China friendship, which has entered its seventh decade, will show [more] results in the times to come,” the minister concluded.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2311817/fm-qureshi-leaves-for-china-on-two-day-visit>

### وزیر خارجہ سرکاری دورے پر چین پہنچ گئے

وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود قریشی چین کے دوروزہ سرکاری دورے کے لیے چینی شہر چینگڈو پہنچ گئے جہاں اعلیٰ حکام نے ان کا استقبال کیا۔

ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزیر خارجہ مخدوم شاہ محمود قریشی چینی وزیر خارجہ وانگ ای کی دعوت پر وفد کے ہمراہ دوروزہ دورے پر چین پہنچ گئے۔ چین کے چینگڈو ہوائی اڈے پر وزارت خارجہ چین کے اعلیٰ حکام نے ان کا خیر مقدم کیا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2204916/1/>

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### **FM, DG ISI in China for ‘strategic’ talks**

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi reached China for a two-day visit at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, the Foreign Office said in a statement on Friday.

He was greeted at the Chengdu airport by senior officials of the Chinese foreign ministry. The foreign minister will participate in bilateral talks between delegations of both countries on Saturday (today). After the talks, the foreign ministers of the two countries will address a joint press conference.

In a video message before leaving for China, the foreign minister said: “The Pak-China friendship, which has entered the seventh decade, is emerging as a strong strategic partnership.” The foreign minister said that during his visit he would discuss a bilateral strategic agenda with his Chinese counterpart. He said the two sides would also exchange views on the situation in Afghanistan and the region. “A detailed meeting would be held on the progress made so far on the projects related to China Pakistan Economic Corridor and its future strategy,” he added.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi will hold third strategic dialogue and exchange views on regional and international issues of common concern as well as the bilateral cooperation, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian said on Friday. “During the visit, Foreign Minister Qureshi and China’s Foreign Minister Wang Yi will hold a third strategic dialogue and will exchange views of the international and regional issues of common concern and bilateral cooperation,” he said during his regular briefing.

Meanwhile, Director General (DG) of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Lt Gen Faiz Hameed also arrived in Beijing on Friday to hold ‘strategic talks’ with Chinese officials, a private TV channel reported.

The visit of high-ranking Pakistani officials holds significance after a tragic incident in Upper Kohistan. Nine Chinese nationals working on Dasu Hydro Power Project were killed when a bus transporting them to the construction site met an incident.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/795511/fm-dg-isi-in-china-for-strategic-talks/>

### **Pakistan, China to cooperate on cervical cancer treatment**

Pakistan and China have agreed to step up cooperation on healthcare under the CPEC, using cervical cancer screening technology, according to a report published by China Economic Net (CEN).

The Landing will provide artificial intelligence-assisted diagnostic technology for cervical cancer screening program. According to the MoU signed between the two countries, Landing will conduct free screening service of cervical cancer for 10,000 women in Pakistan. Besides, it will establish cervical cancer screening laboratories at medical universities and hospitals in major cities and set up a cervical cancer screening platform to serve people across the country. “Using Landing’s cervical cancer screening technology to serve Pakistani sisters will help save many lives,” said Dr Sun Xiaorong, a Chinese medical scientist and chairperson of Wuhan Landing Medical Hightech Co, Ltd (Landing).

It is learnt that there are some 45 million women who need cervical cancer screening in Pakistan. However, the current screening coverage is far away from the government’s target. A total of 26 Pakistani students from Wuhan University took relevant training at Wuhan Landing Medical High-tech Co., Ltd in Hubei province China.

The shortage of professionals and laboratories in cervical cancer monitoring is a common problem faced by developing countries, said Moin ul Haque, the Pakistani Ambassador to China while recently visiting Landing. “Landing’s high-quality and low-cost cervical cancer screening service can provide a solution to these problems in Pakistan as we have made successful practice in China’s rural areas,” said Sun.

According to Sun, traditionally, a doctor can screen on average 100 cell samples a day through microscopes. Now, Landing’s robot can screen at least 35,000 samples a day. Sun said, “As a doctor and female, I know that a diagnosis is not just a test result, as it matters to a woman’s life and a family’s wellbeing.” “Pakistan, the iron brother of China, needs this kind of large-scale screening service. I can help with that. I hope to use the advanced technologies to help Pakistani women prevent and cure the disease,” she said. “It will not only benefit more women, but also boost health care and other related industries’ development in Pakistan. I am willing to do my contributions to the health cooperation, people-to-people exchanges under CPEC and China-Pak friendship,” she added.

So far, Pakistan’s Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination has chosen four hospitals to implement the Landing cervical cancer screening program. “By the end of this

year, another one hospital will join in. By 2022 end, Landing will land in totally 19 hospitals in Pakistan,” she said.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/795478/pakistan-china-to-cooperate-on-cervical-cancer-treatment/>

### **Asim for unlocking northern areas’ tourism potential under CPEC**

China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority Chairman Lieutenant General (r) Asim Saleem Bajwa on Thursday vowed to unlock potential of the country’s northern areas in line with Prime Minister Imran Khan’s decision.

In a tweet, the CPEC Authority chairman who is currently on a visit to Gilgit Baltistan said that he met the GB Chief Minister Khalid Khurshid and discussed various projects under CPEC with him.

During the meeting, he vowed to enhance connectivity of GB with rest of the country, besides exploring new potential areas under CPEC.

“Our northern areas’ potential to be unlocked in line with PM’s decision. Productive meeting with CM GB Identified projects in power, agri/fishery value chain, infrastructure upgrade (roads/airports), integrated tourist zones, enhanced connectivity under CPEC,” he tweeted.

Meanwhile, in another tweet, Asim Bajwa said the immense potential of agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors in areas close to Khunjrab Pass, GB, would be exploited under the umbrella of CPEC.

He said that work was underway to address the challenges in a way to benefit from the potential sectors.

“On Agriculture prospects with farmers of area close to Khunjrab Pass-GB. Agriculture, livestock and fishery has potential but challenges too, working to address them under CPEC,” he said in the tweet while sharing his pictures with local farmers of the area.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/795311/asim-for-unlocking-northern-areas-tourism-potential-under-cpec/>

### **WAPDA chairman meets Chinese ambassador**

Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) Chairman Lt Gen Muzammil Hussain (r) Friday called on Chinese ambassador to Pakistan, Nong Rong. Matters relating to construction of Dasu Hydropower Project in the context of July 14 incident were discussed in detail during the meeting, said a press release.

The Chinese ambassador and WAPDA chairman expressed their resolve to restart construction activities on the project soon. Meanwhile, WAPDA chairman also had a meeting with China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) vice president and chief executive officer and discussed with them matters pertaining to ensuring a safe and more secure environment in the project area. In the wake of Dasu incident, the civil administration, WAPDA and CGGC decided with mutual

consultation to suspend construction on the project for a few days so that the matter could be re-organised and construction may be resumed in a more secure atmosphere.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/795308/wapda-chairman-meets-chinese-ambassador/>

### **Pakistan Observer**

## **Strong Pak-China relations**

*Rizwan Ghani*

CHINESE Embassy issued security alert on 18 July 2021 as three Chinese nationals were kidnapped by gunmen in Mali. But there is no warning from Beijing to the colonial power behind it in old Europe. With long history of such challenges faced by China, the timing of Dasu tragedy merits strategic policy. The words of China's Public Security Minister that China and Pakistan are all weather partners are positive news. Here is how Beijing can help stop real perpetrators from such cowardly acts in future. There is no military solution to Afghan situation. It is evident from the defeat of two superpowers in Afghanistan. Pakistan will not be militarily dragged into Afghanistan. Pakistan will not allow any new military bases in the country because of its drastic fallouts in the last 20 years. It has pushed Pakistan 50 years back despite having a promising start. Now it will follow "Pakistan first" policy in the region. Public wants to progress peacefully so the best approach is more cooperation between both neighbors. The first thing is public safety. The preemptive use of IT, security and intelligence technology is the key to it. By bringing critical communications infrastructure including ports, mobile networks and IT under state control, foreign interference can be controlled.

Security experts are aware of dual role of foreign chipmakers, private mobile companies and allied infrastructure in anti-state activities. Pakistan is constant victim of dual use technology due to political decision of its privatization. The UK has partnered with the US in Space operations. Pakistan and China can be ideal partners. Satellite technology is important for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. There can be no credible deterrence in the region without cooperation on safeguarding of communication, border control and information on Earth, in orbit, in cyberspace and in the electromagnetic spectrum. Space and new technologies are critical for winning strategic competitions in economy, transportation and financial markets. Internal security is a complex issue. There is need for balance in use of cameras, track and trace apps and facial recognition with individual liberties, constitutional protections and state powers. The West uses it to win hearts and minds while portraying East as police states. The abuse of this technology by the police and the state has turned public against the use of dual-use-technology, which can be exploited for vested stakes. Pakistan will have to enact police reforms for national security instead of state subjugation, political victimization and changing democracy into one-man rule.

Regarding police, the experts show that best police reform is taking away powers of police. The protests in US, UK and France have shown that independent policing has failed. The power of police including its militarization is unconstitutional because it has to serve the public who pays

for its salaries not the government, politicians or the state. Policing can improve with distribution of its 90 percent powers to relevant departments including geo-fencing, CCTV footages, 24/7 district magistrate system, withdrawing their immunity, keeping chief constable highest rank, improving private investigator setups, and replacing FIR with parties defending their case in courts. The use of terrorism word should stop. It is part of vocabulary used by the West in its geo-strategic objectives. In his press conference on troop withdrawal, Biden admitted Afghan war was over in 2011 and there was mega corruption in Afghanistan. Trump is long criticized forever wars of America. The peace in the region can be achieved lot quicker if countries uphold international laws on smuggling, narcotics, human trafficking, money laundering and cross border crimes. Corruption is international challenge. It is now impacting national security. China has signed cross-border crime agreement with 37 countries as a deterrence against corruption. But it could only recover one person from USA during Trump era. West is benefitting for stole public funds from the East through a complex combination of dual nationals, international banks and money laundering. There were \$6.2tn in Western banks in 2019 (Politico) which need national and regional efforts. There is a perception that Pakistan is not doing enough against West. China is keeping its options open with America, Europe and India. In 2019-20, there were 372,000 Chinese students in USA. Biden has eased Chinese visa restrictions in 2021. US-China goods and services trade was \$634bn in 2019. In 2020, China-India trade was \$87.6bn. It is good to have bilateral relations, trade and exchanges but then it should draw redlines to end the menace of cross border crime for vested stakes permanently. The idea of regional connectivity cannot be linked to Afghanistan. Pakistan has suffered at the hands of India for the last 20 years in terms of life and economy.

It is a redline to give India access to CARS through Afghanistan. It will permanently kill Pakistan's industry, jobs and economy. It will increase unemployment, poverty and debt. Our policies will have to be based on Pakistan first to secure its interests in presence of two exporting giants and blocking India is part of this policy. It will welcome and continue peaceful cooperation for nation building. It expects SCO to take appropriate steps to block new Western military bases in the region. —The writer is senior political analyst based in Islamabad.

<https://pakobserver.net/strong-pak-china-relations-by-rizwan-ghani/>

### **The Nation**

#### **Sino-Pak friendship emerging as strong strategic partnership: FM**

*SHAFQAT ALI*

ISLAMABAD- Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said Friday that the Pak-China friendship, which has entered the seventh decade, is emerging as a strong strategic partnership.

In a video message before flying to Beijing for a two-day official visit, FM Qureshi said Pakistan and China will continue to work together as strong allies and brothers. The FM said Pakistan was committed to complete the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor projects on time.



He said the visit was aimed at discussing the partnership and renew strategies where needed.

“I will meet FM Wang Yi to exchange views on all the issues of importance,” he added.

The FM’s visit comes following the incident near the Dasu project in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa last week, in which nine Chinese nationals and four Pakistanis lost their lives. A bus carrying Pakistan and Chinese workers to the site of the Dasu project met with an accident with reports suggesting that a blast occurred, causing the vehicle to plunge into a ravine.

The Dasu hydroelectric project is part of the CPEC, a US \$65 billion investment plan under Beijing’s Belt and Road Initiative that is aimed at connecting western China to the Gwadar seaport in southern Pakistan.

The FM plans to brief his Chinese counterpart over the investigations and findings regarding the Dasu tragedy.

The foreign ministry earlier in the day said the FM was visiting China on the invitation of the State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

In a statement, the Foreign Ministry said that the visit is part of the high-level exchanges between the two the neighbours. The FM is accompanied by senior officials.

“The visit will play an important role in further strengthening Pakistan-China ‘All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership’ and will expand strategic communication and coordination with China on a range of issues,” the statement said.

During the visit, both sides will discuss the CPEC defence and security cooperation, Covid-19 vaccines, counter-terrorism as well as regional and international issues of mutual interest.

“This year, Pakistan and China are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. More than 100 celebratory events have been planned of which over 60 events have already been held so far,” the statement added.

“These celebrations have immensely contributed to injecting a fresh vigour and warmth in the traditional friendship.” The statement said that both the countries are staunch partners and their time-tested relationship is based on unparalleled mutual trust, understanding and commonality of interests.

Both sides are fully committed to building closer China-Pakistan Community of Shared Future, it said.

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### **‘China ready to enhance strategic cooperation, lift relations to a new height’**

BEIJING - Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi will hold third strategic dialogue and exchange views on regional and international issues of common concern as well as the bilateral cooperation, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian said on Friday

At the invitation of State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi is paying a two-day official visit.

“During the visit, Foreign Minister Qureshi and China’s State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi will hold a third strategic dialogue and will exchange views of the international and regional issues of common concern and bilateral cooperation,” he said during his regular briefing.

The spokesperson said that this year marks the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic ties between China and Pakistan. The two sides are all whether strategic cooperative partners.

“We support each other for mutual beneficial cooperation on bilateral terms and seek common development,” he said and added, “On the international stage, we jointly defend international equality and justice and firmly safeguard the international order anchored by the international law.” •

He noted that the two countries have become the positive energy in the world peace, stability and development.

“China is ready to take this opportunity of the foreign minister’s visit to China to enhance the strategic cooperation, deepen practical cooperation and lift relations to a new height.” Zhao Lijian said the two countries will make active contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative and the community with a shared future for mankind.

“The two foreign ministers will also exchange views on deepening anti terrorism and security cooperation and assuring the security of the Chinese institutions and projects in Pakistan,” he added. Responding to a question, he said that both the countries are still investigating the Dasu incident and he has no more information to offer at the moment.

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### **Sh. Rashid opens FIA counter at Islamabad airport for Chinese**

ISLAMABAD - Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed on Friday inaugurated the special counter established by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) at Islamabad International Airport for speedy immigration of those Chinese nationals visiting Pakistan.

An official of the FIA said that those Chinese visa holders visiting Pakistan for CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) related work would also get benefit of the Special Immigration Counter.

He said that counter has been established on the special instructions of interior minister.

The Ministry of Interior is issuing separate special CPEC category visas, he added.

Director General FIA Sanaullah Abbasi was also present in the inauguration ceremony.

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### **Chinese firm to start work on Dasu project soon**

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and China Friday reiterated their resolve to restart construction activities on the Dasu Hydropower project soon.

Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) Chairman Lt Gen Muzammil Hussain (Retd) yesterday called on Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong. Matters relating to construction of Dasu Hydropower Project in the context of July 14 incident were discussed in detail during the meeting.

The Chinese Ambassador and WAPDA Chairman expressed their resolve to restart construction activities on the project soon.

Meanwhile, the WAPDA Chairman also had a meeting with China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) Vice President and Chief Executive Officer and discussed with them the matters pertaining to ensuring a safe and more secure environment in the project area.

It is pertinent to mention here that in the wake of Dasu incident, the civil administration, WAPDA and CGGC had decided with mutual consultation to suspend construction on the project for a few days so that the matter could be re-organized and construction may be resumed in a more secure atmosphere.

Following the July 14 bus incident which had killed 12 people including 9 Chinese nationals, the CGGC had halted work on Dasu project and laid off majority of Pakistani employees. However, the decision was nullified later as the Chinese construction company CGGC through its notice had declared its earlier notice null and void about contract termination of employment of Pakistani labour working with it on Dasu Hydropower Project.

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### **KP IGP directs enhanced security for Chinese at Seki Kinari project**

Peshawar - Inspector General of Police Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Moazzam Jah Ansari Friday visited Seki Kinari Hydro Power Project near Naran in Mansehra District.

Commissioner Hazara Riaz Khan, DPO Mansehra Asif Bahader and other high-ranking Police Officers accompanied the IGP. The police chief met army officers and Chinese officials at the project, where the administration of the project briefed the police chief about the arrangements to protect the project and its staff from any terrorist attack.

The IGP lauded the role of China in economic development of Pakistan, and also appreciated the contribution of Chinese engineers in the development of Pakistan. He reiterated the government's pledge to provide foolproof security to Chinese citizens living in Pakistan. He reassured on the behalf of the KP government that all possible measures would be taken to protect the Chinese citizens from all kind of threats.

The provincial police chief also met with the Pak-Army officers stationed at Seki Kinari project. The commanding officer briefed the IGP about the progress of the project and its security.

The IGP directed police officers to beef up security of the Chinese officials. He urged the officials to remain in close contact with the Chinese to resolve their security related issues.

IGP assures security to Muharram congregations

Inspector General of Police Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Moazzam Jah Ansari Friday said that foolproof security arrangements would be put in place for peaceful observance of Muharram congregations and processions across the province.

Talking to a delegation of Tehrik-e-Nafaz Fiqha Jaffaria (TNFJ) who called on him here at his office, he said that all available resources would be utilized to provide foolproof security to mourners during Muharram processions and Majalis.

On the occasion, TNFJ Maulana Ajlal Haider assured the police chief of full cooperation during the holy month of Muharram and hereafter. He said that TNFJ was the only religious organization of the country which was never banned as it believes that there is no divide among Muslims on the basis of sects, rather the Muharram processions and Majalis are a shared inheritance of Shia Muslims.

He requested the police chief to set up a joint cell comprising police officers and all stakeholders well before Muharram ul Haram to take prompt action in case of any emergency.

The police chief appreciated the meeting of TNFJ and said it would help police in chalking out a security plan for Muharram.

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### **The News**

#### **Special Security Unit being set up for Chinese, foreigners**

PESHAWAR: A Special Security Unit is being set up by mobilising 1,700 personnel for the security of foreigners working on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the hydropower projects in Hazara, The News learnt on Friday.

A large number of Chinese engineers and other staff members are working on the CPEC and several projects in the Hazara division of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and other parts of the country.

“Despite the KP Police have already sent 8,000 cops for security during elections in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The force has deployed more personnel for the security of Chinese and other nationals in the last few days,” an official told The News.

He hoped the Special Security Unit would provide improved security to foreigners working and living in KP.

Security of foreigners has already been upgraded in Hazara and rest of the province and the country in the last few days.

All foreigners, especially Chinese nationals, were issued security advisory while police were directed to check if there are any loopholes in security in their respective areas. The cops were directed to check the CCTVs and other measures taken for security in the area.

Nine Chinese and four locals were killed when their bus plunged into a ravine in Dasu, Upper Kohistan district after an explosion on July 14.

Security officials paid several visits to the site of the incident in connection with investigations and address the security concerns of the foreigners working in the area.

Apart from the visits of Chinese ambassador and other security officials, the KP Police chief Moazzam Jan Ansari visited the spot thrice in over a week.

Besides a team of experts headed by the deputy inspector general of the Counter-Terrorism Department Javed Iqbal spent several days in Hazara to conduct investigation into the Dasu incident.

When approached, a senior police official confirmed that extensive visits were paid even during Eid holidays along with ensuring improved standard operating procedures and going for the area cleanup operations.

“Besides, police have launched detailed security procedures and ensured that all foreign nationals feel secure in KP and Pakistan,” said the official.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/867814-special-security-unit-being-set-up-for-chinese-foreigners>

### **CPEC shifted Pakistan’s focus to geoeconomics: senator**

LAHORE: China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects have been instrumental in shifting Pakistan's focus from geopolitics to geoeconomics by boosting connectivity, commerce, trade, and cooperation in the region.

This was the focus of discussion at a conference organised by the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS) at the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL), LUMS. The virtual conference ‘CPEC: Pakistan-China Security and Strategic Cooperation’ was attended by Senate Defence Committee Chairman Mushahid Hussain, SAHSOL Head of Department Prof Uzair J Kayani, and CCLS Director Prof Sikander A Shah. Members of the Pakistan-China Institute and the LUMS community also attended the event.

Prof Kayani welcomed Senator Hussain as a key figure in recognising and promoting the importance of Pakistan and China’s relationship, when the world was witnessing enormous shifts in global policy.

Prof Shah moderated the discussion and highlighted the opportunities and pressing security challenges in relation to the CPEC.

Senator Hussain, while giving a comprehensive overview of the Pakistan-China relationship, explained that it was not limited to the CPEC flagship project. He spoke of President Biden's multilateral approach aimed at managing China's growing influence in the region, and globally.

In this vein, he highlighted the recently held Quadrilateral Security Dialogue between the United States, Japan, Australia, and India; the G-7 countries meeting; US-NATO summit, and the US-EU summit, each of which openly declared China as a global security challenge.

Senator Hussain also referenced the recent interview of Prime Minister Imran Khan with China Global Television Network, which reaffirmed the resolve that Pakistan would not succumb to any external pressure and downgrade its relationship with China.

The US withdrawal from Afghanistan, with its subsequent surge in violence, and the stalemate in intra-Afghan dialogue was also discussed by the senator. He also talked in detail about the CPEC projects that were instrumental in shifting Pakistan's focus from geopolitics to geoeconomics.

He referred to Gwadar Port as the mainstay of the CPEC, which, in the words of Robert Kaplan, Chief Geopolitical Analyst, "has the potential to be the Rotterdam of the Arabian Sea".

The completion of the first phase of CPEC projects, he explained, had brought monumental changes to the previously underdeveloped and ill-utilised areas like Thar. He also spoke of the second phase of CPEC that primarily focuses on agriculture, education, socio-economic development, special economic zones and the relocation of Chinese small and medium enterprises, which would further advance economic and human development in Pakistan.

He commented upon the growing strategic cooperation between Pakistan and China, where the latter has backed Pakistan's efforts in the UN Security Council regarding various issues. He also highlighted the common challenge of hybrid warfare that both Pakistan and China faced from their adversaries, which could be overcome by dispelling the myths surrounding CPEC.

Senator Hussain concluded by referring to China as a crucial pivot in Pakistan's general foreign policy and emphasising the tremendous potential of the CPEC in propelling infrastructural and human development in Pakistan.

He added that regardless of the challenges, they were surmountable given Pakistan's strategic space in the region by virtue of CPEC, and the growing relationship with its neighbouring countries.

Prof Shah thanked the participants for attending the conference. He reiterated the importance of producing strong academic literature on the subject and holding constructive discourses surrounding CPEC and Pakistan-China strategic cooperation, which remains resilient even in testing times.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/867441-cpec-shifted-pakistan-s-focus-to-geoeconomics-senator>

## Jang News

### پاک چین وزرائے خارجہ کے اسٹریٹیجک ڈائلاگ کا تیسرا سیشن، مشترکہ اعلامیہ جاری

پاک چین وزرائے خارجہ کے اسٹریٹیجک ڈائلاگ کے تیسرے سیشن کا مشترکہ اعلامیہ جاری کر دیا گیا، جس میں بتایا گیا کہ ان ڈائلاگز میں دو طرفہ تعلقات، اقتصادی، دفاعی و سلامتی کے امور میں تعاون پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔

مشترکہ اعلامیے کے مطابق مذاکرات میں پاک چین اسٹریٹیجک شراکت داری پر تفصیلی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا، مذاکرات میں سی پیک منصوبوں پر جاری کام کی نوعیت کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔

سی پیک پراجیکٹس پر کام کو معینہ مدت میں مکمل کرنے کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا گیا جبکہ پاکستان اور چین نے مشترکہ چیلنجز کا حل کر مقابلہ کرنے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا۔

اعلامیے کے مطابق شاہ محمود قریشی نے چین میں سیلاب کے باعث جانی نقصان پر اظہار افسوس کیا جبکہ چینی ہم منصب کے ساتھ داسو واقعہ پر بھی افسوس کا اظہار کیا۔ اعلامیے کے مطابق داسو واقعہ کے ذمہ دار عناصر کو کیفر کر دار تک پہنچانے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا گیا۔

شاہ محمود قریشی نے چین کی کیونٹ پارٹی کے قیام کے 100 سال مکمل ہونے پر چینی ہم منصب کو مبارکباد دی۔

اس موقع پر وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود قریشی کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان "ون چائنا پالیسی" پر چین کی حمایت جاری رکھنے کے لیے پرعزم ہے۔

دفتر خارجہ کے مطابق دونوں وزرائے خارجہ نے علاقائی صورتحال پر تفصیلی تبادلہ خیال کیا، وزیر خارجہ نے چینی ہم منصب کو مقبوضہ کشمیر میں بھارتی مظالم سے آگاہ کیا۔ دفتر خارجہ کا کہنا تھا کہ وزیر خارجہ نے بھارتی عزائم کے باعث خطے کے امن کو خطرات سے آگاہ کیا۔

وزیر خارجہ نے علاقائی و عالمی فورمز پر پاکستان کے موقف کی غیر متزلزل حمایت پر چینی قیادت سے اظہار تشکر کیا۔

دفتر خارجہ کے مطابق دونوں وزرائے خارجہ نے افغانستان میں تشدد کے واقعات پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا اور افغان مسئلے کو جامع مذاکرات کے ذریعے حل کرنے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا۔

شاہ محمود قریشی نے کہا کہ پاکستان، خطے میں امن و استحکام اور روابط کے فروغ کے لیے افغانستان میں قیام امن کو اہم سمجھتا ہے۔

وزیر خارجہ نے کہا کہ پاکستان، افغانستان میں قیام امن کیلئے خلوص نیت سے مصالحتانہ کردار ادا کرتا آرہا ہے۔

ان کا یہ بھی کہنا تھا کہ عالمی برادری کی معاونت سے افغانستان کی تعمیر نو میں معاونت کے لیے پرعزم ہیں۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ پاک چین اسٹریٹیجک شراکت داری کو پرعزم انداز میں آگے بڑھانے پر اتفاق کیا گیا۔

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### بھارت کو سی پیک میں مداخلت کا کوئی حق نہیں، پاکستان

پاکستان نے کہا ہے کہ بھارت کو چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) میں مداخلت کا کوئی حق نہیں ہے۔

ترجمان دفتر خارجہ نے بھارتی وزیر کے بے بنیاد اور غیر ذمے دارانہ تبصرے کو مسترد کر دیا اور کہا کہ بھارت کو سی پیک میں مداخلت کا کوئی حق نہیں۔

ترجمان نے بھارتی وزیر کے بیان کو مسترد کرتے ہوئے مزید کہا کہ بھارت کے جھوٹے اور من گھڑت دعوے حقائق نہیں بدل سکتے۔

دفتر خارجہ نے یہ بھی کہا کہ بھارتی بیانات مقبوضہ کشمیر پر غیر قانونی قبضے اور انسانی حقوق کی پامالیوں سے توجہ نہیں ہٹا سکتے، جموں و کشمیر عالمی سطح پر تسلیم شدہ تنازع ہے۔

ترجمان دفتر خارجہ نے کہا کہ سی پیک بیلٹ اینڈ روڈ اقدام کا اہم منصوبہ ہے، بھارت کو سی پیک میں مداخلت کا کوئی حق نہیں۔

اسلام آباد نے نئی دہلی پر واضح کیا کہ سی پیک سے ترقی اور علاقائی رابطے کی راہ ہموار ہوگی، بھارتی سازشوں سے سی پیک کی اہمیت کم نہیں ہو سکتی۔

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## Nawaiwaqt News

### پاکستان، چین، دوستوں دشمنوں سے آگاہ، بھارتی سازشوں کیخلاف حکمت عملی مشترکہ

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چین اور پاکستان اپنے دوستوں، دشمنوں سے بخوبی آگاہ ہیں۔ دونوں ممالک مل کر دشمنوں کا مقابلہ کرنے کے لیے پرعزم ہیں۔ بھارت معاشی طور پر مستحکم پاکستان کا راستہ روکنے، چین اور پاکستان کے مابین دوریاں پیدا کرنے کے لیے سازشوں میں مصروف ہے۔ پاکستان اور چین بھارت کی سازشوں کو ناکام بنانے کے لیے مشترکہ حکمت عملی کے تحت آگے بڑھ رہے ہیں۔ بھارت کی سازشیں ناکام ہوں گی۔ بھارت کو ناصرف کشمیر چھوڑنا پڑے گا بلکہ زریں رامودی کے لیے اپنا ملک بچانا بھی مشکل ہو جائے گا۔ خطے میں موجود ممالک کو احساس ہو چکا ہے کہ پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان تعلق کتنا مضبوط ہے۔ دشمنوں کے بار بار حملوں کے باوجود دونوں ممالک کے مابین کوئی دراڑ نہیں آئی بلکہ ہر گزرتے دن کے ساتھ دونوں ممالک کے مابین تعلقات اور اعتماد کا رشتہ مضبوط تر ہوتا جا رہا ہے۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ چینی حکام نے داسو ڈیم پر افسوسناک واقعے کے باوجود کام کی رفتار کو تیز کرنے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ یہ فیصلہ پاکستان اور چین کے دشمنوں کے لیے واضح پیغام ہے۔ پاکستان کے دشمنوں کو اصل تکلیف سی پیک ہے، سی پیک کی وجہ سے خطے میں کئی ممالک کے مابین دیرینہ تنازعات بھی حل کی طرف بڑھ رہے ہیں۔ کیونکہ خطے کے کئی ممالک کا معاشی مستقبل مستحکم پاکستان اور چین سے جڑا ہے۔ یہ تبدیلی بھارت کو ہضم نہیں ہو رہی۔ بھارت خطے میں اپنا اثر و رسوخ بڑھانا چاہتا تھا لیکن افغانستان سے امریکی افواج کے انخلا اور وہاں طالبان کی بڑھتی ہوئی طاقت نے بھارتی خواہوں کو چکنا چور کر دیا ہے۔ پاکستان میں امن و امان خراب کرنے کی کارروائیوں اور پاکستان میں موجود چینی ماہرین کے لیے مشکلات کھڑی کرنے کی بھارتی کوششیں صرف اور صرف دونوں ممالک کے تعلقات خراب کرنے کے لیے ہیں۔ بھارت کے چین کے ساتھ بھی اچھے تعلقات نہیں ہیں، جبکہ وہ پاکستان کا ازلی دشمن ہے۔ افغانستان میں اس کی بڑی سرمایہ کاری ڈوب رہی ہے۔ ان حالات میں پاکستان اور چین کے مضبوط تعلقات مضبوط و مستحکم پاکستان کی خبر دے رہے ہیں۔

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## Business Recorder

### China, Pakistan pledge to complete CPEC on time

ISLAMABAD: High-level Pakistani and Chinese delegations held talks in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province of China.



Pakistani and Chinese delegations were led by Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi respectively.

Foreign Secretary Sohail Mehmood and other senior officials of the foreign ministry participated in the talks.

During the talks, issues of mutual interests ranging from bilateral cooperation in defense and national security to the strategic partnership between China and Pakistan as well as the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) were discussed.

On this occasion, the delegates from both countries pledged to complete the projects under CPEC on time and to cope with the challenges with joint efforts.

Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood, on behalf of the people and leadership of Pakistan, expressed deep sorrow over the recent rains and floods in Henan province of China.

He also expressed his sorrow over the loss of lives of Chinese nationals in the Dasu incident. Both sides pledged to work together to expose those responsible for the Dasu incident and bring them to justice.

FM Qureshi also congratulated Chinese leadership on the completion of 100 years of the establishment of the Communist Party of China. He pledged to continue supporting the One China Policy and issues such as Taiwan, Xinjiang, Tibet, Hong Kong, and the South China Sea. Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi thanked the Chinese Foreign Minister for China's provision of vaccines on a priority basis and Chinese assistance in the development of vaccines in Pakistan. Both foreign ministers held detailed talks on the regional situation. Qureshi apprised his Chinese counterpart regarding the grave human rights violations in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and the threats to peace in the region due to Indian intentions. He thanked the Chinese leadership for its unwavering support for Pakistan's position in regional and international forums.

Both foreign ministers expressed concern over the escalating violence in Afghanistan and stressed the need for a political solution to the Afghan issue through comprehensive dialogue.—  
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### **CCLS at LUMS holds virtual moot on CPEC**

KARACHI: The Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS) at the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL), LUMS, has organised a virtual conference 'CPEC: Pakistan-China Security and Strategic Cooperation'. The conference was attended by Senator Mushahid Hussain, Chairman Defence Committee; Professor Uzair J. Kayani, Head of Department, SAHSOL, and Professor Sikandar A Shah, Director, CCLS. Members of the Pakistan-China Institute and the LUMS community also attended the event.

Prof. Kayani welcomed Senator Hussain as a key figure in recognising and promoting the importance of Pakistan and China's relationship, when the world is witnessing enormous shifts in global policy. Prof. Shah moderated the discussion and highlighted the opportunities and pressing security challenges in relation to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Senator Hussain, while giving a comprehensive overview of the Pakistan-China relationship, explained that it is not limited to the CPEC flagship project. He spoke of President Biden's multilateral approach aimed at managing China's growing influence in the region, and globally. In this vein, he highlighted the recently held Quadrilateral Security Dialogue between the United States, Japan, Australia, and India; the G-7 countries meeting; US-NATO summit, and the US-EU summit, each of which openly declared China as a global security challenge. Senator Hussain also referenced the recent interview of Prime Minister Imran Khan with China Global Television Network, which reaffirmed the resolve that Pakistan will not succumb to any external pressure and downgrade its relationship with China.

The US withdrawal from Afghanistan, with its subsequent surge in violence, and the stalemate in intra-Afghan dialogue was also discussed by Senator Hussain. He also talked in detail about the CPEC projects that are instrumental in shifting Pakistan's focus from geopolitics to geo-economics by boosting connectivity, commerce, trade, and cooperation in the region. He referred to Gwadar Port as the mainstay of the CPEC, which, in the words of Robert Kaplan, Chief Geopolitical Analyst, "has the potential to be the Rotterdam of the Arabian Sea." The completion of the first phase of CPEC projects, he explained, had brought monumental changes to previously underdeveloped and ill-utilised areas like Thar. He also spoke of the second phase of CPEC that primarily focuses on agriculture, education, socio-economic development, Special Economic Zones and the relocation of Chinese small and medium enterprises, that will further advance economic and human development in Pakistan. He commented upon the growing strategic cooperation between Pakistan and China, where the latter has backed Pakistan's efforts in the UN Security Council regarding various issues. He also highlighted the common challenge of hybrid warfare that both Pakistan and China face from their adversaries, which can be overcome by dispelling the myths surrounding the CPEC. Senator Hussain concluded by referring to China as a crucial pivot in Pakistan's general foreign policy and emphasising the tremendous potential of the CPEC in propelling infrastructural and human development in Pakistan. He added that regardless of the challenges, they are surmountable given Pakistan's strategic space in the region by virtue of CPEC, and the growing relationship with its neighbouring countries.

Prof. Shah thanked the participants for attending the conference. He reiterated the importance of producing strong academic literature on the subject and holding constructive discourses surrounding CPEC and Pakistan-China strategic cooperation, which remains resilient even in testing times.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2021/07/25/3-page/894441-news.html>

## Daily Times

### **Dasu incident: Pakistan, China resolve to jointly expose, punish perpetrators**

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi Saturday discussed bilateral strategic, economic and security cooperation, besides global and regional issues.

The foreign minister on his Twitter handle posted that both sides also discussed the Covid-19 pandemic, peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan and international and regional issues of mutual interest. The foreign minister said that he also offered condolences on the loss of precious lives caused by torrential rains in Henan province. He said that they agreed that peace and stability in Afghanistan was vital for socio-economic development and prosperity. They also called on all Afghan stakeholders for ceasefire and to work closely together to achieve a comprehensive, inclusive, and negotiated political settlement which should be Afghan-led and Afghan-owned. Both sides shared similar outlook for a peaceful, stable and prosperous South Asia.

The foreign minister, in another tweet, said that they appreciated China's unyielding support for Kashmir, reiterating that dispute should be resolved through the UN Charter, relevant Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements while opposing any unilateral action. "Condemned incident in Dasu which caused loss of precious lives & injuries to Pakistani and Chinese workers. Jointly resolve to expose culprits through ongoing joint investigation, punish perpetrators, ensure safety & security of Chinese projects, nationals & institutions & prevent recurrence," the foreign minister further posted.

Qureshi said that they also thanked China for steadfast support for Pakistan's vaccination drive. About China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), he tweeted, "CPEC has entered new phase of devpt (development) & reviewed progress including New Gwadar Airport, 300 MW power plant, desalination plant & Gwadar Free Zone. We look forward to 10th JCC meeting at earliest."

Later, addressing a joint presser along with his Chinese counterpart, the foreign minister expressed satisfaction over the ties between the two countries. He said on the issue of bilateral ties, they were satisfied that these were moving in the right direction. All the strategic, economic and security cooperation between the two countries was moving ahead with determination, he said, adding that both sides in their bilateral meeting held co-shared their point of views on further strengthening of this cooperation. He said their delegation-level talks were held in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere in which both sides reiterated support to each other. Qureshi assured the leadership of China that Pakistan and China "are friends and will remain as friends ... let the world know that we are trusted friends."

The foreign minister also thanked the Chinese leadership for their reiterated commitment to the issue of Jammu and Kashmir. He demanded that India should revoke its unilateral and illegal actions of August 5 on Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and restore its status. He also expressed his gratitude to China for its firm support to Pakistan in dealing with Covid 19

and by supplying doses of coronavirus vaccines. This year, Pakistan and China are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. More than 100 celebratory events have been planned of which over 60 events have already been held so far. These celebrations have immensely contributed to injecting a fresh vigour and warmth in the traditional friendship.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/795993/dasu-incident-pakistan-china-resolve-to-jointly-expose-punish-perpetrators/>

## **Threats to Pak-China Solidarity**

*Hafeez Khan*

The Chinese engineers got ready for work as usual on Dasu Dam. Nine of them would never return. Tragic. Dasu is located in the breathtaking parts of the Kohistan District along the Karakorum Highway on the mighty Indus River. I don't use "mighty" lightly. Those of us who have visited these parts would concur. The ferocity of the river's flow and the accompanying noise of gushing waters where the mountain gorges narrow is both daunting and humbling. River Indus is one of the greatest resources for Pakistan, which is largely untapped except Tarbela Dam, which was constructed downstream in the sixties.

Dasu Dam's location is near perfect. It would harness the energy generated by the gravity flow of the water, providing low-cost electricity giving relief from rising costs. Launched in 2017 by Nawaz Sharif, it was more for fanfare and political point-scoring with no intent to build it. No funding was provided, thus the project stalled. It was revived by the PTI government in 2019 as the construction commenced in 2020. Phase 1 would generate 2160 MW of low-cost electricity that would increase to 4320 MW upon completion of Phase 2 around 2025. The consortium building comprises an experienced Chinese Company and top turbine provider GE Electric. World Bank is providing part of the funding.

Why were such projects not undertaken earlier? No major hydroelectric project has been undertaken since the Mangla Dam. The answer is simple. Bhutto spent his term destroying the economy and attempting to build a civilian dictatorship. General Zia was too engrossed in prolonging his rule and by the Russian invasion. Both pursued selfish agendas without any long term commitment or vision for Pakistan. A futile controversy was started on the construction of Kalabagh Dam that continues 40 years on, without resolution.

In the first term of Benazir Bhutto, dams were considered, but abandoned for very intriguing reasons. A major hydroelectric project is an expensive proposition. It requires international donors and specialised experts who take a deep dive into all aspects including financial structuring. This transparency never suited Bhuttos or Sharifs.

A futile controversy was started on the construction of Kalabagh Dam that continues 40 years on, without resolution

Benazir Bhutto and her coterie discovered thermal power projects. They brought in shady sponsors to open doors to take bribes and kickbacks. The worst contracts for Pakistan started then and have continued ever since. Benazir, Nawaz and Zardari totally ignored the great potential for cheap energy through constructing dams and opted for the criminally expensive fuel-based option of power generation.

The hapless consumers are paying through their noses for these cruelly selfish agreements that raised the cost of electricity manifold. This greedy lot caused the back-breaking revolving debt that will continue to crush the commoners for decades. 2018 brought a refreshing change. PM IK moved quickly to focus on hydroelectric power. He is relentlessly pursuing low-cost energy from river waters that have no price tag.

Pakistan has a strategic ally in China. Through tremendous progress, China in the last 40 years developed their capacity, technology and financial resources. They have shown a commitment that can be relied on. Fortunately, our borders meet and our strategic interests are common; peace and progress in the region. China has been there for the last 50 years. However, our co-operation did not move beyond security or trading. When the doors of progress opened in the last decade or so, the trio of Zardari and Sharif brothers wanted to focus on projects that would benefit them personally.

Now CEPAC and investment options have moved to front and centre. Thanks to the involvement of the Armed Forces and PM IK's commitment to progress despite all transgressions. China found partners not seeking to enrich themselves; rather how to benefit the country. It has severely upset the detractors determined to obstruct all positive moves for Pakistan. They are from within and outside Pakistan. As CEPAC and development projects progress their desperation grows.

The background of Dasu was necessary to highlight its significance in moving away from high-cost energy sources. In the recent mishap, an explanation of mechanical failure was premature and absurd. I have repeatedly urged PM IK to control the mad dash of his team to grab a mic for breaking news. He needs to put an end to half-cocked, knee jerk explanations by eager beavers. We need to dig deeper. The enemy has its mercenary wolves lurking, ready to pounce to disrupt and destroy. The Chinese reaction was far more measured even though they seemed a bit annoyed.

A proper inquiry will reveal the cause. However, the need to harm Pak China cooperation is burning holes into the opponents. Modi spews hatred against Pakistani institutions. Any of our players on the political scene who pulls back punches and refrains from calling a spade a spade are suspect. An enemy's friend cannot be a friend of Pakistan. You just have to follow closely the rhetoric of Maryam Nawaz galloping to distort facts and Indian Medias' versions. You can pick the common threads.

No one is judging loyalty here. It is about the shared goals to demonise the Pakistani Establishment and get rid of PM IK at all costs that need to be recognised. Pak-China synergy

can lead to progress to alleviate poverty and put the country on the trajectory to prosper. With China emerging as a global superpower and facilitating Pakistan's development, the enemies will do their damndest to drive a wedge in this relationship. There is an urgent need to beef up the security of our Chinese guests.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/795876/threats-to-pak-china-solidarity/>

### **Foolproof security for Chinese nationals in Lahore**

Superintendent of Police (SP) Model Town Dost Muhammad chaired a meeting with Chinese focal persons, sector-wise branch in-charges and other relevant officers here on Saturday to review the security of the Chinese national living in Lahore. The SP ordered for ensuring foolproof security of the Chinese nationals and enhancing the security of their residences. He asked the focal persons to brief the Chinese nationals about the country's law and order situation as well as the security measures taken by the police in this regard. He added that focal persons were bound to provide Chinese nationals' movement and visit schedules to the police department.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/795900/foolproof-security-for-chinese-nationals-in-lahore/>

### **Dawn News**

### **Chinese ban on nine firms hits Pakistan's fish exports**

*Aamir Shafaat Khan*

KARACHI: A number of Pakistani companies have been facing a temporary ban on exports of fish and fish preparations to China since January after detection of coronavirus in their shipments.

Qadri Noori Enterprise chief executive officer Manzar Alam told Dawn that around 50 companies have been exporting fish to China. Out of top 15 exporters, some nine firms are now temporarily banned by the Chinese authorities.

Giving details of the ban, he said in case the coronavirus is detected in one shipment, the exporter faces a one-week ban and in case of four cases, then the exporter cannot send the shipment for eight weeks, he said.

He said Pakistan's seafood exports have since been in crisis as 60 per cent out of the country's total fish exports are destined for China.

Mr Alam said coronavirus had been detected in outer cartons and the Chinese authorities instead of destroying the infected consignment or sending it into quarantine for 15 days had suspended the shipping company.

"The rejected consignments then arrived back in Pakistan and exporters are facing Rs2 million per container as demurrage and detention and taxes," he added.

“Exporters have taken up the matter with Commerce Adviser Abdul Razak Dawood who had constituted a committee, but no headway has been made so far,” he added.

One container with 26 tonnes of fish carries a price between Rs7m and Rs10m, he said.

Pakistan has been exporting seafood at an average unit price (AUP) of less than \$2.5 per kg from FY18 to FY21 as compared to AUP of \$5 to 8 per kg earned by regional competitors.

“We have been exporting small fish which earn low prices for the last four years,” Deep Blue Seafood Ltd CEO M. Faisal Iftikhar Ali said, adding that fish meal is being exported in bulk quantities which is used in poultry feed.

He said India is fetching an AUP of \$5-7 per kg followed by over \$5 by Bangladesh and \$7-8 per kg by China. The average global AUP comes to \$5 per kg.

Pakistan’s fish and fish preparation exports in FY21 stood slightly higher at 184,396 tonnes fetching \$414m but AUP came to \$2.25 per kg compared with exports of 171,704 tonnes valuing \$406m with AUP of \$2.35 per kg in FY20.

Pakistan had seen the highest-ever exports of 198,420 tonnes in FY18 which earned \$451m but the AUP was \$2.27 per kg, while in FY19 exports were 195,523 tonnes fetching \$438m with AUP at \$2.24, PBS data showed.

Fish exports had managed to get \$2.58 per kg value with export of 152,858 tonnes worth \$394m in 2016-2017 and AUP of \$2.54 per kg in 2015-2016 with export of 127,910 tonnes fetching \$325m.

According to the Economic Survey FY21, Pakistan’s main buyers of fish products are China, Thailand, Malaysia, the Middle East, Sri Lanka and Japan. The survey said since resumption of exports to the European Union (EU), several consignments of fish, cuttlefish and shrimps had been sent by two exporters who were cleared after 100 per cent laboratory tests at the EU borders. Six more fish processing plants are in the pipeline and their cases for approval are under process with the EU authorities.

Belgium, Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom had imported 3,285 tonnes of fish, squid shrimps and crabs valuing \$13mn during July-March FY21 on which the AUP comes to \$395 per tonne, the survey said.

Mr Faisal said India as well as other countries are giving a tough time to Pakistan as these competitors have adopted shrimp farming, while in Pakistan there is negligible marine farming.

Pakistan has been facing a problem of overfishing of juvenile fish causing persistent drop in landing of high value fish, he said, adding that a joint study by Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and Marine Fisheries Department (MFD) of the Federal Government had undertaken a comprehensive assessment of Pakistan’s Marine Fisheries Resources 2015 and revealed massive fish stocks depletion in Pakistan’s seas.

Technical Adviser (Marine Fisheries), WWF-Pakistan, Mohammad Moazam Khan said fish production in Pakistan in 2020 was observed to be 619,000 tonnes of which inland fish contributed 250,000 tonnes, whereas marine production was 369,741 tonnes. The landing of fish in Sindh was 208,001 tonnes whereas Balochistan production is 161,740 tonnes.

The export is increasing mainly because of rising export of fish meal. The production mainly of marine fish in Sindh has been decreasing since 1999 because of over fishing and an increased fishing fleet, he said.

Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations has warned in 2016 to reduce fishing fleet by 50pc or else major fisheries resources may collapse, however, no heed was paid by the fishermen and authorities concerned and no control on the fleet is in place, he said.

WWF-Pakistan has shown its concern that about 200 tonnes of tuna being smuggled to Iran daily. If this illegal trade is controlled Pakistani exports may reach a level of at least \$550m. There is immediate need to reducing fishing fleet both Sindh and Balochistan else the fisheries may collapse, he stressed.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1636776>

### **Dawn News**

## **China, Pakistan call for ceasefire in Afghanistan**

*Iftikhar A. Khan*

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Saturday called on all Afghan stakeholders to agree on a comprehensive ceasefire and work together to achieve a broad-based, inclusive and negotiated political settlement.

The call was made by the two sides as Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi held the third session of the foreign ministers' strategic dialogue in Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province, China.

According to a joint statement issued later, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to facilitate and support an "Afghan-led and Afghan-owned" peace and reconciliation process for the early realisation of a peaceful, stable, united and prosperous Afghanistan, which would firmly combat terrorism and live in harmony with its neighbours.

Both sides condemned the terrorist attack in Dasu which caused loss of precious lives and injuries to Pakistani and Chinese workers. Both sides expressed their resolve to expose the culprits and their reprehensible designs through the ongoing joint investigation, give exemplary punishment to the perpetrators, ensure comprehensive safety and security of the Chinese projects, nationals and institutions, and prevent recurrence of such incidents.

Resolve to expose culprits in Dasu bus tragedy through joint probe



China and Pakistan also reaffirmed their resolve to further strengthen their time-tested and all-weather strategic cooperative partnership with fresh dynamism and vitality. The two sides exchanged views on bilateral strategic, economic and security cooperation, Covid-19 pandemic and international and regional issues of mutual interest, and reached consensus to collectively take measures to safeguard their common interests and promote peace, prosperity and development in the region.

Both sides recalled that the enduring Pakistan-China friendship had reached the momentous milestone of the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations, being enthusiastically marked in the two countries with holding of more than 100 celebratory events throughout this year.

In further strengthening their all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and together charting course for the Pakistan-China community of shared future in the new era, both sides are committed to strengthen all-round cooperation, maintain momentum of high-level exchanges, further advance Belt and Road partnership, promote bilateral relationship to a higher level, and deliver greater benefits to both countries and the two peoples.

Both sides reviewed with satisfaction their close cooperation in successfully controlling the spread of Covid-19, cooperation in protective and medical equipment, vaccine development and ensuring early post-pandemic economic recovery. The Pakistan side thanked China for its steadfast support to the vaccination drive in the country, and setting up of vaccine finish facility at the National Institute of Health in Islamabad. Chinese side pledged to continue assisting Pakistan in strengthening its national health systems and dealing with adverse socio-economic impacts of the pandemic.

Both sides believe that the study of origins of the SARS-CoV-2 is a matter of science, and should not be politicised. The joint report of the WHO-convened global study of origins of the SARS-CoV-2, published this March, has drawn an authoritative and scientific conclusion of related issues. This joint report should be recognised, respected and preserved, and should be treated as the basis of the WHO next stage of the origin tracing study as well.

Both sides agreed on continuing their unyielding support on issues concerning each other's core national interests. The Chinese side reiterated its firm support to Pakistan in safeguarding its territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence, independently choosing a development path based on its national conditions, striving for a better external security environment and playing a more constructive role on international and regional affairs.

Both sides underscored that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) had entered the new phase of high-quality development, greatly contributing to the socio-economic development in Pakistan. The two sides will continue to firmly advance the construction of the CPEC, ensure timely completion of under-construction projects, focus on economic and social development, job creation and improvement of people's livelihood, and further strengthen cooperation in Industrial Park, infrastructure development, science and technology, medical and health,

agriculture, human resources training, with the aim to continuously unleash the great potential of CPEC to make it a hub of regional connectivity.

The two sides look forward to convening the 10th Joint Coordination Committee meeting to jointly promote the high-quality development of the CPEC and move forward the high-quality construction of BRI.

Both sides underscored that a peaceful, stable, cooperative and prosperous South Asia was in the common interest of all countries. Both sides agreed on the need to settle disputes and issues in the region through dialogue on the basis of equality and mutual respect. The Pakistan side briefed the Chinese side on the deteriorating situation in Jammu and Kashmir, including its concerns, position and current urgent issues. The Chinese side reiterated that the Kashmir issue was a dispute left over from history between India and Pakistan, and that the dispute should be resolved peacefully and properly through the United Nations Charter, relevant Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements. China opposes any unilateral actions that complicate the situation.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1636792>

### Dunya News

#### **USA, UK, China top three destinations of Pakistani exports during FY 2020-21: SBP**

ISLAMABAD (APP) - The United States of America (USA) remained the top export destinations of the Pakistani products during the fiscal year (2020-21), followed by United Kingdom (UK) and China. The total exports to the USA during July-June (2020-21) were recorded at US \$ 5029.400 million against the exports of US \$ 3915.226 million during July-June (2019-20), showing growth of 28.45 percent during the period under review, according to State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

This was followed by UK, wherein Pakistan exported goods worth \$ 2047.079 million against the exports of \$ 1638.544 million last year, showing increase of 24.93 percent. China as the at third top export destination, where Pakistan exported products worth US \$ 2043.206 million during fiscal year under review against the exports of US \$ 1663.962 million during last fiscal year, showing growth of 22.79 percent, SBP data revealed.

Among other countries, Pakistani exports to United Arab Emirates (UAE) stood at US \$ 1487.279 million against \$ 1588.330 million during last year, showing decrease of 6.36 percent while the exports to Germany were recorded at US \$ 1511.227 million against US \$ 1302.991 million, the data revealed. During July-June (2020-21), the exports to Afghanistan were recorded at US \$ 983.295 million against US \$ 890.052 million whereas the exports to Holland stood at US \$ 1118.093 million against US \$982.263 million.

Pakistan's exports to Spain were recorded at US \$ 801.778 million against US \$ 870.920 million whereas the exports to Italy stood at US \$ 773.425 million against US \$751.921 million.

Similarly, the exports to Bangladesh during the period under review were recorded at US \$ 615.212 million against US \$ 695.102 million while the exports to France stood at US\$ 435.453 million against US \$ 422.144 million. Pakistan's exports to Singapore were recorded at US \$ 183.156 million during the fiscal year compared to US \$ 178.556 million last fiscal year whereas the exports to Canada stood at US \$ 311.795 million against US \$270.138 million, to Saudi Arabia US \$ 465.790 million against US \$ 454.420 million whereas the exports to India stood at US \$ 3.39 million during the fiscal year against US \$ 28.644 million during last year.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Business/612013-USA-UK-China-top-three-destinations-of-Pakistani-exports-during-FY-202>

### **Pakistan Observer**

#### **E-bus, a Pak-China coop model to fight global warming, climate change**

BYD China, the world's leading electric vehicle manufacturer, has joined hands with Pakistan's Sapphire Group for market development and manufacturing of electric vehicles in the country. According to a Gwadar Pro's report, the first electric bus was imported in Oct 2020 to Pakistan from BYD, and the E-bus has made its debut and started operations in Karachi in March this year. Sapphire is running this bus in partnership on a 36 km two-way existing route. The idea is to scale up the number of EV buses to 100 in Karachi. Talha Tariq, Project Manager (Business Development) Sapphire Energy Pvt, said that electric vehicles were introduced due to global warming and climate change. "In Pakistan, we have introduced them and this is the future. This is a way to switch Pakistan from hydrocarbon fuel to electric vehicles for transport," he said. Since several months have passed after E-bus started operation, the 12-meter-long bus, with 35 passenger seats, has received positive feedback from local passengers. According to a passenger, "The bus is air-conditioned and the handicapped with a wheelchair can easily sit here. It is a unique thing that we have not seen in other buses. "As the climate of Karachi is very hot so there is AC in the bus. The mask and hand sanitizer are available on the bus. The service is good," a passenger Mushtaq Ahmad said.

"There is no tiredness felt in it. There is no pollution of any type. There is no smoke, no diesel, no noise. It is such a silent vehicle that we perform our duty peacefully," said Afaq Ahmad, an E-bus driver. As per Sapphire Group, the operational cost is going to be lower than half of the routine buses running in Karachi.

The bus has an improved capacity of 324 kWh (kilowatt-hours) and a range of 250 km in one charge with full load under regular city traffic. At a cost of Rs20/Kwh, the running cost will come at Rs26/km and will do six rounds in full charge. s in Lahore, Karachi, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, there is transportation congestion going on, the way diesel buses are functioning is again being reviewed. Some believe the rise of E-bus in the city can be a solution to transport jams as well.

<https://pakobserver.net/e-bus-a-pak-china-coop-model-to-fight-global-warming-climate-change/>

## **The Express Tribune**

### **Sino-Pak ties emerge stronger after Dasu test**

Pakistan and China, vowing to take measures to prevent recurrence of Dasu-like incidents, on Saturday promised to expose the culprits behind the Kohistan bus incident and give them “exemplary punishment”. “Both sides expressed their firm resolve to expose the culprits and their reprehensible designs through the ongoing joint investigation, give exemplary punishment to the perpetrators, ensure comprehensive safety and security of the Chinese projects, nationals and institutions, and prevent recurrence of such incidents,” read the joint statement issued after talks between Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi in Beijing.

On July 14, at least 13 people, including 9 Chinese nationals, were killed in an incident, which was initially termed an accident. However, the joint statement on Saturday made it clear that it was a terrorist attack. The incident raised questions about the future of Chinese investment in Pakistan. But the joint readout suggested that the two sides were not deterred by the bus attack as Pakistan side promised comprehensive security for the Chinese nationals. According to the joint statement, both sides vehemently condemned the terrorist attack in Dasu which caused loss of precious lives and injuries to the Pakistani and Chinese workers. The Pakistan side conveyed its profound condolences and sympathies to the bereaved families, emphasised that the sacrifices of Chinese nationals would not be in vain, and that China-Pakistan partnership would emerge stronger through this test. The Pakistan side promised to ensure medical treatment, care and comfort of the injured, the statement further said. After the bus incident, the crucial Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC), apex Forum for CPEC, was postponed. But the joint statement suggested that both sides were committed to the multimillion dollar flagship programme of China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Both sides underscored that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) had entered a new phase of high-quality development, greatly contributing to the socio-economic development in Pakistan, said the statement. The two sides, it said, would continue to firmly advance the construction of CPEC, ensure timely completion of under-construction projects, focus on economic and social development, jobs creation and improvement of people’s livelihood, and further strengthen cooperation in industrial park, infrastructure development, science and technology, medical and health, agriculture, human resources training, with the aim to continuously unleashing the great potential of CPEC to make it a hub of regional connectivity.

Both sides agreed to the need for building health, industry, trade, digital and green corridors. Both sides reviewed with satisfaction the remarkable achievements of CPEC. The two sides look forward to convening the 10th JCC meeting to jointly promote the high-quality development of the CPEC and move forward the high-quality construction of BRI. Both sides reviewed their cooperation on regional and international issues at multilateral forums such as the United Nations, Shanghai Cooperation Organization(SCO) and ASEAN Regional Forum, and agreed to

deepen coordination and cooperation to safeguard mutual interests and uphold the principles of fairness and justice. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and support for multilateralism, free trade and win-win cooperation. The two sides exchanged views on bilateral strategic, economic and security cooperation, Covid-19 pandemic, peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan and international and regional issues of mutual interest, and reached consensus to collectively take measures to safeguard their common interests and promote peace, prosperity and development in the region. Both sides recalled that the enduring Pakistan-China friendship has reached the momentous milestone of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, being marked by the two countries with more than 100 celebratory events throughout this year, demonstrating warmth and deep sentiments of their unshakable fraternal bonds. In further strengthening their all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and together charting course for the 'Pakistan-China Community of Shared Future in the New Era', both sides are committed to firmly implementing the consensus reached between their leaders, enhance mutual strategic trust, strengthen all-round cooperation, maintain momentum of high-level exchanges, further advance Belt and Road partnership, promote bilateral relationship to a higher level, and delivering greater benefits to both countries and the two peoples.

Extending felicitations to the Chinese side on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the Pakistani side recognized CPC's immense contributions for the Chinese people, for China's stellar rise at the world stage, and its unrivalled achievement of lifting 800 million people out of poverty. The Pakistan side wished the Chinese government and the people greater success in achieving the goal of socialist modernisation in 2035 and building a modern, prosperous, beautiful, democratic, culturally advanced and harmonious socialist country in 2049, under the inspiring and visionary leadership of the CPC, with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core.

Both sides reviewed with satisfaction their close cooperation in successfully controlling the spread of Covid-19, cooperation in protective and medical equipment, vaccine development and ensuring early post-pandemic economic recovery. The Pakistan side thanked China for its steadfast support to the vaccination drive in the country, and setting up of vaccine finish facility at the National Institute of Health in Islamabad. The Chinese side expressed its resolve to continue assisting Pakistan in strengthening its national health systems and dealing with adverse socio-economic impacts of the pandemic. Both sides believed that the study of origins of the SARS-CoV-2 was a matter of science, and should not be politicised and mentioned that a report of the WHO-convened global study of origins of the SARS-CoV-2, published this March, drew an authoritative and scientific conclusion of related issues.

"This joint report should be recognised, respected and preserved, and should be treated as the basis of the WHO's next stage of the origin tracing study as well. We hope that the WHO can, together with international community, defend the scientific and serious study of origins of the SARS-CoV-2 and oppose the actions to politicise the issue, and safeguard the favourable

atmosphere for global cooperation against the Covid-19 pandemic.” Offering condolences on the loss of precious lives caused by torrential rains and flooding in Henan province, the Pakistan side expressed the hope that with strenuous efforts of the Chinese government, normalcy would be restored soon and the affected people would return to their homes.

Both sides agreed to continue their unyielding support on issues concerning each other’s core national interests. The Chinese side reiterated its firm support to Pakistan in safeguarding its territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence, independently choosing a development path based on its national conditions, striving for a better external security environment and playing a more constructive role on international and regional affairs. The Pakistan side reiterated its commitment to the “One-China Policy” and firm support to China on core issues of its national interest, such as Taiwan, Xinjiang, Tibet, Hong Kong and South China Sea. Both sides underscored that a peaceful, stable, cooperative and prosperous South Asia was in the common interest of all countries. Both sides agreed to the need for settling disputes and issues in the region through dialogue on the basis of equality and mutual respect.

The Pakistan side briefed the Chinese side on “the deteriorating situation in Jammu & Kashmir, including its concerns, position and current urgent issues”. The Chinese side reiterated that the Kashmir issue was a dispute left over from history between India and Pakistan, which was an objective fact, and that the dispute should be resolved peacefully and properly through the UN Charter, relevant Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements. China opposed any unilateral actions that complicated the situation. Stressing that peace and stability in Afghanistan was vital for socio-economic development, connectivity and prosperity in the region, both sides called on all Afghan stakeholders for comprehensive ceasefire, and work together in earnest to achieve broad-based and comprehensive, inclusive, negotiated political settlement. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to facilitate and support “Afghan-led and Afghan-owned” peace and reconciliation process for the early realisation of a peaceful, stable, united and prosperous Afghanistan, which would firmly combat terrorism and live in harmony with its neighbours. Both sides reaffirmed their support for the peaceful reconstruction of Afghanistan, their readiness to expand economic and trade ties, and support Afghanistan in enhancing its capacity for independent development. Both China and Pakistan reaffirmed their firm resolve to further strengthen their time-tested and all-weather strategic cooperative partnership with fresh dynamism and vitality, the joint statement concluded.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2311955/sino-pak-ties-emerge-stronger-after-dasu-test>

### **Pakistan rejects Indian minister’s CPEC claim**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has categorically rejected “baseless and irresponsible” remarks made by Indian state minister for external affairs in the Indian Parliament regarding the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, situation in Afghanistan and the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). “Regurgitation of false and fabricated claims by India can neither change the facts nor divert attention from India’s illegal occupation and human rights violations in the Indian Illegally

Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK),” Foreign Office spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said on Saturday. Chaudhri, who was responding to the media queries, said Jammu and Kashmir is an internationally recognized dispute, pending resolution in accordance with the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions and the wishes of the people of Kashmir. The Foreign Office spokesperson said India has no locus standi whatsoever on CPEC, which is a flagship project under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). “It promises socio-economic uplift and regional connectivity. No amount of Indian machinations or propaganda can undermine the significance of CPEC for peace, development and prosperity of the region,” he added.

As for Afghanistan, the spokesperson said “rather than expressing fake concern for the country, India would be well-advised to stop peddling the delusional ‘contiguous neighbor’ fiction; to remind itself that its role as a ‘spoiler’ in Afghanistan is well-established; and to focus on course correction.” To a question on the situation in Afghanistan, India Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan on Friday said in Rajya Sabha – Indian parliament’s upper house – that New Delhi “continues to closely monitor the developments in that country”. “The government continues to closely monitor the developments in Afghanistan, including the evolving security situation and takes all necessary measures to safeguard our national interest,” he said. To a separate question, Muraleedharan said India has seen reports regarding the extension of CPEC. “India's position on CPEC has been clear and consistent. It passes through parts of the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh which are under the ‘occupation’ of Pakistan and hence impinges on the issue of sovereignty and territorial integrity of India,” he said.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2312074/pakistan-rejects-indian-ministers-cpec-claim>

### **The Nation**

#### **China assures to guard Pak territorial integrity, sovereignty**

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ISLAMABAD -China yesterday assured to safeguard Pakistan’s territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence.

In a joint statement after the third session of the Foreign Ministers’ strategic dialogue of China and Pakistan, both the sides agreed on continuing their unyielding support on issues concerning each other’s core national interests.

“The Chinese side reiterated its firm support to Pakistan in safeguarding its territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence, independently choosing a development path based on its national conditions, striving for a better external security environment and playing a more constructive role on international and regional affairs,” said the statement.

China’s State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi earlier held the third session of the Foreign Ministers’ Strategic Dialogue in Chengdu, capital city of Sichuan Province, China.

The Pakistan side reiterated its commitment to the “One China Policy” and firm support to China on core issues of its national interest, such as Taiwan, Xinjiang, Tibet, Hong Kong and South China Sea.

Both sides vehemently condemned the terrorist attack in Dasu which caused loss of precious lives and injuries to the Pakistani and Chinese workers.

The Pakistan side conveyed its profound condolences and sympathies to the bereaved families, emphasized that the sacrifices of Chinese nationals would not be in vain, and that the China-Pakistan partnership would emerge stronger through this test.

The Pakistan side promised to ensure medical treatment, care and comfort of the injured. Both sides expressed their firm resolve to expose the culprits and their reprehensible designs through the ongoing joint investigation, give exemplary punishment to the perpetrators, ensure comprehensive safety and security of the Chinese projects, nationals and institutions, and prevent recurrence of such incidents.

The two sides exchanged views on bilateral strategic, economic and security cooperation, COVID-19 pandemic, peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan and international and regional issues of mutual interest, and reached consensus to collectively take measures to safeguard their common interests and promote peace, prosperity and development in the region.

Both sides recalled that the enduring Pakistan-China friendship has reached the momentous milestone of the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations, being enthusiastically marked in the two countries with holding of more than hundred celebratory events throughout this year, demonstrating warmth and deep sentiments of their unshakable fraternal bonds. In further strengthening their all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and together charting course for the Pakistan-China community of shared future in the new era, both sides are committed to firmly implementing the consensus reached between their leaders, enhance mutual strategic trust, strengthen all-round cooperation, maintain momentum of high-level exchanges, further advance Belt and Road partnership, promote bilateral relationship to a higher level, and delivering greater benefits to both countries and the two peoples.

Extending felicitations to the Chinese side on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China, the Pakistani side recognized CPC’s immense contributions for the Chinese people, for China’s stellar rise at the world stage, and its unrivalled achievement of lifting 800 million people out of poverty. The Pakistan side wished the Chinese government and people greater success in achieving the goal of socialist modernization in 2035 and building a modern, prosperous, beautiful, democratic, culturally advanced and harmonious socialist country in 2049, under the inspiring and visionary leadership of the CPC, with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core.

Both sides reviewed with satisfaction their close cooperation in successfully controlling the spread of COVID-19, cooperation in protective and medical equipment, vaccine development and ensuring early post-pandemic economic recovery. The Pakistan side thanked China for its



steadfast support to the vaccination drive in the country, and setting up of vaccine finish facility at the National Institute of Health in Islamabad.

The Chinese side expressed its resolve to continue assisting Pakistan in strengthening its national health systems and dealing with adverse socio-economic impacts of the pandemic.

Both sides believe that the study of origins of the SARS-CoV-2 is a matter of science, and should not be politicized. The joint report of the WHO-convened global study of origins of the SARS-CoV-2, published this March, has drawn an authoritative and scientific conclusion of related issues. This joint report should be recognized, respected and preserved, and should be treated as the basis of the WHO next stage of the origin tracing study as well. We hope that the WHO can, together with international community, defend the scientific and serious study of origins of the SARS-CoV-2 and oppose the actions to politicize the issue, and safeguard the favourable atmosphere for global cooperation against the Covid-19 pandemic.

Both sides underscored that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor has entered the new phase of high-quality development, greatly contributing to the socio-economic development in Pakistan.

The two sides will continue to firmly advance the construction of CPEC, ensure timely completion of under-construction projects, focus on economic and social development, job creation and improvement of people's livelihood, and further strengthen cooperation in Industrial Park, infrastructure development, science and technology, medical and health, agriculture, human resources training, with the aim to continuously unleash the great potential of CPEC to make it a hub of regional connectivity. Both sides agreed on the need to build Health, Industry, Trade, Digital and Green Corridors.

Both sides reviewed with satisfaction the remarkable achievements of CPEC. The two sides look forward to convening the 10th JCC meeting to jointly promote the high-quality development of the CPEC and move forward the high-quality construction of BRI.

They reviewed their cooperation on regional and international issues at multilateral forums such as the United Nations, Shanghai Cooperation Organization and ASEAN Regional Forum, and agreed to deepen coordination and cooperation to safeguard mutual interests and uphold principles of fairness and justice. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and support for multilateralism, free trade and win-win cooperation.

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### Nawaiwaqt News

#### داسو واقعہ، ذمہ داروں کو بے نقاب کریں گے: پاکستان، چین

اسلام آباد/چیننگڈو، بیجنگ (نامہ نگار، آئی این پی، نوائے وقت رپورٹ) پاکستان اور چین نے دو طرفہ سٹریٹجک شراکت داری کو پر عزم انداز میں آگے بڑھانے اور اسے نئی بلندیوں تک پہنچانے کیلئے مشترکہ کاوشیں بروئے کار لانے پر اتفاق کیا اور افغانستان میں بڑھتے ہوئے تشدد کے واقعات پر تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے افغان مسئلے کو جامع مذاکرات کے ذریعے سیاسی طور پر حل کرنے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا۔ شاہ محمود قریشی نے پاکستان کی جانب سے چینی ہم منصب کے ساتھ داسو واقعہ پر اظہار افسوس کیا اور فریقین کے درمیان داسو واقعہ کے ذمہ دار عناصر کو مل کر بے نقاب کرنے اور کیفر کردار تک پہنچانے کے عزم کا بھی اظہار کیا گیا۔ مخدوم شاہ محمود قریشی نے کہا کہ پاکستان، چین کی "ون چائنہ پالیسی، تائیوان، سنکیانگ، تبت، ہانگ کانگ اور جنوبی چین کے سمندر جیسے امور پر چین کی حمایت جاری رکھنے کیلئے پر عزم ہے۔ دفتر خارجہ سے جاری اعلامیہ کے مطابق چیننگڈو میں پاکستان اور چین کے مابین وفود کی سطح پر مذاکرات میں پاکستانی وفد کی قیادت وزیر خارجہ مخدوم شاہ محمود قریشی جبکہ چینی وفد کی قیادت چین کے سٹیٹ ٹوٹلر اور وزیر خارجہ وانگ ای نے کی۔ ان مذاکرات میں دو طرفہ تعلقات، اقتصادی، دفاعی و سلامتی کے امور پر دو طرفہ تعاون، سمیت کثیر الجہتی شعبوں میں دو طرفہ معاونت اور تیزی سے فروغ پاتی، پاک چین سٹریٹجک شراکت داری کے حوالے سے بھی تفصیلی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ دوران مذاکرات سی بیگ پراجیکٹس پر کام کو معینہ مدت کے اندر پایہ تکمیل تک پہنچانے اور مشترکہ چینلجز کا مل کر مقابلہ کرنے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا گیا۔ شاہ محمود قریشی نے چین کے صوبے خنان میں حالیہ بارشوں اور سیلاب کے باعث ہونیوالے قیمتی جانی نقصان پر پاکستان کی قیادت اور عوام کی جانب سے گہرے دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار کیا۔ وزیر خارجہ نے پاکستان کی جانب سے چینی ہم منصب کے ساتھ داسو واقعہ پر اظہار افسوس کرتے ہوئے اس کے نتیجے میں ہونیوالے چینی کارکنوں کے جانی نقصان پر گہرے دکھ، افسوس اور ہمدردی کا اظہار کیا۔ فریقین نے داسو واقعہ کے ذمہ دار عناصر کو مل کر بے نقاب کرنے اور کیفر کردار تک پہنچانے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا۔ وزیر خارجہ مخدوم شاہ محمود قریشی نے چین کی کیمونسٹ پارٹی کے قیام کو سو سال مکمل ہونے پر پاکستانی قیادت اور عوام کی جانب سے چین کی قیادت اور عوام کو مبارکباد دی۔ وزیر خارجہ نے کرناؤ با سے نمٹنے کیلئے چین کی جانب سے ویکسین کی ترچھی بنیادوں پر فراہمی اور پاکستان میں ویکسین کی تیاری میں چینی معاونت پر چینی وزیر خارجہ کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ اعلامیہ کے مطابق ملاقات میں دونوں وزرائے خارجہ نے علاقائی صورتحال پر مفصل تبادلہ خیال کیا۔ وزیر خارجہ نے چینی ہم منصب کو غیر قانونی زیر قبضہ جموں و کشمیر میں جاری انسانی حقوق کی سنگین خلاف ورزیوں اور بھارتی عزائم کے باعث خطے کے امن کو درپیش خطرات سے آگاہ کیا اور علاقائی و عالمی فورمز پر پاکستان کے موقف کی غیر متزلزل حمایت پر چینی قیادت کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ شاہ محمود قریشی نے کہا کہ پاکستان، خطے میں امن و استحکام اور روابط کے فروغ

کیلئے افغانستان میں قیام امن کو اہم سمجھتا ہے، پاکستان، افغانستان میں قیام امن کیلئے خلوص نیت کے ساتھ مصالحتانہ کردار ادا کرتا آرہا ہے، اور آئندہ بھی کرتا رہے گا، ہم عالمی برادری کی معاونت سے افغانستان کی تعمیر نو، سماجی و معاشی ترقی کیلئے اپنی معاونت فراہم کرنے کیلئے پر عزم ہیں۔ مذاکرات میں اقتصادی، دفاعی، سلامتی کثیرالاجہتی شعبوں میں پاک چین سٹریٹجک شراکت داری پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود قریشی نے چینی ہم منصب کے ساتھ پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب میں کہا ہے کہ پاکستان اور چین افغانستان کے حوالے سے ایک بیچ پر ہیں۔ پاکستان اور چین کے خطے میں یکساں مقاصد ہیں۔ افغانستان میں پائیدار امن کیلئے دونوں ممالک کا موقف ایک ہے۔ دہشت گردوں کے بزدلانہ دہشت گرد حملے کی مذمت کرتے ہیں۔ داسو حملے میں چینی باشندوں کے جانی نقصان پر دکھ ہوا۔ چین کا نقصان پاکستان کا نقصان ہے۔ چین اور پاکستان ایک تھے اور ایک رہیں گے۔ چین میں حالیہ سیلاب سے جانی نقصان پر افسوس ہے۔ چین کا افغانستان سمیت خطے میں انتہائی اہم کردار ہے۔ افغانستان میں تشدد کی مذمت کرتے ہیں۔

افغانستان میں پائیدار امن و استحکام کے حامی ہیں۔ افغانستان میں ایسا نظام چاہتے ہیں۔ جس میں تمام افغان گروپ شامل ہوں۔ بھارتی غیر قانونی قبضے والے کشمیر کے عوام کئی دہائیوں سے مظالم کا شکار ہیں۔ کشمیر 5 اگست کے بھارتی اقدام کا خاتمہ اور حق خود ارادیت چاہتے ہیں۔ مسئلہ کشمیر پر چین کے بھرپور تعاون کے شکر گزار ہیں۔ یقین ہے ایک ارب 40 کروڑ محنتی چینی عوام اپنے اہداف حاصل کر لیں گے۔ کرونا وائرس سے متعلق چین پر الزامات کی مذمت کرتے ہیں۔ دنیا جان لے پاکستان اور چین آہنی بھائی ہیں اور رہیں گے۔ کوئی ہمارے درمیان دراڑ نہیں ڈال سکتا۔

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**Business Recorder**

**CPEC: under the weather?**

After witnessing a lull in activities lasting over two years, stakeholders were expecting CPEC to revitalize beginning this summer. The tenth meeting of the JCC – the apex planning platform for CPEC projects between China and Pakistan – was scheduled for Friday July 16. The meeting’s outcomes were expected to set the pace for existing and new mega projects as well as top-level political exchanges in near future. (For more on CPEC-related recent developments, read “CPEC: back to work?” published June 21, 2021).

But it was not to be. On Wednesday July 14, an explosion on-board a shuttle bus in Upper Kohistan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) resulted in tragic death of at least 9 Chinese nationals working on Dasu Hydropower Project. At least 4 Pakistani staff also reportedly lost their lives. The heavy loss of life has highlighted the security risk in Pakistan. There is noticeable alarm emanating from China’s leadership, which is now pushing for a reassessment of security measures for Chinese nationals working in Pakistan.

The two countries initially differed publicly over the nature of the fatal incident, but it was later confirmed by both sides as a “terrorist attack” and it is being probed at the highest level. The unfortunate incident is a setback for bilateral economic cooperation. It puts Pakistan in a particularly difficult position, amid growing security challenges due to changing situation in neighboring Afghanistan and its impact back here.

For instance, the said JCC meeting has been officially postponed, and it is unclear when it will take place in the future. Meanwhile, work on the 4,320-MW Dasu Hydropower Project has also been suspended, amid conflicting reports of mass layoffs at the project site. CPEC won't be derailed by an isolated incident, but the message that is received by foreign investors is that even Chinese projects are not safe.

China's initial reaction was forceful, as it dispatched "expert criminal investigators" to probe the attack, as per China's influential Global Times editorial. China wants Pakistan to punish the culprits and ensure the safety of Chinese projects and personnel in Pakistan. For its part, Islamabad has recently sent high-level officials to Beijing to provide reassurance on both those counts. Despite this setback, both governments understand the importance of continued cooperation in the future.

China has a lot riding on the sustainability and financial success of projects under CPEC, which is the flagship of President Xi's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). However, China's forbearance in the wake of such incidents cannot be taken for granted. It has to respond at some point, mutual all-weather relationship notwithstanding. Beijing cannot have such incidents setting precedents overseas in other investment locations, especially in resource-rich conflict zones. The increasingly violent and unstable situation in Afghanistan is bound to impact Pakistan and result in terrorists striking at prominent targets. This can give China second thoughts. Pakistan cannot afford another attack on Chinese interests on its soil. It has work to do, to shield its economic future from being jeopardized by regional turmoil once again. In the recent past, policymakers have played up the possibility of improved regional connectivity via CPEC extending into Afghanistan post-US withdrawal. However, that expansion seems like a long-term project, contingent on regional peace and quiet.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2021/07/26/13-page/894633-news.html>

### **Daily Times**

#### **Pakistan among top 10 in improvement of business environment, says Chinese think tank**

Pakistan ranks among top 10 countries in improvement of business environment, says Annual Report on Investment Security of China's "Belt and Road" Construction (2021).

According to China Economic Net on Sunday, the report was jointly released by China Belt and Road Think Tank Cooperation Alliance, Beijing International Studies University, and other institutions.

The report puts forward the fruits of researches on the political, economic, social, cultural, and ecological investment security in countries along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

According to the report, Pakistan has reformed to simplify the process of starting a company and obtaining a construction permit, implementing a series of preferential policies in recent years.

These measures improved its ability to attract foreign investment and strengthened the ease of doing business year by year, making Pakistan one of the world's top 10 economies with the most improved business environment.

In terms of political security, the report said that South Asia as a whole is greatly affected by the superpower game.

China, the United States, Russia, Japan, and other countries outside the region have historical ties and practical cooperation here, which makes the geopolitical environment of South Asia complicated.

The long-running conflict between India and Pakistan has also intensified pressures on political security in the region, under which the dispute over Kashmir poses a long-standing risk of war.

From the perspective of economic security, Pakistan's economic security scores up by 220 percent in 2019 compared to 2010, showing an overall trend of growth.

The construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has greatly boosted public confidence, stimulated domestic demand, and driven production.

However, it is worth noting that since 2019, the accelerated marketization of the domestic exchange rate in Pakistan has led to market fluctuations, currency devaluation, sustained inflation, forcing the government to raise the benchmark interest rate.

Besides, the debt burden increased and the international sovereign rating lowered.

As per social security, Pakistan's social security is rated at a middle and low level. Constant terrorist attacks in Pakistan have led to social unrest.

Violent clashes can halt projects, cause losses and even threaten the safety of workers from the investing countries, undermining the confidence of foreign investors, the report added.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/796506/pakistan-among-top-10-in-improvement-of-business-environment-says-chinese-think-tank/>

### **The Express Tribune**

#### **New security plan to cover 'all Chinese workers'**

Pakistan will review security arrangements for Chinese nationals working on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as well as other projects after a recent terrorist attack near the Dasu hydropower plant in Kohistan. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, accompanied by Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Director General Lt General Faiz Hameed, during his visit to Beijing informed the Chinese authorities about the review of security arrangements and new measures that were being put in place to prevent Dasu-like incidents in the future. Official sources told *The Express Tribune* that the new security measures would now cover all Chinese investment and workers irrespective of whether they are part of the CPEC projects or not. The Dasu hydropower plant is not part of the CPEC projects and hence security arrangements were not the same.

Pakistan has raised a special security division headed by a two-star general to provide foolproof security to CPEC projects and the Chinese nationals working on them. Now after the Dasu incident, similar security measures would be in place for all projects where Chinese companies and their nationals are involved, according to the sources. The security arrangements are being reviewed in the view of potential threats being faced by CPEC and other Chinese investment by the "hostile agencies" towards both China and Pakistan. The sources said Qureshi assured Chinese authorities that Pakistan would provide comprehensive security to their nationals working on CPEC and other projects. A joint statement issued after talks between Foreign Minister Qureshi and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi read that both sides vowed to expose the culprits behind the Kohistan bus attack and give them "exemplary punishment".

They also pledged to take measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

"Both sides expressed their firm resolve to expose the culprits and their reprehensible designs through the ongoing joint investigation, give exemplary punishment to the perpetrators, ensure comprehensive safety and security of the Chinese projects, nationals and institutions, and prevent recurrence of such incidents," read a joint statement after talks between Qureshi and Wang in Beijing.

On July 14, at least 13 people including nine Chinese nationals were killed in an incident which was initially termed as accident but the joint statement made it clear that it was a terrorist attack. The incident raised questions about the future of Chinese investment in Pakistan. But the joint statement suggested that the two sides were not deterred by the bus attack as Pakistani side promised comprehensive security for Chinese nationals. Both sides "vehemently" condemned the terrorist attack in Dasu which caused loss of precious lives and injuries to the Pakistani and Chinese workers. The Pakistani side conveyed its profound condolences and sympathies to the bereaved families, emphasised that the sacrifices of Chinese nationals would not be in vain, and that China-Pakistan partnership would emerge stronger through this test. It also promised to ensure medical treatment, care and comfort of the injured, the statement added. After the bus incident, the crucial Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC), the apex forum for CPEC, was postponed. However, the joint statement suggested that both sides were committed to the multimillion dollar flagship programme of China's belt and road initiative. The two sides underscored that CPEC had entered the new phase of high-quality development, greatly contributing to the socio-economic development in Pakistan.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2312133/new-security-plan-to-cover-all-chinese-workers>

### **The Nation**

#### **Pak-China friendship has flourished from strength to strength: FO**

*SHAFQAT ALI*

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan yesterday said its friendship with China had flourished from strength to strength.

Foreign Office spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said Pakistan-China friendship was unaffected by vicissitudes of time and changes in regional and global environment,

In a tweet, he said both Pakistan and China remain firm in resolve to further strengthen this all-weather strategic cooperative partnership.

His words came after a meeting between the foreign ministers of the two all-weather allies in China the other day.

In a joint statement after the FMs meeting, Pakistan and China resolved to collectively take measures to safeguard their common interests and promote peace, prosperity and development in the region.

The two sides reaffirmed their commitment to facilitate and support “Afghan-led and Afghan-owned” peace and reconciliation process for early realization of a peaceful, stable, united and prosperous Afghanistan.

“Both sides vehemently condemned the terrorist attack in Dasu which caused loss of precious lives and injuries to the Pakistani and Chinese workers,” it added..

They expressed their firm resolve to expose the culprits and their reprehensible designs through the ongoing joint investigation and give exemplary punishment to the perpetrators.

Pakistan briefed the Chinese side on the deteriorating situation in Jammu and Kashmir, including its concerns, position and current urgent issues.

The Chinese side reiterated that the Kashmir dispute should be resolved peacefully through relevant UN Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements.

Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said the spokesperson Spokesperson of Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs also tweeted that China and Pakistan were the most trustworthy good neighbours, good friends and good brothers to each other.

He termed the friendship between China and Pakistan as unbreakable.

<https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2021-07-26/page-1/detail-7>

### **Chinese company to set up smartphone assembly unit in Pakistan**

BEIJING - Xiaomi, the second biggest smartphone company in the world, is planning to set up its assembly unit in Pakistan in the next 3-4 months, creating employment opportunities as well as making smartphones more accessible to people across the country.

According to global analytics firm Canalys, Xiaomi became the world’s second largest smartphone vendor behind Samsung, surpassing Apple in Q2 2021, China Economic Net (CEN) reported.

Its shipments jumped 83per cent year-on-year to hit a 17per cent global market share during the quarter, per data from Canalys.

If this level of growth continues to evolve at its current pace, the China-based tech giant may soon trump Samsung like it did one over Apple, and can become the world's biggest smartphone vendor before the end of this year.

Canalys also reports top smartphone vendors, Q1 2021 in Pakistan which includes Transsion at No1, Vivo at No2, Samsung at No3, Oppo at No 4 and Xiaomi at No 5.

It is pertinent to mention that several other smartphone manufacturers have already set up their assembly plants in Pakistan. These brands include Tecno, Infinix, Gfive and Realme.

The development came shortly after Realme, another Chinese smartphone manufacturer, announced setting up its smartphone manufacturing plant in Lahore.

This resulted in a massive price cut for the brand's smartphone model (C21) being manufactured in the country and if Xiaomi is successful with setting up its own assembly plant in Pakistan, similar results can be expected when it comes to the company's smartphone prices.

Realme has already had a test run of its local assembly line in Lahore, causing a considerable drop in the prices of Realme phones, such as that of the new C21.

This was revealed by Realme's Director of Marketing in Southeast Asia, South Asia and Latin America, Sherry Dong.

Both Xiaomi and Realme aim to produce smartphones and other Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) products in their local assembly plants in the South Asian country.

Affordable products are the hallmark of both companies. As Pakistan is a developing country with a large, young population, establishing local mobile assembly units is expected to have a positive socio-economic impact.

It is to be noted that Pakistan, with over 40 million users, is the 7th largest importer of mobile phones globally. Therefore, local manufacturing will also save foreign exchange on mobile phone imports.

The local production of smartphones saves the company from paying massive import duty, which has also been increased by up to 240 per cent following the Annual Budget 2021-26.

<https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2021-07-26/page-8/detail-7>

### **Pakistan, China will not allow any element to sabotage ever-growing partnership: FM**

ISLAMABAD - Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said Sunday that Pakistan and China agreed to upgrade their bilateral and strategic partnership to new levels. He was addressing a joint press conference along with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, after holding third session of the foreign ministers' strategic dialogue in Chengdu. Expressing satisfaction over the ever-growing bilateral ties between Pakistan and China, Shah Mahmood Qureshi said both countries are trusted friends and nothing could come between them.



About situation in Afghanistan, he said Pakistan and China are on the same page, share same objectives and their interests converge over Afghanistan. The Foreign Minister said Pakistan and China, being immediate neighbours of Afghanistan, feel that they have more at stakes and must play an interactive role in the future to achieve peace and stability in that country. He said we want to have broad based all-inclusive government decided by the people of Afghanistan and their leadership through negotiations.

<https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2021-07-26/page-12/detail-5>

## **The News**

### **China and Pakistan call for ceasefire in Afghanistan**

KABUL: Pakistan and China on Saturday called on all Afghan stakeholders to agree to a ceasefire and work together to achieve an inclusive peace agreement and political settlement.

According to Dawn News, the call was made by the two sides during a foreign ministers' strategic dialogue in Chengdu in Sichuan province in China.

A statement issued by China and Pakistan said the two countries had reaffirmed their commitment to facilitate and support an "Afghan-led and Afghan-owned" peace and reconciliation process.

Meanwhile, Abdullah Abdullah, Chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation says peace talks are the best way to address Afghanistan issues and that the Taliban cannot impose their "will" on the people of Afghanistan. Speaking in an interview with Al-Jazeera, Abdullah stated that the Taliban have to seek their goal through peace talks. "Taliban cannot convert the whole population of Afghanistan into Taliban. Talibanization of Afghanistan is not acceptable," Abdullah said. "Peaceful settlement is a much better option than the continuation of the war we continue we will continue to make these efforts," he stated.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/868785-china-and-pakistan-call-for-ceasefire-in-afghanistan>

### **Pak-China future**

The initial cracks that had divided Pakistan and China, and seemingly threatened their long friendship – after the Dasu bus attack which killed nine Chinese workers and injured 31 others alongside Pakistanis also engaged at the Dasu Dam – are healing. This will obviously be a relief for Pakistan, given that it depends heavily on China both in terms of geopolitics and the wider global scenario. China is the major rival to the US as far as global politics go, and Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said the country hopes to keep good relations with both these nations, thereby strengthening Pakistan at a time when relations with its neighbours to the east and west, India and Afghanistan, are strained. Following the Dasu incident, Pakistan and China's foreign ministers have spoken several times and a delegation from Pakistan went to China to take these negotiations further. It is perhaps significant that DG ISI Major General Faiz Hameed is accompanying the foreign minister, a choice which highlights the significance of security to the future of Pakistan's ties with Beijing. Beijing has obviously been concerned about

the security issue, both because the CPEC runs through troubled areas of Pakistan and because of previous attacks on Chinese engineers and workers in Pakistan.

But CPEC is not the only issue. Pakistan needs China's support in other areas too, including establishing regional balance at a time when Afghanistan has virtually fallen into civil war and a trickle of refugees which could soon turn into an influx. Simply to offer them any kind of support and also to strengthen its own position in the delicate equation between Islamabad, Kabul, DC, New Delhi, Tehran and also other capitals, it will need backing from Beijing which has commented on the need to bring peace to Afghanistan and stability for the countries that surround it. At the present time, Pakistan needs as many friends as it can gather around it. It needs friends to back it on Afghanistan, it needs friends to back it on Kashmir and to help it out of the isolation it still faces in the world. Economically too, China remains a major partner and CPEC has the potential to change Pakistan's fortunes if there is success in building the network of rail tracks and roads which make the corridor.

To achieve this, it is obviously essential that Islamabad and Beijing retain warmth and a good understanding. The Pakistan foreign ministry has said this still exists and was never damaged. But the strong Chinese reaction to the deaths in Kohistan and the contradictory reports that first emerged from various official sources in Pakistan, suggested that things may be moving in a dangerous direction. For now, the balance appears to have been re-established. We assume efforts will be made to ensure greater security for Chinese personnel present in Pakistan. Certainly, China is a friend that Pakistan cannot afford to lose and return to normalcy will be highly welcomed by Islamabad in a time where troubles on many fronts appear to be gathering like a dark cloud over the country with economic indicators showing dangerous trends and regional peace in dire jeopardy.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/868444-pak-china-future>

### Express News

#### پاکستان کی بندرگاہیں سی پیک کے ذریعے اہم تجارتی راستوں کی بنیاد رکھیں گی، وزیراعظم

وزیراعظم عمران خان کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان کی بندرگاہیں سی پیک کے ذریعے اہم تجارتی راستوں کی بنیاد رکھیں گی۔

ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزیراعظم عمران خان سے مشیر تجارت و سرمایہ کاری عبدالرزاق داؤد نے ملاقات کی اور وزیراعظم کو ازبکستان دورے کے بعد باہمی تعاون و تجارت کے معاہدوں پر پیش رفت اور سرمایہ کاروں کی طرف سے مثبت نتائج کی پیش گوئی سے آگاہ کیا۔

مشیر تجارت نے وزیراعظم کو باقی وسطی ایشیائی ریاستوں، بالخصوص تاجکستان کے متوقع دورے کی حکمت عملی اور اس سے سرمایہ کاری اور تجارت کے حوالے سے حاصل ہونے والے نتائج سے بھی آگاہ کیا، اور رواں ہفتے سرمایہ کاری بورڈ کے اجلاس اور رواں ماہ مختلف چیئرمین آف کامرس کے متوقع اجلاس اور اس کی حکمت عملی پر بھی بریفنگ

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اس موقع پر وزیر اعظم عمران خان نے وسطی ایشیائی ریاستوں سے تجارتی تعلقات کے استحکام کو خوش آئند قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکستان بشمول ان ریاستوں کے خطے بھر کو سمندر تک رسائی فراہم کرنے کی صلاحیت رکھتا ہے، مستقبل قریب میں پاکستان کی بندرگاہیں سی بی کے ذریعے اہم تجارتی راستوں کی بنیاد رکھیں گی۔ وزیر اعظم نے وزارت تجارت اور سرمایہ کاری بورڈ کی تاریخ میں پہلی دفعہ وسطی ایشیائی ریاستوں سے تجارتی تعلقات بڑھانے کو ترجیح دینے کی کوششوں کو سراہا۔

<https://www.express.pk/story/2206054/1/>

## Jang News

### سانٹوفارم ویکسین کی مزید 8 لاکھ خوراکیں پاکستان پہنچ گئیں۔

وزارت صحت کے حکام کے مطابق حکومت کی طرف سے خریدی گئی سانٹوفارم ویکسین کی مزید آٹھ لاکھ خوراکیوں کی کھیپ پاکستان پہنچ گئی ہے۔ حکام کا مزید کہنا ہے کہ ویکسین کی صوبوں کو ضرورت کے مطابق ترسیل کی جائے گی۔

<https://jang.com.pk/news/961916>

## Nawaiwaqt News

### سی بی کے جاری رہیگا، افغانستان میں امن کیلئے امریکہ ذمہ داری پوری کرے

چنگ ڈو + اسلام آباد (شہنشاہ + نمائندہ نوائے وقت) چین کے ریاستی قونصلر وزیر خارجہ وانگ نی نے کہا ہے کہ چین نئے دور میں مشترکہ مستقبل والے قریبی معاشرے کے قیام کو فروغ دینے کیلئے پاکستان کے ساتھ مل کر کام کرنے کو تیار ہے۔ وانگ نے ان خیالات کا اظہار پاکستانی وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود قریشی کے ساتھ چین اور پاکستان کے مابین تیسرے سٹریٹجک مذاکرات میں کیا۔ یہ واضح کرتے ہوئے کہ رواں سال چین اور پاکستان کے مابین سفارتی تعلقات قائم کرنے کی 70 ویں سالگرہ ہے، وانگ نے کہا کہ دونوں ممالک نے کئی مشکلات اور رکاوٹوں پر قابو پانے کیلئے مل کر کام کیا ہے اور سد ابھار سٹریٹجک شراکت داری تشکیل دی ہے۔ وانگ نے کہا کہ چین پاکستان کے ساتھ کام کرنے کو تیار ہے تاکہ دونوں اطراف کے لوگوں کو زیادہ سے زیادہ فائدہ پہنچایا جائے اور علاقائی استحکام اور خوشحالی میں زیادہ کردار ادا کیا جائے۔ شاہ محمود قریشی نے کہا کہ پاکستان کی عالمی و باکرونا کیخلاف جنگ میں پاکستان کی قیمتی مدد کرنے چین کے شکر گزار ہیں اور چین کیخلاف تمام الزامات کی مذمت کرتے ہیں۔ شاہ محمود قریشی نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں چینی اہلکاروں اور اداروں کے تحفظ کی حفاظت کیلئے پاکستان کوئی کسر نہیں چھوڑے گا۔ مذاکرات کے بعد مشترکہ طور پر میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے وانگ نے کہا کہ دونوں ممالک نے چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کی اعلیٰ معیار کی تعمیر جاری رکھنے، بین الاقوامی اور علاقائی امور میں تعاون کو مضبوط کرنے، تسلط اور یکطرفہ پن کی مشترکہ طور پر مخالفت کرنے پر اتفاق کیا ہے۔ افغانستان کے ہمسایہ ممالک کے طور پر چین اور پاکستان دونوں ہی افغانستان کے حالات سے براہ راست زیادہ متاثر ہوئے ہیں۔ وانگ نے کہا کہ طویل بات چیت کے بعد دونوں فریقین نے ان 5 شعبوں کیلئے مشترکہ مہم چلانے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دونوں ممالک نے جنگ کا پھیلاؤ روکنے کی خاطر امن کیلئے بھرپور کوششوں کو اولین ترجیح دینے، متحرک انداز میں امن مذاکرات کو فروغ دینے اور بین الاقوامی مذاکرات کو آگے بڑھانے، دہشت گردی سے نمٹنے کیلئے مل کر کام کرنے اور افغانستان میں تمام بڑی طاقتوں کو دہشت گردی سے دور رکھنے پر اتفاق کیا ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ افغانستان کے ہمسایہ ممالک میں ہم آہنگی اور تعاون کو فروغ دینے اور افغانستان میں دوبارہ تعمیر اور امن کیلئے امریکہ سے جلد از جلد اپنی ذمہ داریاں پوری کرنے کا مطالبہ کیا گیا ہے۔ ادھر پاکستان نے کہا ہے کہ چین کے ساتھ آرمودہ دوستی ہمیشہ مستحکم ہوئی ہے، بدلتی ہوئی علاقائی و بین الاقوامی صورتحال کے باوجود یہ متاثر نہیں ہوئی۔ وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود قریشی کا دورہ چین مکمل ہونے کے بعد دفتر خارجہ نے ایک ٹویٹ میں کہا ہے کہ پاک چین سد ابھار دوستی ہمیشہ پھل پھولی ہے۔ شاہ محمود قریشی نے چینی سٹیٹ قونصلر اور وزیر خارجہ وانگ نی سے ملاقاتیں کیں اور دو طرفہ تعلقات کو مزید مستحکم کرنے کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا۔ پاکستان اور چین نے سد ابھار تیز رفتاری سے تعاون پر مبنی شراکت داری کو مزید مستحکم کرنے کے عزم کا اعادہ کیا۔ زاہد چودھری نے بھارتی وزیر خارجہ جے شکر

کے کشمیر، افغانستان اور سی پیک سے متعلق بیان پر سخت رد عمل میں کہا بھارت افغانستان سے متعلق تشویش ظاہر کرنا بند کرے، بھارتی الزامات من گھڑت اور بے بنیاد ہیں، کشمیر بین الاقوامی سطح پر تسلیم شدہ تنازع، مسئلہ کشمیر یوں کی خواہش کے مطابق ہی حل کیا جانا چاہئے۔

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## **Repairing Another Crack in the CPEC**

*Munir Ahmed*

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and the ISI chief Lt General Faiz Hamid have had their “strategic meetings” with Chinese counterparts on a variety of issues. They have assured China of addressing their key concerns over the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects in the context of the July 14 Dasu incident in which nine Chinese workers had died. Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) Chairman, Lt Gen (retd) Muzammil Hussain also called on Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong on Friday and discussed the matters relating to the resumption of construction at Dasu dam. So, we can see all efforts are on for repairing another crack in the CPEC and Sino-Pak relations.

The Dasu incident has once again opened a Pandora’s box of domestic security measures for the foreign workers in Pakistan. Some of the international media, especially the Indian channels, have put in every effort to blow it up; linking it to Pakistan’s incapacity to provide security to foreign workers. The incident consumed 13 lives, including nine Chinese nationals.

Firstly, the sad incident was manhandled by the government officials who kept on giving conflicting statements. This occurred repeatedly despite having no factual position. Strangely, those sitting in government ranks do not feel ashamed for giving wrong or twisted information. They only need a camera in front of them to yell anything; without realising the consequences for the country’s image on the global screen and diplomatic relations.

Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid is one of the most senior politicians in the country. Still, he has to learn political and diplomatic maturity. His (and others) statements on the incident were quite confusing and chaotic like always. There should be some mechanism to collect, scrutinise and decipher the information before it is announced, responded to or disseminated by any government official. We are said to be very close to some of the most disciplined countries but unfortunately, we haven’t been able to learn anything from them. Behaving more responsibly would not only give the right information to the nation and other stakeholders but also stop the spread of confusion and chaos.

The Dasu incident is feared to affect the construction work already lagging for two years

The Dasu incident is so crucial and critical for the Chinese government that it sent a 15-member team of Chinese investigators to visit the site with Pakistan’s security agency officials. Pakistan

mentioned that “The investigation of the event is at its final stages and the highest institutions of Pakistan are investigating it. Fifteen individuals from China have been included [in the investigation] as well.”

On the other hand, the interior minister “completely reassured the Chinese government that the culprits, hidden hands and enemies of CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) and China-Pakistan friendship would never be forgiven at any cost.”

The same rhetoric has once again emanated from Pakistan, this time for China.

The incident happened in Upper Kohistan where Chinese workers were being moved to an under-construction tunnel of the 4,320-megawatt Dasu hydropower project. The bus fell into a ravine after an explosion last Wednesday. This development has put a big question mark on the security of more than 60 thousand Chinese workers engaged in the CPEC and other projects. About 2500 Chinese workers deployed on the Dasu Hydropower Project have stopped the construction.

The World Bank approved US\$ 3787.70 million for the Dasu Hydropower Project on June 10, 2014. Managed by the Federal Ministry of Water and Power, the construction on the project had to take off in 2017 but it was delayed for two years. It has to affect the actual loan closing date of May 31, 2024, besides raising the cost of the construction as an additional amount of US\$ 700 was approved in March 2020 for the project.

Long delays are usual for the development projects in Pakistan. The Dasu incident is feared to affect the construction work on the project that is already lagging for two years. It is also feared that China would pull out its workers if their concerns are not addressed immediately and up to the satisfaction of the Chinese companies and authorities. However, the Ministry of Interior has also asked the security agencies to increase the protection of Chinese workers in Pakistan on the grave concerns and apprehensions of the Chinese government about the safety of their workers.

The incident seems to be preplanned to dent the Pakistan-China development partnership that has received more hype and success recently despite Covid-19. It took place two days before the scheduled meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee of CPEC that was subsequently postponed.

One observation by the Pakistan government is that the Dasu incident was a terrorist activity by the Indian spy agency RAW but it has yet to come up with some evidence to prove its stance. Some are pointing fingers at the security lapses while some have termed the incident as a consequence of flawed management. Others have questioned why such an incident did not happen at the sites of Mohmand and Bhasha dams, which are said to be the more vulnerable places. Why was only Dasu subjected to protests and threats in the past? Why is the same Dasu now a victim of terrorism?

We should appreciate that the Chinese company, China Gezhouba Group Company (CGGC), has withdrawn the notification of termination of 2500 Pakistani employees after the “competent

authority” [certainly of Pakistan government] had disapproved the notification of employment contract termination of Dasu Hydro Power Project issued on July 16, 2021. In fact, the CGGC wanted to completely shut down the construction work after the incident.

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### **Pakistan, China agree to continue high quality construction of CPEC: Zhao Lijian**

Pakistan and China have agreed to continue the high quality construction of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), flagship project of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and strengthen coordination on international and regional affairs during the third round of Foreign Ministers Strategic Dialogue held in Chengdu, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Zhao Lijian said on Monday.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and China’s State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi led delegations of their respective countries during the dialogue. The two sides held in-depth exchange of views on international and regional issues of common interest, Zhao Lijian said during his regular briefing held here. He informed that State Councilor Wang Yi pointed out that since China and Pakistan set up diplomatic ties 70 years ago, the two countries have worked together to overcome many difficulties and obstacles and forged an iron-clad friendship and established an all-weather strategic partnership of cooperation.

“A high degree of mutual trust, mutual assistance, seeking peace and promoting development together are the most distinctive features of the bilateral relations and greatest strength in moving forward together,” he added.

He said the Chinese side is willing to work with Pakistan to take the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic ties as an opportunity to accelerate the construction of a closer community with a shared future in a new era and bring more benefits to the two people and make greater contribution to regional stability and prosperity. The spokesperson said that during the meeting, Foreign Minister Qureshi extended congratulations to the Chinese side on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

“Pakistani side wished the Chinese government and people greater success in achieving a goal of socialist modernisation in 2035 and built a modern prosperous beautiful democratic and culturally advanced and harmonious socialist country in 2049, under the inspiring and visionary leadership of the CPC with Comrade Xi Jinping at the core,” he added.

China is Pakistan’s long standing strategic partner and strengthening iron-clad partnership is the common understanding of the whole country and the basis of Pakistan’s foreign policies, Foreign Minister Qureshi added.

The foreign minister said, in the face of the major global challenges, it is important to enhance coordination and cooperation between the two sides. Pakistan is ready to join hands with China to respond to possible challenges and take bilateral relations to a new height.

Zhao Lijian said, during the meeting, the two sides strongly condemned the terrorist attack targeting Chinese nationals in Pakistan, mourned the lost lives and expressed sincere condolences to the injured.

Both sides spoke highly of the outcomes of the anti-epidemic cooperation, agreed to continue the high quality construction of CPEC, strengthen coordination on international and regional affairs, oppose hegemony and unilateralism, promote the common values of humanity, he added

The two sides agreed on continuing their ongoing support on issues concerning each other core national interests and underscored that a peaceful, stable cooperative and prosperous South Asia is in the interest of all countries. They decided to launch the joint actions of the issue and reaffirmed their commitment to facilitate and support the Afghan led and Afghan owned peace and reconciliation process, he said.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/797142/pakistan-china-agree-to-continue-high-quality-construction-of-cpec-zhao-lijian/>

### **Dunya News**

#### **Pakistani scholars from top universities in China visit Zhejiang province**

BEIJING (APP) - A group of young Pakistani scholars from top universities and institutions in China were invited to participate in the study tour of Zhejiang province. Consul General of Shanghai Consulate General of Pakistan, Hussain Haider and leaders of Chinese relevant units attended the seminar on the China-Pakistan Science Communication Seminar and Zhejiang Tour of Pakistani Young Scholars held in Hangzhou, Zhejiang. The trip was initiated by China Centre for International Science and Technology Exchange (CISTE), Zhejiang Association for Science and Technology (ZAST), jointly supported by Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), Pakistan Science and Technology Information Center (PSTIC), according to China Economic Net (CEN). As many as 14 Pakistani young scholars from China Academy of Science (CAS), Tsinghua University (THU), Peking University (PKU), University of Science and Technology Beijing (USTB) were invited. During the journey, the group was invited to visit several important technological pilots, including the National Wetland Museum of China, Second Institute of Oceanography (Ministry of Natural Resources), Hangzhou Low Carbon Technology Museum, Globally Important Agricultural Heritage (GIAHS), and so on. In addition, they also attended a high-scale talent recommendation fair and two seminars to discuss core issues of technological communication.

All the Pakistani scholars said that this trip is of great significance to young talents exchange between China and Pakistan. Kamran Amin, Post Doc Fellow at National Center for Nano science and Technology, CAS, said: “We see that science can really change the world. The

technological exchanges under CPEC are very inspiring for young people in both countries, which makes us more willing to engage in scientific research”. He also cited data to introduce the situation of mutual scientific communication. Currently, about 30,000 Pakistani students are studying in China, and the Chinese government has provided more than 5,000 scholarships for them. ANSO, China’s highest doctoral scholarship, was awarded to 138 Pakistani students out of 300 in total. “This further shows that China attaches great importance to Pakistan’s scientific development and bilateral cooperation,” he said. Irfan Hussain, PhD Student of USTB, said: “Technological exchanges between the two countries have benefited a lot of Pakistani students, and provided us with scientific training. China has always supported and concerned overseas students, especially those from Pakistan. I’m privileged to spend time with great scientists and researchers, and discuss global scientific challenges and solutions.”

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/612257-Pakistani-scholars-top-universities-China-visit-Zhejiang-province>

### **Pakistan Observer**

#### **Pakistani ports to turn into Central Asia’s vital trade routes: PM**

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday expressed the confidence that the seaports of Pakistan in near future would transform into important trade routes up to Central Asia under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The prime minister, in a meeting with his Adviser on Commerce Abdul Razzak Dawood, said Pakistan welcomed the strengthening of trade relations with the Central Asian States for economic prosperity of the entire region. Imran Khan, who recently paid a visit to Uzbekistan along with a high-level delegation including the Commerce Adviser, said Pakistan had the potential to offer Central Asia a short land route to access the sea. During the meeting, the Commerce Adviser briefed the prime minister on the progress of bilateral cooperation and trade agreements concluded during the Uzbekistan visit.

He also apprised the prime minister about the keen interest shown by the Uzbek and other Central Asian businessmen to invest in Pakistan. He also briefed the prime minister on the strategy for upcoming visits to the rest of the Central Asian states, particularly Tajikistan, and its positive impact on investment and trade. Dawood also gave a briefing on the meeting of Board of Investment (BoI) held this week and the plan for prospective meetings of various Chambers of Commerce this month. The prime minister commended the Ministry of Commerce and BoI for prioritizing to enhance trade relations with Central Asian states for the first time in the country’s history.

<https://pakobserver.net/pakistani-ports-to-turn-into-central-asias-vital-trade-routes-pm/>

### **The Nation**

#### **China—a role model for the political elite**

Pakistan is passing through multiple national and international crises which include Afghanistan versus the Afghan Taliban, the Afghan Taliban versus Pakistan, Anti-Pak Afghan groups versus



Pakistan, Pakistan versus India, the Kashmir issue, the US versus Pakistan, FATF versus Pakistan and sensitivities with China. We are facing the worst price hike, high inflation, depletion of rupee against dollars, a declining growth rate and petroleum products are continuously going high. The population is going below the poverty line as the gap between rich and poor is widening.

Unfortunately, our political elites including major political parties have neither given their required qualitative input publically nor in parliament to improve the situation. This silence of political leadership on vital national and international issues is very worrying as the leadership has failed to give any guidance or even proposed economic policies for our poverty-ridden nation.

The country's political leadership is stuck in a mutual political duel on non-issues like should Shehbaz Sharif be allowed to go abroad or not, why the court granted bail to President Asif Ali Zardari and why Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has gone to the US. This shows that our political elite has fallen so low that some leaders cross abuses on personal fronts, allege each other for corruption cases, and the level of immaturity can well be seen by the conduct of leadership on a daily basis. The leadership is ditching each other at both the government and opposition levels adding to weaken the system and dismaying the public. Our parliament has become a world icon of display of abuses with less performance for the public and more display of their abilities using their art of abusive language to please their top bosses. The nation hardly sees any input on these grave international issues connected with our national interests and future generations as there is no popular plan of development to build Pakistan. Please allow me to highlight the best model of prosperity and progress in the world which is China, perhaps the best to be adopted.

I wish our politicians chose China as a role model to bring prosperity to the country. I wish my brief introduction of China's determination and national spirit below will perhaps attract our leaders to transform like them to gear the country towards prosperity. The nation develops and prospers with collective strategy, concerted and honest efforts. Countries with collective wisdom and approach are now shining in the world.

National interest should be above personal interests and gains. Our agenda of national prosperity and dignity should be well defined through an act of parliament and should be formulated by the experts of the respected field and then be approved by the Parliament in the form of law to ensure its implementation through well-defined moral and administrative rules. China was in a much adverse situation as a nation, although they got independence after us yet it is startling to see their unmatched progress. Even though their population is 1.2 billion larger than ours as Pakistan's population is 180 million while that of China is 1.3 billion, yet they are progressing by leaps and bounds and nobody sleeps hungry.

If we look closely at the graph of their rise and progress, you will see that they concentrated more on their economy, education, technology, industrialisation, infrastructure, agriculture, energy, and the growth of their country rather than indulging in mainstream dirty politics. China revamped its political system, covered all segments of the society, and gave its public a sense of

ownership and participation. They first weeded out the political corrupt deadweights which were resisting modernisation and promoting corruption. The principle of equality prevailed and the rule of law became a priority. They made education compulsory and the professors of top universities became the top stakeholders of the economic and administrative hierarchies.

After the collapse of the Qing Dynasty in 1911 there was a vacuum of power in China which led to political chaos. China was being exploited by foreign powers and there was no strong central government to lead the nation. At that time, China's vast majority consisted of peasants and farmers; their life was so hard, they had to work the land and pay taxes. They would even starve during floods and droughts as there was no facility given to them. The population was growing whereas the land cultivation grew by 1 percent only, making the peasants have reduced plots of lands. Moreover, the landlords also increased the rents, making the peasants pay 80 percent of their harvest. On the other hand, China was defeated by Britain in the Opium wars due to which the Chinese Empire was interrupted and influenced by Europeans, Americans, and also Japan by the end of 19th century. Inflation and corruption weakened the Qing Empire resulting in its collapse. Before the economic reforms and trade liberalisation of China nearly 40 years ago, the country maintained policies that kept the economy very poor, stagnant, centrally controlled, inefficient, and relatively isolated from the global economy.

Mao Zedong was the leader of the Communist Party (CPC) who wanted to unify China and get rid of external warlords. Mao Zedong led peasants and common people in uprisings against them. The civil war continued for years and by 1948, the CPC had almost gained momentum. They were constantly gaining support within the population of China as they continued to take national cities back and by 1949 they had captured Beijing. This was the era of the Chinese revolution and Mao Zedong is the reason for what China has become today.

After the death of Mao, Deng Xiaoping was the most powerful figure in the People's Republic of China who made significant efforts in boosting the Chinese economy. Since opening up to foreign trade and free-market and investment reforms in 1979 during his rule, China has been among the world's fastest-growing economies. China has had a real annual gross domestic product (GDP) growth averaging 9.5 percent through 2018 in history. Such a fast pace in growth by 25 folds enabled China to double its GDP every eight years and helped raise an estimated 800 million people out of poverty. China became the world's largest economy, manufacturer, merchandise trader, and holder of foreign exchange reserves which in turn has made China a major commercial partner of the United States. The Chinese government made innovation and a strong consumer market a top priority in its economic planning through several high-profile initiatives to upgrade and modernise China's manufacturing in every key sector. China has promoted more privately-owned companies through extensive government assistance to make China a major global player in all major economic sectors. In short, every new Chinese Leadership has focused to do better than the former one in terms of economic progress and prosperity of the nation on the stage of the world regardless of what their opponents are doing or saying, unlike Pakistan.

I wish our leadership also adopts this spirit and the qualities of Chinese leadership to provide similar services to their nation by not remaining unconcerned about our national and international pressing issues which need attention and collective wisdom to steer the country out of the crisis. It is needed that our leaders, rather than wasting their time and energy by poking each other's personal affairs and entertaining the public by hurling abuses at each other in the parliament and before the electronic media, raise their stature by doing public service and focus on the economic progress of their country like China. Political leadership needs to wake up to defend their homeland and their nuclear assets from the external inimical factors such as FATF, Modi with an anti-Pak syndrome, and abuses by President Ghani. Our political parties and politicians need to become proactive in steering Pakistan out of crises. Nations develop and become prosperous with collective strategies and with united voices and actions like China.

It looks like that time is approaching when the public is under the pressure of price hikes and other growing social issues including youth drug addiction issue will force them to ask for the change of some new administrative system which could get rid of their miseries. The present deteriorated political system where the senators' selection is for the price Rs over billions of rupees and the selected NNAs are from the electable families then how can the parliament be represented by the common man. There is hardly any participation of a common man in the administrative and political system.

No labourer or middle-class young can ever dream of being in parliament like China or any other democratic system. It has failed to provide relief to a common man whereas we are ruled by the electable and with the influence of few powerful business mafias pulling the strings from behind. The public is reacting and the initial emerging angry signs are dangerous which may lead the country to irreversible damage and force the public to march towards some bloody revolution for their legitimate rights.

The views expressed are solely mine and do not necessarily represent the views of my party.

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### **Jang News**

**چین کو پاکستانی چاول کی برآمدات بند ہو گئی ہیں، مشیر تجارت**

مشیر تجارت عبدالرزاق داؤد نے کہا ہے کہ چین کو پاکستانی چاول کی برآمدات بند ہو گئی ہیں۔

مشیر تجارت نے سیٹیٹ کی قائمہ کمیٹی کے روبرو انکشاف کیا کہ چین کو پاکستانی چاول کی برآمدات بند ہو گئی ہے۔

عبدالرزاق داؤد نے کہا کہ چین برآمد کی گئی چاول کی بوریوں کے نچلے حصے میں کورونا وائرس پایا گیا۔

انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ چین ڈرگیا اور اس نے چاول کی پاکستان سے درآمد بند کر دی۔

دوران اجلاس ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر کامرس نے اس حوالے سے کہا کہ پاکستان کی چھ سی فوڈ کمپنیوں کی پیکنگ میں بھی کورونا پابا گیا۔

ان کا کہنا تھا کہ چاول کی بوری کے نچلے حصے کے باہر ڈیڈ وائرس تھا جبکہ مچھلیوں کی پیکنگ کے باہر کورونا کے لائو وائرس کی موجودگی پائی گئی۔

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## K2 Daily

کے جو کہ بھارت میں تھی انتظامیہ کا نام لیا لیڈر ہے، وزیر اعظم مودی کی تقریباً صاف برداری میں شرکت کی بھی خدمت کی 2019 میں جنہوں نے اپنے ملک میں 3000 ایسے نیشنل کوڈز پیش کر دیا جس میں اردو نیشنل پریس جنہوں کا حصہ نہیں تھا۔ بیکنگ میں بیٹ ایڈیٹرز کے حصے سے ایک سٹ کے موقع پر چین نے ایک ویب سائٹ سے اس نیشنل کوڈز کو اجاگر کیا جس میں مقبوضہ جموں و کشمیر اور اردو نیشنل پریس کو بھارت کا حصہ دکھایا گیا تھا۔ چین نے اردو نیشنل پریس پر اپنی حاکمیت کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے وہاں کے صحافیوں کو چینی نام بھی دے دیے ہیں۔ ماڈرین ہاؤس کے بھارتی نیشنل کے ہاتھ کے چینی ہے، اور لاہور، سکھ بھوجان اور NEFA میں چینی نام لگائے ہیں۔ جنوری 2021 میں چینی نام لگائے گئے ہیں۔ اردو نیشنل پریس بھوجان کو بھی تھکا فراہم کر رہا ہے، وہ اس طرح کہ اگر چین تو تک پر قبضہ کر لے تو بھوجان چین کے پاس ملے گی اور بھوجان پریس اور شمال مشرقی ریاستوں کو بھی اسٹریٹجک ڈھنگ مہیا کرتا ہے۔ چین بھارت کی تمام شمالی ریاستیں یا تو فتح کر سکتا ہے یا پھر انہیں آزاد کر سکتا ہے۔ لہذا اس ریاست کا شمال مشرق میں بہت اہم کردار ہے۔ چین اس علاقے میں بھارتی فاکٹریوں کے دوروں کی خدمت کرتا رہا ہے۔ چین نے اس علاقے میں دلائی لاما کے دورے پر بھی سوال اٹھائے اور کہا کہ یہ دورہ بھارت کی تازہ سرحدی قرار دوں کے مخالف کیا گیا۔ چین نے فروری 2015 میں اردو نیشنل پریس کے بھارت سے الحاق کے 29 سالہ عمل ہونے پر وہاں وزیر اعظم مودی کے دورے کی بھی خدمت کی۔ چین نے بھارت کے وزیر داخلہ امتیاز شاہ کے اس علاقے آنے پر سوال اٹھائے کہ یہ بیکنگ کی سرحدی حاکمیت کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ چین نے لوہنگ سٹے



مطابق، بھارت کی تدریس ہوئی، نہرو جواو حال تھا۔ بھارت کو مشرق سے نکال دیا گیا، یہاں تک کہ اس کے لئے نکلنے کو یہاں بھی مشکل ہو گیا تھا۔ نہرو جواو کھلا گیا تھا کہ اس نے امریکہ کو مدد کی درخواست کی۔ بعد میں NEFA کا نام تبدیل کر کے اردو نیشنل پریس رکھ دیا گیا اور 1972 میں اسے مرکزی علاقے کا ڈیپٹا مین اور 1987 میں ریاست کا۔ چین کے مدخل خاندان کے ترہان زاکچیان نے واضح کیا ہے کہ چین نے اردو نیشنل پریس کو بھی بھارت کی ریاست کے طور پر تسلیم نہیں کیا، یہ چین کا جنوبی جیت علاقہ ہے۔ چین اردو نیشنل پریس پر اپنی حاکمیت کا دعویٰ کرتا ہے اور بھارت کے قبضے کو غیر قانونی قرار دیتا ہے۔ اردو نیشنل پریس کا علاقہ اس تنازعے کا مرکز ہے۔ اردو نیشنل پریس کی تو تک خاندان اور تبت کی لاسہ خاندان کے درمیان تاریخی روادار ہیں۔ چین کا دعویٰ ہے کہ ششم دلائی لاما سٹیک گیا تو تک میں پیدا ہوا، اس لئے اردو نیشنل بھارت سے زیادہ تبت کا حصہ ہے۔ تو تک کا علاقہ تبت میں شامل تھا مگر 1914 کے برطانیہ کی سرحدی چین کے بعد اردو نیشنل پریس میں چلا گیا۔ اس نیشنل کے بعد بھی کئی سال، 1951 میں بھارت کے اس علاقے کا کنٹرول سنبھالنے کے بعد تک، اس علاقے کا نظام تو تک خاندان کے پاس رہا۔ تو تک کی آبادی کی بڑی اکثریت مونپا قبیلے سے تعلق رکھتی ہے، ان کی زبان چینی ہے اور وہ تبتی بھارتیہ کے بڑے کار ہیں۔



بھارت کی چین کے ساتھ سرحد کو چین حصوں میں تقسیم کیا جاتا ہے۔ مشرقی حصہ اردو نیشنل پریس اور شمالی ریاستوں پر مشتمل ہے، جو دنیا کا سب سے بڑا تنازعہ علاقہ ہے اور 90000 مربع کلومیٹر رقبے پر پھیلا ہوا۔ اردو نیشنل پریس کی سرحد تبت میں اندرون ملک ریاست آسام اور ناگالینڈ، اور مغرب میں بھوجان، مشرق میں میانمار اور شمال میں چین سے ملتی ہے۔ 1912 میں برطانیہ نے اسے نارٹھ ایسٹ فرنٹیر ایجنسی (NEFA) کا نام دیا تھا، جو کہ فرنٹیر کے پانچ بڑے علاقوں سے مل کر بنتی تھی۔ یہاں زیادہ تر بیسانی، ہندو اور تبتی بھارت کے بیرونی کار ہیں۔ یہاں کی 63 فیصد آبادی غیر ہندو مذاہب سے تعلق رکھتی ہے اور یہاں بھارت میں بھارت کے بیرونی کاروں کی سب سے بڑی آبادی تبت ہے۔ 1914 میں سرحدی موبائل نے تبت اور بھارت کے درمیان 550 میل لمبی سرحد چین کرنے کا معاہدہ کیا تھا جس میں ہندوستان اور تبت کے نمائندوں نے دستخط کیے۔ چین نے اس سرحدی معاہدے کو بے جا قرار دیا، کیونکہ اس معاہدے میں چین کو فریق نہیں بنایا گیا۔ چین کا موقف یہ تھا کہ تبت چین سے آزاد نہیں ہوا تھا اور اسے معاہدوں کا اختیار حاصل نہیں تھا۔ لہذا معاہدہ کا کوئی جواز نہیں بنتا۔ نہرو کی 1959 کی پاداشوں کے جواب میں چینی لیڈر چو این لائی نے نہرو کو واضح کیا کہ کم موبائل لائن برطانوی اشتعال انگیزی پالیسی کا حصہ تھی، لہذا اسے قانوناً قبول نہیں کیا جا سکتا۔ 1962 کی NEFA میں بڑی کئی بیکنگ کے دوران، بھارتی فوج چین کے آگے بہت کمزور ثابت ہوئی اور چین جوش قدی کرتا آسام کے علاقے جیز پور تک آ گیا تھا۔ اس بیکنگ میں پورا اردو نیشنل پریس چینی قبضے میں آ گیا تھا، جس سے چین بعد ازاں رضا کارانہ طور پر دستبردار ہو گیا۔ نرس ریڈیل کے

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## Nawaiwaqt News

چین کی طرح سوات میں بھی سیاحت سے آڑو کی صنعت کو فروغ مل سکتا ہے

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) چین کی طرح سوات میں بھی سیاحت اور معیاری سڑکوں سے آڑو کی صنعت کو فروغ دیا جا سکتا ہے۔ گوادر پرور کے مطابق مقامی سیاحت کے ساتھ آڑو کی صنعت کو جوڑنے کے لئے سوات کو چین کے سنگیانگ میں واقع ایک چھوٹے سے گاؤں سے کچھ حوصلہ افزائی مل سکتی ہے، جہاں آڑو کے پھولوں کا میلہ لگایا گیا تھا اور

اس نے بہت سارے سیاحوں کو راغب کیا۔ سکلیانگ کے لائیو ٹاؤن شپ کے ایک دیہاتی عزیز سیاحوں کے لئے جو آڑو کے پھول دیکھنے آئے تھے، جب وہ آڑو پک جاتے ہیں تو ان سیاحوں میں سے بیشتر وہ آڑو خریدنے آتے ہیں، معاشی فوائد خاص طور پر اچھے ہیں۔ سوات میں آڑو باغ کے مالک ناصر خان نے گوادر پرو کو بتایا کہ سوات کا آڑو یہاں سب سے مشہور ہے، اس کا ذائقہ بہت اچھا ہے۔ ہم یہاں سے پنڈی، فیصل آباد، لاہور، کراچی اور دیگر تمام شہروں میں فروخت کرتے ہیں۔ اگر وہ اچھی پیکنگ کرتے ہیں تو یہ تین سے چار دن تک چل سکتا ہے، آڑو کی میعاد ختم ہونے کی تاریخ مختصر ہے لہذا نقل و حمل کی استعداد کار بہت ضروری ہے۔ یہاں سوات موٹروے بننے سے پہلے پنڈی تک پہنچنے میں 5 سے 6 گھنٹے لگتے تھے، اب یہ گاڑی 3.5 سے 4 گھنٹے میں پہنچ سکتی ہے، اس کا مطلب یہ ہے کہ فیصل آباد، لاہور اور کراچی تک اس راستے میں دو گھنٹے کی بچت ہوئی ہے۔ حال ہی میں وزیر اعلیٰ خیبر پختونخوا محمود خان نے اعلان کیا ہے کہ وہ سوات موٹروے منصوبے کے دوسرے مرحلے کو چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) کا حصہ بنانے کی کوشش کریں گے۔ اس کے ساتھ ہی سوات کے آڑو مزید شہروں تک پہنچ سکتے ہیں۔ ہمیں سیاحت سے جو فائدہ ملتا ہے وہ بہت کم ہے، جو 4 یا 5 فیصد سے زیادہ نہیں ہے۔ ناصر نے کہا اگر حکومت کسانوں کو کچھ بینکنگ دے اور فیکٹریاں وغیرہ لگائے تو یہ بہت فائدہ مند ثابت ہو گا۔ ایک ماہر نے کہا آڑو کی پیداوار اب پہلے کی نسبت دو گنا ہے۔ لائیو ٹاؤن شپ کے نائب سربراہ لیو یوسنگ نے کہا ہمارا آڑو کی فروخت کے لئے ایک پلیٹ فارم تیار کرنے کا منصوبہ ہے، آڑو کی پیداوار کو ای کامرس اور دیہی سیاحت کے ساتھ جوڑ کر اس صنعت کو مضبوط اور بڑا بنائیں گے، جس سے کسانوں کی آمدنی میں بھی اضافہ ہو سکتا ہے۔

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### چین سی پیک کی تکمیل کیلئے پر عزم

چین کے ریاستی قونصلر وزیر خارجہ وانگ یی نے اپنے پاکستانی ہم منصب شاہ محمود قریشی کے ساتھ سٹریٹجک مذاکرات کے دوران کہا کہ چین نئے دور میں مشترکہ مستقبل والے قریبی معاشرے کے قیام کو فروغ دینے کیلئے پاکستان کے ساتھ مل کر کام کرنے کو تیار ہے۔ انہوں نے میڈیا کے ساتھ گفتگو کرتے ہوئے واضح کیا کہ سی پیک پر کام جاری رہے گا۔

پاکستان اور چین کے تعلقات اور دوستی کو مثالی سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ اسی کے باعث پاکستان ترقی و خوشحالی کی راہ پر گامزن ہے۔ چین کے پاکستان میں سی پیک سمیت کئی منصوبے روبہ عمل ہیں جو پاکستان اور چین مخالف کئی قوتوں کیلئے تکلیف دہ ہیں۔ ایسی قوتیں پاکستان اور چین کے مابین اختلافات پیدا کرنے کیلئے کسی بھی حد تک جاسکتی ہیں۔ غلط فہمیاں پیدا کرنے کیلئے سازشیں رچائی جاتی ہیں، جھوٹا پراپیگنڈہ کیا جاتا ہے۔ پاکستان میں چین کے مفادات کو نقصان پہنچایا جاتا ہے جس کی حالیہ مثال داسو ڈیم پر کام کرنے والے ورکرز کی بس پر حملہ تھا جس میں 9 چینی کارکن مارے گئے ایسے حملے پہلے بھی ہوتے رہے ہیں۔ چین ایسی سازشوں کو سمجھتا ہے۔ بھارت نے تو سی پیک کی کھل کر مخالفت کی اور اس کیخلاف بھی سازشوں کے جال بنے ہیں۔ چینی وزیر خارجہ نے واضح کیا ہے کہ سی پیک پر کام جاری رہے گا۔ پاکستانی وزیر خارجہ شاہ محمود قریشی نے بھی ان کو یقین دلایا ہے کہ پاکستان میں چینی اہلکاروں اور اداروں کے تحفظ میں کوئی کسر نہیں چھوڑیں گے۔ پاکستان اور چین کا ایک دوسرے پر اٹوٹ اعتماد اپنی جگہ۔ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ دشمن کی سازشوں کو ناکام بنانے کیلئے فول پروف انتظامات کی بھی ضرورت ہے۔

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**Pakistan, China scientists discuss natural disasters under framework of CPEC**

China-Pakistan Joint Research Center on Earth Science (CPJRC), jointly initiated by Higher Education Commission, Pakistan Academy of Science, and Chinese Academy of Sciences held a conference in Chengdu, themed ‘CPEC Earth Science Sustainable Development – Natural Disasters and Risks’.

The conference focused on the scientific and technological challenges of CPEC, including the prevention and control of threats such as earthquake, mountain disasters, meteorological disaster and marine distress, and desertification, and reviewed the relevant works and achievements in recent years. More than 10 well-known experts in from both sides were specially invited to give academic reports.

Gao Liang, the Inspector of Science and Technology Department of Sichuan Province, delivered a speech thanking all the experts from Pakistan and China for their care and support for the scientific and technological innovation work in Sichuan province. He noted that the center has played an active role in promoting international science cooperation and international talents training, and has become an important platform for promoting earth science cooperation under BRI.

At the same time, he hoped that scientific and technological workers from both sides could build consensus through the event and formulate academic research plans in the field of natural disasters and risks faced by the development of CPEC.

Cui Peng, Chief Scientist and Director of CPJRC, said that through the conference CPJRC focus on the scientific and technological challenges of CPEC natural disasters and risk management, and conduct in-depth discussions on these issues. “I hope that scientists can thoroughly discuss the problems to be solved in this field and design the blueprint of future cooperation based on the research in the past five years, so as to improve CPEC risk management to a new level.”

Chen Gang, the Deputy director of Chengdu Science and Technology Bureau attended the conference and delivered a speech.

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## The Nation

### **88 per cent work on 720MW Karot hydropower project completed**

ISLAMABAD - Around 88 per cent work on 720MW Karot hydropower project has already been completed and this important project under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will be ready in April 2022.

Sources told APP here that the project was being developed on a Build-Own-Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis at an estimated cost of \$1.98bn including a development cost of \$1.698bn and interest during construction of \$243 million by Karot Power Company Private Ltd.

The Karot Power Company was comprising of M/s Three Gorges South Asia Investment Ltd (TGSAIL) and Associated Technologies (Pvt) Ltd of Pakistan, they said.

The power project - the first of its kind under the CPEC - was being built on the River Jhelum, they said.

The sources said the project was being constructed on a concrete gravity of 91 meters high dam with a crest length of 320 meters. The dam's reservoir would be approximately 152m cubic metres in volume, with a length of 27 kilometres, they said.

They said project would bring \$ 1.780 billion investment besides provision of employment opportunities to 5000 local people of the area.

Upon its completion, the 720 MW Karot hydropower project would supply 3.249 billion units per annum clean electricity to the national grid.

It is pertinent to mention here that the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority had already approved the project's leveling tariff at 7.57 cents per unit for 30 years at an exchange rate of Rs 101.6 per US dollar.

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## The News

### **Pakistan, China negotiating financing accord of ML-1**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has formally asked China for providing loans for construction of the much-awaited Mainline-1 (ML-1) of rail line from Karachi to Peshawar in USD instead of Chinese RMB currency or a combination of both currencies could be acceptable for moving forward.

Top official sources confirmed to The News here on Tuesday that Pakistani authorities have communicated five major points to Beijing officially for evolving consensus on financing agreement for the construction of multi-billion dollar strategically important ML-1 project under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) was postponed recently between the two sides and it was not yet known when the JCC was going to be rescheduled. However, Pakistan officially conveyed its response to Chinese for finalizing the

financing agreement on the ML-1 project. The Chinese side want to provide a loan for ML-1 in RMB currency but Islamabad conveyed that Pakistan prefers the loan in US dollars or a combination of US dollars and RMB currencies for the convenience of Chinese side.

China has also offered Pakistan a combination of favorable terms and conditions and commercial loans for construction of ML-1 but Pakistani side is insisting upon extending lenient conditions only. The Pakistani side communicated to China that the Framework Agreement for ML-1 stipulates that Beijing will provide financing for the project on softer terms, being a strategic project. Consistent with this stipulation and the fact that CPEC related projects were provided concessional financing terms, the project is proposed to be financed by Chinese side on concessional terms. Pakistan will accept favorable financing terms which as compared to previous CPEC Infrastructure projects.

There are differences over share of loan from Chinese side for construction of the project as Pakistan had initially proposed 90 percent share of loan from China and 10 percent from Pakistani side. However, Chinese side proposed that its share should be 85 percent and Pakistan should provide the remaining 15 percent resources for construction of the ML-1 project. After hectic negotiations, Pakistani side agreed to the Chinese proposal of its 85 percent loan of the cost of ML-1. The Chinese team also proposed 15 to 20 years tenure of the project, however, Pakistan argued that the construction of ML-1 might hover around for 10 years and the payback of loan period take another 15 years, so Islamabad proposed a 25 year tenure of the loan including a 10 years grace period. China has asked for repayment of principal and interest in half a year and Pakistani side agreed to it and also accepted that the government would extend the guarantee to the Chinese loan amount.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) had approved ML-1 at an estimated cost of \$6.8 billion on the 90:10 percent cost sharing basis by the China and Pakistani side. The ECNEC had basically three different component of ML-1 project including package-I of ML-I at the cost of US\$ 2.7 billion which include Nawabshah-Rohri Section (183 Km), Multan-Lahore Section (339 Km), Lahore-Lalamusa Section (132 Km), Kaluwal-Pindora Section (52 Km) and upgradation of Walton Railway Academy at Lahore. Under Package-II, the cost of \$2.67 billion was approved for up-gradation of Kiamari-Hyderabad Section (182 Km) and Hyderabad-Multan Section (566 Km) excluding work done on Nawabshah-Rohri Section in Package-I. Under Package-III, the ECNEC approved a cost of \$1.42 billion for construction of Lalamusa-Rawalpindi Section (105 Km), Rawalpindi - Peshawar Section (174 Km) and establishment of dry port near Havelian.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/869790-pakistan-china-negotiating-financing-accord-of-ml-1>



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ماضی میں پاکستان نے چین اور امریکہ کے ساتھ دو طرفہ تعلقات کو بیک وقت قائم رکھے لیکن تب چین امریکہ کے مقابلے میں نہیں آیا تھا اور اسے معاشی سپر پاور کی حیثیت حاصل نہیں ہوئی تھی۔ اسی طرح جب امریکہ اور سوویت یونین کی خصامت عروج پر تھی تو چین اس میں فریق نہیں تھا اور خود سوویت یونین کے ساتھ اس کے سرحدی تنازعات چل رہے تھے، اس لئے افغانستان سے سوویت یونین کو نکالنے کے عمل میں چین کی ہمدردیاں بھی امریکہ اور پاکستان کے ساتھ تھیں۔ لیکن گزشتہ دو دہائیوں کے دوران چند بڑی تبدیلیاں آئیں۔ ایک تو چین بڑی اقتصادی طاقت بن گیا اور اس میدان میں اس نے امریکہ کو چیلنج کیا۔ دوسرا روس اور چین نے سرحدی تنازعات ختم کئے اور مغرب کے مقابلے میں شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم (ایس سی او) کی صورت میں ایک فورم پر ایک ساتھ بیٹھ گئے۔ ادھر نائن الیون کے بعد جب پاکستان نے امریکہ کا ساتھ دیا تو اس کے جواب میں امریکی قیادت نے یہ وعدہ کیا کہ وہ انڈیا کے ساتھ تنازعات اور بالخصوص مسئلہ کشمیر کو حل کرنے میں پاکستان کی مدد کرے گا لیکن ایسا کچھ کرنے کے بجائے اس کی انڈیا کے ساتھ قربت بڑھتی رہی اور چین کے تناظر میں بھی اس کے ساتھ اسٹریٹجک محاذوں پر تعاون بڑھتا رہا۔ دوسری طرف امریکہ کی طرف سے سلالہ اور ایبٹ آباد آپریشن کے واقعات کے بعد جزل اشفاق پرویز کیانی کی قیادت میں پاکستانی اسٹیبلشمنٹ اس نتیجے پر پہنچی کہ امریکہ کے ساتھ ٹرانزیکشنل تعلقات کا یہ سلسلہ بھی زیادہ پائیدار نہیں رہے گا۔ چنانچہ کیانی اور زرداری نے مل کر خارجہ پالیسی کا محور چین اور روس کی طرف موڑنے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ زرداری صاحب پہلی مرتبہ روس جا رہے تھے تو امریکی سیکرٹری خارجہ ہیلری کلنٹن نے فون کر کے اس پر شدید ناراضی کا اظہار بھی کیا تھا۔ اس دوران چین کا ہیلٹ اینڈروڈ انیشی ایٹیو (بی آر آئی) کا خیال بھی عمل کاروبار دھارنے لگا جس میں سی بی کے اور گوادر کو کلیدی حیثیت حاصل تھی۔ جزل کیانی اور زرداری نے گوادر کی بندرگاہ سنگاپور کی کمپنی سے واپس لی۔ زرداری نے سنگاپور کی کمپنی کا جرمانہ بھی ملک ریاض جیسے دو ستون کی جیب سے ادا کیا اور گوادر پورٹ چینی کمپنی کے حوالے کر دی۔ زرداری نے بطور صدر چین کے کئی دورے کئے اور انہی کے دور کے آخری ایام میں سی پیک کے ایم او پر دستخط ہوئے۔ میاں نواز شریف اقتدار میں آئے تو انہوں نے چین کے ساتھ اس نئے تعلق کے سلسلے کو مزید تیزی کے ساتھ آگے بڑھایا اور ساتھ ہی روس کے ساتھ بھی قربت پیدا کرنے کی کوشش کی۔ ان کے دور میں تو صرف چین چین اور سی پیک ہی ہو تا رہا۔ تب امریکہ نے کھلے الفاظ میں کوئی اعتراض نہیں کیا لیکن امریکہ اور انڈیا کو چین اور پاکستان کی یہ قربت ہرگز گوارا نہیں تھی۔ زرداری اور میاں نواز شریف کے ساتھ جو کچھ ہوا، اس میں ان کی چین کے ساتھ اس قربت اور امریکہ کو ناراض کرنے کا بھی بڑا دخل تھا۔ جہاں زرداری اور نواز شریف چین کے موسٹ فیورٹ بن گئے، دوسری طرف وہاں تاثر یہ تھا کہ عمران خان کو چند وجوہات کی وجہ سے چین میں زیادہ پسند نہیں کیا جا رہا تھا۔ ایک خیال تو یہ ہے کہ چینی کسی حد تک عمران خان کے بارے میں ان سازشی نظریات پر بھی یقین کر رہے تھے جو مولانا فضل الرحمن اور حکیم سعید جیسے لوگوں کے ذہنوں میں تھے۔ سی پیک کے بارے میں چینی بڑے حساس ہیں لیکن دوسری طرف میاں نواز شریف کی مخالفت میں عمران خان اور اسد عمر وغیرہ سی پیک کا مذاق اڑاتے رہے جبکہ دھرنوں کی وجہ سے چینی صدر کے دورہ پاکستان کے التوا کے بعد تو چینوں کی ناراضی مزید بڑھ گئی یوں وزیر اعظم بننے کے بعد خان صاحب کو پھونک پھونک کر چین کے حوالے سے کوئی بھی قدم اٹھانا چاہئے تھا لیکن بد قسمتی سے انہوں نے اس احتیاط اور ذمہ داری سے کام نہیں لیا۔ رزاق داؤد نے سی پیک پر ایک سال تک کام معطل کرنے کا غیر ذمہ دارانہ بیان دیا۔ ادھر دیگر وفاقی وزرا عمران خان کے ایما پر احسن اقبال کی دشمنی میں سی پیک کے سودوں میں کرپشن کے الزامات لگانے لگے۔ اسد عمر جیسے لوگوں کو سی پیک کی ذمہ داری دی گئی جو ماضی میں اس منصوبے کے خلاف تقریریں کر چکے تھے۔ سی پیک کو فٹ بال بنا کر کبھی اسد عمر تو کبھی خسرو بختیار کی طرف پھینکا جاتا رہا۔ اس صورتحال سے چینی نہایت نالاں ہوئے۔ عسکری قیادت نے دوبارہ چین کے ساتھ معاملات طے کئے لیکن اس دوران عمران خان کے دورہ امریکہ کا پروگرام بن گیا اور وہ ٹرمپ کی محبت میں اس حد تک بڑھ گئے کہ چینی ایک بار پھر تشویش میں مبتلا ہو گئے۔ پھر حفیظ شیخ جیسے آئی ایم ایف کے نمائندوں کو کلیدی عہدوں پر تعینات کر دیا گیا۔ ایک بار پھر عسکری قیادت نے معاملات درست کرنے کی کوشش کی اور سی پیک اتھارٹی قائم کر کے جزل عاصم سلیم باجوہ کو اس کا سربراہ بنایا، بد قسمتی سے چند ہی روز بعد جزل عاصم

باجوہ بھی ایک بڑے تنازعے کا شکار ہوئے۔ اب صورت حال یہ ہے کہ چینی سی پیک کی جلد از جلد تکمیل کے لئے بے چین ہیں لیکن سونامی سرکار کے دور میں سی پیک پر کوئی خاص پیش رفت نہ ہو سکی۔ مزید یہ کہ تبدیلی سرکار کے دور میں چینوں کی سیکورٹی کا مسئلہ بھی سنگین ہو گیا ہے۔ پہلے کوسٹ کے سیرینا ہوٹل میں خود کش دھماکہ ہوا اور اس وقت چینی سفیر اسی شہر میں تھے۔ اب داسو کا افسوسناک حادثہ ہوا لیکن تبدیلی سرکار کے نااہل وزیروں نے پہلے اس سے متعلق غلط بیانی کرتے ہوئے دعویٰ کیا کہ یہ دہشت گردی نہیں بلکہ حادثہ ہے۔ تبدیلی سرکار کی ان پچگانہ حرکتوں نے چینی دوستوں کو نہایت پریشان کر رکھا ہے لیکن چونکہ چین کی سفارتکاری کا اپنا انداز ہے اور ہماری طرح ان کی زبانیں نہیں چلتیں، اس لئے وہ سب برداشت کر رہے ہیں تاہم اب وہ اس حد تک تنگ آگئے ہیں کہ مختلف اقدامات کے ذریعے اپنے مسیح دینے لگے ہیں۔ مثلاً رہائی کے بعد عمران خان نے میاں شہباز شریف کا نام ای سی ایل میں ڈال دیا لیکن اگلے دن چینی سفیر نے انہیں کھانے پر مدعو کر کے اس کی ویڈیو کوریج بھی کروائی جو عام روایت کے بالکل منافی تھا۔ لیکن افغانستان کے محاذ پر ہونے والی پیش رفت کے بعد اب ان حرکتوں کی مزید گنجائش نہیں۔ سونامی سرکار نے امریکہ کی خاطر چین کو ناراض کیا لیکن اب امریکہ دشمنی پر اتر آئے گا۔ جب امریکہ ہمارے ساتھ سختی کرے گا تو چین کی قربت ہی ہمارے کام آسکتی ہے لیکن موجودہ حکومت نے چین کے ساتھ اعتماد کو بھی کافی متاثر کیا ہے۔

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### **Taliban tell China Afghanistan will not be base for separatists**

A top-level Taliban delegation visiting China assured Beijing the group will not allow Afghanistan to be used as a base for plotting against another country, an insurgent spokesman said Wednesday.

The delegation is in China for talks with Beijing officials, spokesman Mohammad Naeem told AFP, as the insurgents continue a sweeping offensive across Afghanistan — including areas along their shared border.

Their frontier is just 76 kilometres long — and at a rugged high altitude without a road crossing — but Beijing fears Afghanistan could be used as a staging ground for Uyghur in Xinjiang. “The Islamic Emirate assured China that Afghanistan’s soil would not be used against any country’s security,” Naeem said. “They (China) promised not to interfere in Afghanistan’s affairs, but instead help to solve problems and bring peace”.

Taliban officials have cranked up their international diplomacy in recent months, seeking global recognition for when they hope to return to power. They have made sweeping advances across Afghanistan since May, when US-led foreign forces began the last stage of a withdrawal due to be completed next month.

Beijing hosted a Taliban delegation in 2019, but back-door links with the insurgents stretch back longer, through Pakistan.

Communist Party leaders in Beijing and the Taliban have little ideological common ground, but experts feel shared pragmatism could see mutual self-interest trump sensitive differences.

For Beijing, a stable and cooperative administration in Kabul would pave the way for an expansion of its Belt and Road Initiative into Afghanistan and through the Central Asian republics. The Taliban, meanwhile, would consider China a crucial source of investment and economic support. “China can deal with the Taliban... but they still find the Taliban’s religious agenda and motivations inherently discomfoting,” Andrew Small, author of “The China-Pakistan Axis”, told AFP earlier this month.

The Taliban’s campaign has so far seen them capture scores of districts, border crossings and encircle several provincial capitals. Government forces have abandoned some rural districts without a fight, but are digging in to defend provincial capitals even as the insurgents tighten a noose around the cities.

Rights groups have accused the insurgents of committing atrocities in territories under their control, including in the border town of Spin Boldak, where Afghan officials accuse Taliban fighters of killing around 100 civilians.

The nine-member Taliban team in China is led by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, co-founder of the hardline movement.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/798275/taliban-tell-china-afghanistan-will-not-be-base-for-separatists/>

### **Chinese national wounded in gun attack in Karachi**

At least one Chinese national was wounded in a gun attack in megacity of Karachi Wednesday, police said, in the latest assault targeting Chinese citizens in the country.

Local police said two masked assailants riding on a motorbike fired at a car carrying two Chinese nationals, who were working at a nearby factory in the city. One of the passengers sustained an injury to his arm in that attack.

“He is stable as fortunately he was not hit on any vital part of his body”, Javed Akbar Riaz, the police chief of Karachi’s southern district, told AFP.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian also confirmed the incident. “China is following this matter closely and the relevant case is still under investigation,” said Zhao. “This incident is an isolated case. We are fully confident that the Pakistani side will ensure the safety of Chinese nationals and assets in Pakistan,” he added.

The shooting comes just weeks after nine Chinese nationals were killed in northwest of the country when their bus carrying a team of engineers, surveyors and mechanical staff to a nearby dam site was targeted in a bombing.

The security of Chinese workers has long been an issue of concern in Pakistan. Large numbers of them are based in the country to supervise and build infrastructure projects.

In April, a suicide blast at a luxury hotel hosting the Chinese ambassador in southwest Balochistan province killed four people and wounded dozens. The ambassador was unhurt.

Islamabad is Beijing's closest regional ally, with China pouring billions of dollars into Pakistan in recent years to boost the nation's infrastructure.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/798277/chinese-national-wounded-in-gun-attack-in-karachi/>

### **Dunya News**

#### **Pakistan-China relationship is unique, robust: COAS**

RAWALPINDI (Dunya News) – Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa said on Thursday that Pakistan-China relationship is unique and robust that has proven its resilience in the face of challenges. He was addressing a ceremony in connection with of 94th Anniversary of the founding of Chinese Peoples' Liberation Army held at General Headquarters today (Thursday). General Qamar Javed Bajwa said in the evolving security milieu, Pakistan-China partnership is becoming increasingly important for regional peace and stability.

The Army Chief said PLA and Pakistan Army are brothers in arms and our relationship will continue to contribute towards safeguarding our collective interests. The COAS felicitated PLA's leadership and lauded its role in China's defence, security and nation building. On the occasion, China's Defence Attaché thanked the COAS for hosting a reception on the eve of PLA's 94th Anniversary. Recalling Chinese President Xi Jinping's view that Pakistan Armed Forces are the mainstay of Pak-China strategic relations, the Defence Attaché said China and Pakistan are iron brothers, all-weather friends and strategic partners. He said no matter how the world situation changes, we will always stand together in safeguarding our national sovereignty, territorial integrity and maintaining regional peace and stability. Ambassador of China to Pakistan Nong Rang, Defence Attache Major General Chen Wenrong, officials from Chinese Embassy and officers from tri-services of Pakistan attended the event.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/612681-Pakistan-China-relationship-is-unique-robust-COAS>

### **The Express Tribune**

#### **CPEC does not have military designs: Khattak**

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Pervez Khattak said on Wednesday the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) did not have any military designs rather the mega project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) aimed at economic development of the region. Talking to his Belarusian counterpart, Lt-Gen Viktor Khrenin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Defence Ministers conference in Dushanbe, Tajikistan Khattak reiterated Pakistan's commitment to facilitating peace efforts in Afghanistan. "The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor does not have any military designs," Khattak told his Belarusian counterpart. "The project will contribute towards peace, stability and economic development in the region," he said. The defence minister emphasised the need for Pakistan and Belarus to enhance bilateral collaboration in training of armed personnel, transfer of technology and sharing of defence-related expertise. He said that Pakistan attached great importance to its relations with Belarus,

bilaterally and in the context of European Union (EU). He also underscored the importance of enhancing interaction between defence forces of the two countries. The two defence ministers expressed satisfaction over the ongoing defence collaboration between Pakistan and Belarus and agreed to work together to achieve the common goal of regional peace and security. They agreed to work together to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2312793/cpec-does-not-have-military-designs-khattak>

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### **Attack on Chinese**

AN attack targeting two Chinese nationals in Karachi on Wednesday should put the security apparatus on alert in order to neutralise such threats. The two foreigners were attacked by armed motorcyclists while they were being driven to an industrial unit in the SITE area. Though one of the Chinese nationals, as well as the local driver of the vehicle, remained unhurt, the other was injured by the gunmen but was fortunately said to be out of danger. The banned Balochistan Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for the attack. The incident comes on the heels of the Dasu tragedy in which at least 13 people, including nine Chinese nationals, were killed in a terrorist attack. Moreover the Chinese consulate in Karachi had come under an armed attack — also carried out by Baloch separatists — in 2018.

It is obvious that these attacks are designed to harm the Pakistan-China relationship and to discourage foreigners from working on development projects in the country. Protection for Chinese nationals must be beefed up considering that hostile actors — including those belonging to separatist outfits that are backed by certain right-wing governments in the vicinity — appear determined to target them. The security apparatus must redouble its efforts to thwart such incidents. Following the Dasu incident, China was quite firm in demanding security for its workers, while it took efforts from the foreign minister as well as the army chief to assure Beijing that such violence targeting China's nationals and projects in Pakistan would not be tolerated. The fact is Chinese nationals — working on CPEC as well as other projects — are 'soft' targets for terrorists, which is why intelligence-based actions are the best option to prevent such attacks. The economic and strategic relationship between Pakistan and China is deep, and inimical forces should not be allowed to damage this bond. The intelligence apparatus must keep a close watch on elements that intend to do harm to China's nationals and Pakistan-China economic interests.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1637732/attack-on-chinese>

### **Pakistan welcomes China's engagement with Taliban**

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office on Thursday welcomed China's engagement with the Taliban, underscoring the importance of Beijing's role in the Afghan peace process.

“We believe that China being a neighbouring country to Afghanistan does have an important role to play in the Afghan peace process,” FO spokesman Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said at his weekly media briefing.

A nine-member Taliban delegation led by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the chief of the Afghan insurgent’s Doha-based political office, met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and other officials in Tianjin (China) on Wednesday.

The talks focused on peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan and Taliban’s relations with other terrorist groups including East Turkestan Islamic Movement.

FO spokesman calls for reduction in violence

The visit took place as Taliban made sweeping gains in Afghanistan and at the same time stepped up their outreach to other countries in a bid to gain legitimacy.

“We have consistently maintained that at this critical juncture in the Afghan peace process, all energies must be focused on reaching an inclusive, broad-based and comprehensive political settlement in Afghanistan. Reduction in violence leading to ceasefire is particularly significant in this regard,” the spokesman further said.

Recalling the commonality in Pakistan’s and China’s approaches towards the Afghan conflict, Mr Chaudhri said both countries were committed to facilitating and supporting an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process.

Indian Ministry of External Affairs Spokesman Arindam Bagchi, meanwhile, in a statement from Delhi criticised Taliban advances, while commenting on the meeting between FM Wang and the Taliban delegation.

“Unilateral will of imposition by any party will not be democratic, cannot lead to stability, and cannot provide legitimacy,” Bagchi said. India has in the past few months also tried to reach out to Taliban.

Mr Chaudhri criticised India, saying it was “among the spoilers of the peace process”. He pointed to what he called Indian opposition to the Afghan peace process and the efforts being made by the international community in this regard.

Meanwhile, in reply to a question about the postponed meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee, the top decision-making body of CPEC, he said new dates for the meeting would be announced soon. He said foreign ministers of China and Pakistan had discussed the issue during their recently held strategic dialogue.

The meeting was postponed after a bomb attack on a bus carrying Chinese workers to the Dasu dam’s construction site. The spokesman, however, claimed that the postponement of the JCC meeting was not linked to the tragic Dasu incident.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1637669/pakistan-welcomes-chinas-engagement-with-taliban>

## **The Nation**

### **FO says Pakistan, China committed to facilitate Afghan peace**

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ISLAMABAD - Pakistan Thursday urged the United Nations to force India to reverse illegal measures in occupied Kashmir.

Speaking at a weekly news briefing here, Foreign Office spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said Pakistan will continue to support Kashmiris till their right to self-determination is achieved.

“All means are being used to make the world aware of Indian atrocities in occupied Kashmir. The United Nations should put pressure on India to withdraw its illegal measures taken in occupied Kashmir,” he said.

To a question, the spokesperson said that all energy should be focused at finding a political settlement of the conflict in Afghanistan.

He said that efforts need to be made to find an inclusive, broad-based and comprehensive political settlement as there is no military solution to the Afghan conflict.

The spokesperson said India has always played a role of spoiler in the Afghan peace process.

He said Pakistan and China were committed to facilitate and support the Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process.

Chaudhri said Pakistan believes in maintaining close, cooperative and brotherly relations with Afghanistan and there was no plan to downgrade our diplomatic ties with Kabul.

He said negative statements by some elements, who do not truly represent the people of Afghanistan, cannot be allowed to adversely impact the important relationship, particularly at this juncture of ongoing peace process in Afghanistan.

He said Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud visited Pakistan this week and held delegation level talks with the Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and also called on President Dr. Arif Alvi, Prime Minister Imran Khan and the Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa.

“During these meetings, the entire spectrum of bilateral relations, particularly in the areas of trade and investment, welfare of Pakistani Diaspora in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, regional situation and peace in Afghanistan were discussed,” he said.

The two Foreign Ministers, he said, expressed satisfaction on the ongoing work related to the Saudi-Pakistan Supreme Coordination Council, which is aimed at imparting strategic direction to the development of Pakistan-Saudi relations.

Discussing the situation in Afghanistan, the Foreign Minister apprised his Saudi counterpart about Pakistan's continuing efforts for an inclusive, broad based and comprehensive political settlement in Afghanistan, he said.

Chaudhri said Foreign Minister Qureshi was currently in Bahrain for a two-day official visit.

“The Foreign Minister co-chaired with his Bahraini counterpart the 2nd Session of Pakistan-Bahrain Joint Ministerial Commission. During the JMC, Foreign Minister Qureshi highlighted the longstanding relations between Pakistan and Bahrain, characterized by a spirit of friendship and solidarity,” he said.

Earlier during this week, Chaudhri said, the Foreign Minister visited China to attend the third session of the Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue between Pakistan and China.

“Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and Chinese Foreign Minister and State Councilor Wang Yi exchanged views on bilateral strategic, economic and security cooperation, COVID-19 pandemic, and international and regional issues of mutual interest,” he added.

The Chinese side reaffirmed its firm support to Pakistan in safeguarding its territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence, he said.

China reiterated that the Kashmir dispute should be resolved peacefully through the UN Charter, relevant UNSC resolutions and bilateral agreements, the spokesperson said.

Coming to the situation in the region, he said, “We have noted with serious concern and condemn in strongest possible terms the Indian government's recently-exposed organised spying operations using an Israeli origin spyware , ‘Pegasus’.”

The reported targets of these massive spying operations included journalists, politicians, human rights activists, business executives, public health experts, foreign diplomats in India and the Kashmiri leaders, he said.

Reportedly, he said, the targeted telephones also included at least one number used by Prime Minister Imran Khan as well as hundreds of others in Pakistan.

Keeping a clandestine tab on dissenting voices is a long-standing textbook ploy of the RSS-BJP regime, he said.

The spokesperson said the world had seen the true face of the so-called Indian “democracy” when the reports of EU Disinfo Lab, Indian Chronicle, surfaced last year.

“In view of the gravity of these reports, we call on the relevant UN bodies to thoroughly investigate the matter, bring the facts to light, and hold the Indian perpetrators to account,” he said.

On the situation in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, he said on 5th August 2021, would mark the completion of an unprecedented 24 months long military siege and draconian curbs on the fundamental rights and freedoms of Kashmiri people in the aftermath of India's illegal and unilateral actions.



In keeping with its long held tradition of peddling false propaganda, India is trying to push the sham narrative of so-called “normalcy” in IIOJK. However, the situation on the ground points to the contrary, he added.

“To this day, Kashmiri leadership remains incarcerated under trumped-up charges. Extra-judicial killings, arbitrary detentions, staged cordon-and-search operations and custodial torture by the Indian occupation forces continue with impunity,” the spokesperson said.

<https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2021-07-30/page-1/detail-4>

### **Five Pakistani films being screened in Beijing : Fawad**

ISLAMABAD - Minister for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain said on Thursday that screening of five Pakistani films in Beijing was part of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of Pak-China diplomatic relations. He said that the filmmakers there were developing content for an international audience. He assured the local filmmakers that Ministry of Information will support them to exhibit their films in the world.

<https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2021-07-30/page-15/detail-1>

## **The News**

### **Pakistan welcomes Baradar’s visit to China**

ISLAMABAD: The first visit recently by the Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Baradar to China has generated great interest in all world capitals with Pakistan welcoming the high level visit saying being a neighbor of Afghanistan, this meeting with the Chinese leadership was to be welcomed.

“We believe China being a neighbouring country to Afghanistan does have an important role to play in the Afghan peace process. Pakistan is a close and brotherly neighbour of Afghanistan, and the only country that has consistently emphasized that there is no military solution to the Afghan conflict,” said the Foreign Office spokesman during the weekly media briefing.

He pointed out that Pakistan had been supporting and facilitating peace process for achieving an inclusive intra-Afghan political settlement.

“All neighbours of Afghanistan, including China, have been supporting political resolution of the Afghan conflict. Pakistan and China are committed to facilitating and supporting “Afghan-led and Afghan-owned” peace and reconciliation process”, he added.

To a query about rhetoric from India about Mullah Baradar’s China visit, the spokesman responded, “Unfortunately, India is among the spoilers of the peace process and this Indian thinking is also reflected by its continued opposition to the Afghan peace process and the efforts being made by the international community in this regard”, he said.

In this regard, Pakistan maintains that it has consistently maintained that at this critical juncture in the Afghan peace process, all energies must be focused on reaching an inclusive, broad-based

and comprehensive political settlement in Afghanistan. Reduction in violence leading to ceasefire is particularly significant in this regard.

“Pakistan has no intention to downgrade diplomatic relations with Afghanistan despite the recent case of the daughter of the Afghan ambassador, which compelled Kabul to recall its ambassador and other senior diplomats from Islamabad,” he said.

“Regarding the possibility of the downgrading of diplomatic relations with Afghanistan, Pakistan believes in maintaining close, cooperative and brotherly relations with Afghanistan. There is no plan to downgrade our diplomatic relations with Afghanistan”, the spokesman responded.

Regarding the reported abduction of Afghan ambassador’s daughter, he said a thorough investigation was. Over 700 hours of video footage from over 300 CCTV cameras was examined. More than 200 witnesses were interviewed by the security personnel.

“While a significant progress has been made in this case, we believe that the cooperation of Afghan ambassador and his daughter is critical in concluding the investigation”, he said.

Negative statements by some elements, who are not representative of the people of Afghanistan, the spokesman pointed out, cannot be allowed to adversely impact this important relationship particularly at this critical juncture of the ongoing Afghan peace process.

“Pakistan has taken up several times with the Chinese government the issue of providing visas to its students and it was also raised by Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi during his recent visit to China for the Third Session of the Foreign Ministers’ Strategic Dialogue between China and Pakistan. We hope that the two sides will be able to resolve this issue,” said the spokesman but without providing details why the Chinese side was reluctant to move forward on this.

The spokesman shrugged aside the issue of 4000,000 Pakistani workers unable to return to work in Saudi Arabia.

The spokesman once again condemned the use of spyware by India, which also saw the phone set of Prime Minister Imran Khan to be spied upon and said Pakistan will soon raise this issue on all available international fora.

India itself has as yet not called for any inquiry into the matter in which a big number of high-profile Indian personalities also had their phone sets spied upon.

“Communication security in the Foreign Office is a consistent effort and a constant process. We keep tracking the emerging challenge and take the necessary measures to further enhance the organization’s cyber security”, said the spokesman.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/870815-pakistan-welcomes-baradar-s-visit-to-china>

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### **CPEC to create massive jobs: Bajwa**

Chairman, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority, Lt. Gen. (Retd) Asim Saleem Bajwa says fencing of Pak-Iran border is in progress which on completion would help stop cross-border illegal movement and smuggling.

Talking to a private television channel, he said Pak-Afghan border fencing has been completed almost, while full efforts are being made to complete the Pak-Iran border fencing.

He lauded the efforts of security officials involved in fencing the borders and said that it was a difficult task which had been completed with success. Asim Saleem Bajwa said China Pakistan Economic Corridor project would generate massive job opportunities particularly for the people of Balochistan.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/799271/cpec-to-create-massive-jobs-bajwa/>

**Pakistan Observer**

### **Pak-China strategic dialogue & its regional importance**

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MOST recently Pak-China Strategic Dialogue was held in China, which covered all aspects of security, safety, stability, survival and sustainability of socio-economic prosperity, greater connectivity through CPEC & BRI, Health Silk Route and last but not the least deteriorating law and order situation in Afghanistan.

It also vividly reflected both sides' strong political commitment to fighting against all threats of terror in the region especially related to Afghanistan.

Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held the 3rd round of China-Pakistan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue with Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, and jointly met the press.

Pakistan and China had agreed to continue high-quality construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and strengthen coordination on international and regional affairs during the third round of Foreign Ministers Strategic Dialogue.

Foreign Minister Wang pointed out that since the establishment of the bilateral diplomatic ties 70 years ago, the two countries had worked together to overcome many obstacles and forged "an iron-clad friendship and an all-weather strategic partnership" of cooperation.

He further termed a high degree of mutual trust, mutual assistance, seeking peace and promoting development together as the most distinctive features of the bilateral relations and greatest

strength in moving forward together. It showed strategic orientation of strategic friendship between Pakistan and China.

Both sides agreed that a high degree of mutual trust, mutual assistance, seeking peace and promoting development together are the most distinctive features of China-Pakistan relations, and the underlying rationale of our ironclad friendship.

They are important guidance for China-Pakistan relations and should be unswervingly upheld and advocated by us. Both sides sternly condemned the terrorist attacks targeting Chinese nationals in Pakistan.

Both sides agreed to build a strengthened version of counter-terrorism and security cooperation framework, upgrade and improve security measures for Chinese nationals, institutions and projects in Pakistan, to prevent similar incidents from happening again.

During the strategic dialogue both sides spoke highly of the outcomes of anti-COVID 19 cooperation.

China pledged to continue to satisfy the vaccine demand of Pakistan, and firmly support its defeat of the pandemic. Both sides reiterated the opposition to “vaccine nationalism”.

On its part, Pakistan supported China’s principled position on the origin-tracing, and firmly opposes the attempt of any country and any force to politicize the origin-tracing.

Despite regional media hue and cry and international propaganda both sides agreed to continue the high-quality construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), unleash the vitality of Gwadar Port and economic parks, expand livelihood cooperation, strengthen emerging industries, develop and extend the CPEC, promote regional connectivity, build health, industry, digital and green corridors, and benefit more countries and their peoples in this region.

Interestingly both sides agreed to further strengthen coordination on international and regional affairs, jointly oppose hegemonism and unilateralism, advocate true multilateralism, promote the common values of humanity, uphold the international system with the UN at its core and the international order based on international law, advance the political settlement of hotspot issues, such as the Afghan issue and the Palestinian question, injecting more positive energy into world peace, stability and development.

Most recently, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong called on Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Accordingly to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) press release, matters of mutual interest, regional security situation, bilateral cooperation in various fields and update on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) were discussed during the meeting.

The Army Chief thanked envoy for “unwavering Chinese support” extended to Pakistan during testing times of pandemic.

On his part, Chinese Ambassador Nong appreciated and acknowledged Pakistan's positive role in the region and pledged to play his role for further improvement in diplomatic cooperation between both countries.

Definitely, chessboard of regional security is rapidly on the change due to which new castles of security and safety are being formed.

Queen of power politics (USA) and its foot-soldiers (India) in the region are trying their best to sabotage the peace efforts of Pakistan, China and Uzbekistan.

Due to severe power politics Afghanistan has again become flashpoint of regional security and unfortunately, soil for proxies.

Doves of peace are trying their best to fly high but recent airstrikes of the US has drastically changed the prospects of peace in the region especially in Afghanistan.

Even Russian President offered to use military bases in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan to US which is desperately searching safe-heavens in the shape of military bases in the region.

But airstrike from its Doha based military base in the territories of Afghanistan has diverted regional spillover repercussions of Afghanistan to the Middle East which has already fragile, divided and eye ball to eye ball with Iran.

China's Foreign Minister has met a Taliban delegation, signalling warming ties as the United States-led foreign forces continue their withdrawal from Afghanistan.

He also said he hoped the Taliban would crack down on the East Turkestan Islamic Movement as it was a "direct threat to China's national security", according to the readout, referring to a group China says is active in the Xinjiang region in China's Far West.

Beijing has said it fears neighbouring Afghanistan could be used as a staging ground for separatists.

Beijing has viewed the US withdrawal from Afghanistan as a boon, while close ties with a future government in Kabul could also pave the way for an expansion of its Belt and Road Initiative into Afghanistan and through the Central Asian Republics.

Despite Western propaganda China has throughout adhered to non-interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

Chinese FM upheld that "Afghanistan belongs to the Afghan people" and termed follies of the US as failure of US policy towards Afghanistan.

To counter the strategic moves and initiatives of China the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken officially visited India and warned that Afghanistan would become a "pariah state" if the Taliban takes control by force. Being a prominent regional expert of China, CPEC & BRI, I really appreciate peace efforts of Chinese government in the region and especially Afghanistan. Rise to violence and terrorist targeting against Chinese personnel has direct correlation with deteriorating law and order situation in Afghanistan. Moreover, enemy of socio-economic

prosperity, greater regional connectivity and ill-designers of peace and stability are trying to manage the Chinese holistic policies of regional peace by pursuing and reactivating 5th generation hybrid war against the vested interests of Pakistan and China.

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## **Achievements, challenges of Sino-Pak ties in new era**

*Min Li*

The initial results of CPEC and the spirit of China-Pakistan Joint fight against the epidemic highlighted the friendly relations between China and Pakistan.

What's more, this turns out that China-Pakistan fate community building is not an idealistic vision, nor a false promise of China's rise.

Rather, it is an embodiment of China's consistent worldview and values. The construction of CPEC and the building of a China-Pakistan community with a shared future are not only of great significance to Sino-Pakistan friendly relations, but also of great theoretical and practical value for China to cope with the profound changes unseen in a century, and to make China's voice heard and put forward China's proposals of global governance.

However, although the traditional friendship of China and Pakistan has reached a new height, new breakthroughs have been made in bilateral economic, trade and people-to-people exchanges, Sino-Pakistan relations still face many new challenges under the background of undergoing profound changes unseen in a century and the ongoing impact of COVID-19 in many countries around the world.

The COVID-19 epidemic has seriously affected the economic and trade relations as well as people-to-people and cultural exchanges and cooperation between China and Pakistan.

In 2020, the total bilateral trade between China and Pakistan dropped by 2.7% compared to the formal year.

Despite CEPC had achieved in the first phase of construction and will march forward at full speed, operations face serious disruptions and delays from the pandemic are profound and inevitable. We Chinese often say that a friend in need is a friend indeed.

Covid-19 pandemic had tested so many friends and aligns relations in international community, compared to many countries operate on their own, the friendship of Sino-Pakistan is testified an iron one again.

However, in the fights of this unexpected and ongoing pandemic, how to advance high-quality CPEC cooperation, how to eliminate the impact of the epidemic on our two countries' trade and people-to-people exchanges are still big challenges.

South Asia is at high risk from the serious ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in India, which could devastate the region's thriving and security potential.

Although the number of new infections in India had dropped in recently, the prospects for the war against this pandemic are still tough and uncertain in the region.

Every country and every government faces huge pressure of maintaining economic growth and social stability in this seemed endless pandemic.

The existing social contradictions are likely to be intensified and domestic pressures are likely to degenerate into regional tensions.

How to avoid the impact of the spread of the epidemic in the Indian subcontinent on CPEC and our two countries' effectiveness in fighting the epidemic is a big challenge.

As the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan, future instability in the country is likely to trigger a new round of geopolitical competition in the region.

Peace in Afghanistan seems a forlorn hope, intra-Afghan discussions remain at a standstill. The Afghan government's destiny is still pending.

Considering recently fierce attacks launched by Taliban, the Afghanistan situation is pessimistic. What's more, Afghanistan is famous for "great game" to regional countries and global powers.

American's irresponsible withdrawal creating a security black hole in Afghanistan, the neighbouring and regional countries are inevitably confronted with severe external situations from this. How should the China-Pakistan strategic partnership play its role on the Afghan issues and the regional peace is a big challenge. Both China and Pakistan face increasing hostility and strategic pressure from the United States.

The vicious attacks on CPEC and deliberate drive a wedge between China and Pakistan have risen significantly. US has been constantly demonizing CPCE and the BRI as a serious threat. G-7 countries recently have decided to inaugurate an infrastructure financing mechanism for low-to middle-income countries. Pakistan would face further pressures from the United States in financial and diplomacy areas.

The US is going to force Pakistan to pick sides and regardless of the facts that Sino-Pakistan relations and CPEC are critical to the regional peace and prosperous.

The US, China and Pakistan's relations are a complex triangle relationship rather than a zero-sum dynamics, this means there was a bit of me in you and a bit of you in me.

Don't forget the most famous reference of the US, China and Pakistan triangle relationship is that Pakistan played as a conduit for the US-China rapprochement in 1970s'.

How to jointly respond to the U.S. diplomatic pressure and find a new way to transform this triangle relationships into a force for stability and prosperity in the region are challenges for present Sino-Pakistan relations.

Over the past 70 years, the governments and people of China and Pakistan have always stood firmly together and supported each other no matter how the international and domestic situations changed.

During the Cold War confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union, the Pakistani government continued to maintain friendly relations with China despite the threats and warnings of the United States.

During the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan, the Chinese people and the Pakistani people firmly stood together to oppose the Soviet Union's aggression.

In the global war against terrorism since the beginning of the 21st century, Pakistan has firmly supported the Chinese government in its fight against "three forces" in Xinjiang, China firmly supports and fully affirms Pakistan's counter-terrorism policies and operations.

In March 2020, during the epidemic in Wuhan, Pakistan President Arif Alvi visited China and provided a large amount of medical supplies, which highlighted Pakistan's strong support to the Chinese government and people.

The Chinese medical team's support to Pakistan and the large quantity of vaccine provided to Pakistan have shown that China will always be Pakistan's strongest supporter in the fight against the global epidemic.

The friendship between China and Pakistan is an iron friendship that can stand the test of the changing international situation and cannot be denigrated or alienated by any force. —The writer is a PhD associate research fellow, Director of Research Centre on Pakistan, China (Kunming) Academy of South and Southeast Asia Studies.

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### The News

#### **China's Silk Road transforms Pakistan into 'pivot' in region**

BEIJING: The Dasu attack is a tragedy of innocent lives and exposes that a hybrid war by those opposing China-Pakistan cooperation (CPEC) will continue.

According political analysts, the attack which killed nine Chinese nationals and two Pakistani soldiers had several aims; to weaken China's confidence in Pakistan and target the extensive progress made in CPEC projects.

It was also meant to affirm the uncorroborated allegations made by the US and its ally Prime Minister Modi against Pakistan as a 'terrorist state.' However, China is well versed at some countries' orchestrated misinformation campaigns.

The attack occurred just a week after Prime Minister Imran Khan visited Gwadar Port, an important project of China-Pakistan cooperation. Imran Khan at the occasion guaranteed Chinese



workers and investors that Pakistan will do everything to facilitate the smooth functioning of CPEC projects.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/871261-china-s-silk-road-transforms-pakistan-into-pivot-in-region>

## Nawaiwaqt News

### پاکستان، چین اور ایران مل کر امریکی، بھارتی سازشیں ناکام بنانے پر متفق

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علاقائی ممالک کے بدلنے مفادات اور ماضی کے تجربات کی وجہ سے ایران کی خارجہ پالیسی میں بھی خاصی تبدیلی آئی ہے۔ ماضی کی نسبت ایران اور پاکستان بہت قریب آئے ہیں جب کہ ایران خطے میں پائیدار امن کے لیے افغانستان میں امریکی و بھارتی اثر و رسوخ کے خاتمے کا حامی ہے۔ ایران کی موجودہ خارجہ پالیسی نوے کی دہائی سے قطعی طور پر مختلف ہے۔ تیس سال قبل ایران کا جھکاؤ بھارت کی طرف تھا لیکن آج صورتحال مختلف ہے۔ ایران افغان طالبان کے ساتھ بھی بہتر تعلقات کا خواہاں ہے جبکہ چین اور ایران کی دوریاں بھی ختم ہو رہی ہیں۔ ان بدلتی ضرورتوں نے بھارت کو سخت نقصان پہنچایا ہے۔ ایران کا جھکاؤ بھارت کے بجائے پاکستان کی طرف ہے، ایران اب مسئلہ کشمیر کے حوالے سے بھی ماضی کی نسبت مختلف موقف رکھتا ہے جبکہ افغان طالبان نے بھی بھارت کو پاکستان کے خلاف کسی بھی قسم کی سازشوں میں شریک ہونے سے صاف انکار کرکے خطے میں نئی صف بندی کی راہ ہموار کی ہے۔ بھارت افغانستان کے ذریعے پاکستان میں بد امنی کرنا چاہتا ہے لیکن اب اس کے لیے یہ اتنا آسان نہیں رہا۔ ایران چاہتا ہے کہ امریکہ افغانستان سے نکل جائے لیکن ہندوستان کی خواہش اس کے برعکس ہے۔ جغرافیائی اعتبار سے بھی افغانستان میں بد امنی سے ایران کے امن کو خطرات لاحق ہیں یہ وجہ بھی ہے کہ ایران کا نقطہ نظر بدلا ہے۔ ایران باخبر ہے کہ بھارت کیوں چین اور پاکستان کے خلاف ہے۔ بھارت افغانستان میں خانہ جنگی کا خواہشمند ہے جبکہ ایران پر امن افغانستان کے لیے اقدامات اٹھا رہا ہے۔ اسی تناظر میں، ہندوستان افغان افواج کو ہتھیار فراہم کر رہا ہے اور ٹی ٹی پی کے دہشت گردوں کی مدد کر رہا ہے۔ یہ مکمل طور پر افغانستان میں پاکستان اور ایرانی پالیسی کے خلاف ہے جہاں دونوں امن کو فروغ دینے اور جنگ کو جلد از جلد انجام دینے کی کوشش کر رہے ہیں۔ مجموعی طور پر یہ حالات بھارت کے لیے مسائل پیدا کریں گے کیونکہ بھارت کے توسیع پسندانہ عزائم کے راستے میں رکاوٹیں کھڑی ہو رہی ہیں، بھارت کی ارد گرد کے ممالک میں بد امنی کے ذریعے خطے میں اثر و رسوخ بڑھانے کے منصوبوں کو بھی نقصان پہنچے گا۔

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### چین اور پاکستان کے مابین تعاون کے فروغ میں روایتی طب کا اہم کردار

نان چھانگ (شہنوا) وزیراعظم عمران خان کے معاون خصوصی برائے قومی صحت خدمات فیصل سلطان نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان نے اپنے ملک میں جڑی بوٹیوں سے متعلق تفصیلات کو مرتب اور جمع کرنے کے حوالے سے بہت زیادہ کوششیں کی ہیں۔ شنگھائی تعاون تنظیم (ایس سی او) کے روایتی طب فورم 2021 کے اجلاس سے ویڈیو کے ذریعے خطاب کرتے ہوئے فیصل سلطان نے کہا کہ ہم مستقبل میں روایتی طب اور اس حوالے سے تحقیق کے لئے اداروں کے قیام کے لئے چین سے مزید تعاون کی توقع کر رہے ہیں۔ حالیہ سالوں میں پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان روایتی طب کے تعاون میں اضافہ جاری ہے۔ وسطی چین کی جیانگ شی یونیورسٹی آف چائینز میڈیسن میں زیر تعلیم 1 ہزار 110 غیر ملکی طالب علموں میں 245 پاکستانی طالب علم ہیں جو چین کی روایتی اور مغربی طب کی کلینیکل کارکردگی سے متعلقہ کورسز سیکھ رہے ہیں۔ پاکستانی طالب علم کبیر فہد روایتی چینی طب کی تعلیم حاصل کرنے کے لئے 2016 میں چین آئے اور مذکورہ یونیورسٹی میں مریضوں کے عملی علاج و معالجے کا چینی اور مغربی علم سیکھتا ہے۔ اس نے کہا کہ وہ چین آئے ہیں

کیونکہ انھیں روایتی چینی طب سے بہت زیادہ لگاؤ اور شوق ہے اور یہ کہ وہ مزید کوششیں کریں گے اور ٹی سی ایم کا زیادہ سے زیادہ علم حاصل کریں گے۔ جیانگ شی یونیورسٹی آف چائینز میڈیسن کے ایک پاکستانی استاد کو 2016 میں چین اور پاکستان کے درمیان روایتی طب کے شعبہ میں خدمات اور تعاون پر اعزاز اور ایوارڈ سے نوازا گیا تھا۔ حالیہ برسوں میں صوبہ جیانگ شی نے روایتی چینی طب کے فروغ کے لئے اپنی کوششوں میں اضافہ کیا ہے، جس کے تحت معیاری اور صنعتی پیمانے پر جڑی بوٹیاں اگانے، فارماسوٹیکل پراسیسنگ اور چینی جڑی بوٹیوں کو کشید کرنے پر مشتمل ایک صنعتی نظام تعمیر کیا گیا ہے۔ گزشتہ سال انسداد و باکے دوران جیانگ شی کی حکومت نے چین کی روایتی اور مغربی ادویات کے ایک ساتھ استعمال کی اہمیت پر زور دیا جس کے نتیجے میں علاج معالجے کی شرح 97 فیصد سے زیادہ جبکہ موثر ہونے کے حوالے سے شرح 99 فیصد سے زیادہ رہی۔

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