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Nineteenth Session
CPEC-BCIM Updates
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Pakistan takes CPEC to Cairo

- **Federal ministers, senior government and defence officials, leaders of central banks and principal commercial entities, business and sectoral heads, policymakers and opinion formers from Pakistan, Egypt, China and Europe have gathered in Cairo to discuss ways and means to create partnerships and maximise gains from the trillion-dollar projects of CPEC and BRI.**
- **The four-day CPEC-BRI Cairo Dialogue and Trade Summit, a brainchild of Islamabad-based South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI), hopes to create a novel informal platform for continued conversation for future cooperation between countries in Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa.**



Effects of CPEC: Khyber Agency inhabitants learn Chinese language

- At most 500 locals were reported to be enrolled in language centers to learn the Chinese language as part of the results caused by CPEC
- Inhabitants of Jamrud have enrolled themselves in Chinese language classes at the first Chinese language center of Khyber Agency's Jamrud Bazaar area, as part of the outcomes of the CPEC deal
- The students further revealed their hopefulness about CPEC stating that an economic revolution would be inevitable in the region through the projects as more job prospects will be generated as well as instigation to modern technology

Source Link: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/373055-effects-of-cpec-khyber-agency-inhabitants-learn-chinese>





CPEC – Model for Eco-civilization Concept of China

- **Eco-civilization is comprehensive concept for a systematic understanding of relationship between humanity and nature. According to Chinese philosophy, the relationship between human and nature should be harmonious and in unity. In 2012, the 18th National Congress of the CPC put forward the eco-civilization concept into the national strategy and integrated it with the overall development of the Chinese economy, politics, society and culture**
- **Application of eco-civilization is developing dynamically in China based on the practical experience made with the new policy approaches. Pakistan, in this regard, can also learn from the Chinese experience and can develop CPEC – specifically Gwadar – as flagship of eco-civilization.**



Saudi Arabia to Join CPEC to Make Gwadar Oil City

- **Saudi Arabia is expected to transform Gwadar into an oil city**
- **Pakistan needs nine billion dollars for running the state affairs and it would be overcoming its difficulties with the huge investment receiving from Saudi Arabia and China.**
- **The CPEC would be providing the Saudis with a network of good trade routes and pattern for engaging even better in the world trade traffic.**
- **Saudi Arabia would also be assisting China in having better crude oil for import reasons as billions of dollars of the Chinese economy is significantly dependent on the trade activities.**

Beijing's involvement in Myanmar peace does not amount to interference

- **United States Institute of Peace released a report titled "China's Role in Myanmar's Internal Conflicts" on September 14 claiming that "China has set aside its stated adherence to the principle of non-interference to become more assertive in Myanmar's peace process." The report cast doubts on Beijing's motives in national reconciliation and overall peace process in Myanmar**
- **The report recognizes China's role in the process of achieving peace in Myanmar, but makes a mistake in judging China's attitude and motivation in mediating Myanmar's domestic affairs**



Pakistan, CPEC lead foreign policy: China

- **China places CPEC and Pakistan's interest in the priority position of its foreign policy said Chinese Foreign Ministry**
- **“Beijing will continue its support to Islamabad and both countries have agreed to accelerate the China Pakistan Economic Corridor project,” said the spokesperson**
- **He said Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit to Pakistan was mainly aimed at renewing the friendship, promoting mutually-beneficial cooperation in various areas and elevating all-weather strategic partnership to a new high**
- **China is willing to work with the newly elected Pakistani government to make China-Pakistan relations a model of good-neighbourhood and friendship, a pillar of regional peace and stability, and a benchmark for building the Belt and Road Initiatives**

Source Link: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/366679-pakistan-cpec-lead-foreign-policy-china>



India offers China access to northeast in BRI strategic shift

- India has offered China connectivity via its northeastern region to Bangladesh's Chittagong port on the Indian Ocean as part of an ambitious multilateral plan that appears to complement the BCIM Economic Corridor proposed under Beijing's BRI
- The latest proposal will connect Bangladeshi port city of Chittagong with Agartala, capital of India's Tripura state
- New Delhi has also invited for first time "limited Chinese investment" as it sets out to establish a Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) sub-regional hub linking landlocked northeastern region with neighboring countries. Decision was made by demand of northeastern states

Source Link: https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d3d414d7a597a4e79457a6333566d54/share_p.html



Dhaka bringing Beijing and New Delhi closer

- India-China relations seem to have received a change. Two high-level visits from India, by Prime Minister and Defense Minister followed by recent trip by Chinese Defense to India are raising expectations of change in direction
- Modi-led government's chief concern in its South Asian periphery has been the emergence of Chinese influence. China's success in earning the confidence of India's smaller neighbors was largely aided by India's domineering attitude toward the concerns next door
- India is now offering connectivity to its northeastern territories to China via the Chittagong port of Bangladesh, which will also help boost regional trade by complementing the BCIM corridor with the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) corridor

Source Link: <http://www.atimes.com/dhaka-bringing-beijing-and-new-delhi-closer/>

Kunming-Kolkata Bullet Train Service on Cards

- **On September 12, 2018, Chinese consul general in Kolkata, Ma Zhanwu revealed China's intent to connect Kunming in Yunan province (*Southwestern China*) and Kolkata in West Bengal (*Eastern India*) with a bullet train service via Bangladesh and Myanmar.**
- **The proposed bullet train service is intended to ride on 2800 kilometer (1740 mi) Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar infrastructure corridor and will let all four countries exploit the existing complementarities in trade — in terms of both sectors and products.**



امریکہ بیل آؤٹ پیکیج کے بدلے پاکستان میں چینی سرمایہ کاری روکنا چاہتا ہے،، فنا نیشنل ٹائمز

بیجنگ (آئی این پی) امریکہ کے سیکرٹری آف سٹیٹ مائیک پمپو نے گزشتہ دنوں انتباہ کیا تھا کہ آئی ایم ایف کا پاکستان کی نئی حکومت کیلئے بیل آؤٹ پیکیج چینی قرضوں کی ادائیگی کے لیے استعمال نہیں ہونا چاہیے۔ اس سے پتہ چلتا ہے کہ امریکہ واضح طور پر پاکستان کیلئے رکاوٹیں پیدا کر رہا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار چین کے معروف اخبار گلوبل ٹائمز نے چینی ماہرین کے حوالے سے کیا، ادھر فنا نیشنل ٹائمز نے اپنی ایک رپورٹ میں بتایا کہ اسلام آباد کے حکام نے واشنگٹن پر الزام عائد کیا ہے کہ امریکہ بیل آؤٹ پیکیج کے بدلے پاکستان کے بنیادی ڈھانچے میں ہونے والی چینی سرمایہ کاری روکنا چاہتا ہے۔

