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CPEC – KP Govt. Actively Involved in CPEC Now

چینی کمپنیوں اور خیبر پختونخوا حکومت کے درمیان 20 بلین ڈالر کا معاہدہ

ترقی کے نئے دور کا آغاز کر دیا، پرویز خٹک

Source Link: https://www.express.com.pk/epaper/Index.aspx?Issue=NP_LHE&Page=National_Page003&Date=20170304&Pageno=3

CPEC – Provinces asked for In-Put on Long Term Strategy

- **The Ministry of Planning and Development has shared draft of a long-term plan of the CPEC with provinces for their feedback.**
- **A strategic document that carries details of cooperation for next 13 years, which both the countries had agreed to finalise and approve by the end of March 2017.**

Source Link: https://tribune.com.pk/story/1345392/provinces-given-just-week-input-cpec-plan/

CPEC – Consortium of Business Schools for Research

A consortium of top Pakistani business schools was formed to engage academic sector for applied research on various industrial and business opportunities related to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The decision was taken in a meeting under the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform

https://tribune.com.pk/story/1319786/cpec-issues-business-schools-form-consortium/

CPEC - New Delhi's objection to CPEC in Kashmir not to its own benefit

- The investment from Chinese companies and their participation in some architectural construction won't affect the situation of Kashmir.
- Beijing doesn't object any economic links between Taiwan and other countries including India, because economic activities won't alter China's sovereignty over the island.
- Hence, India should be flexible and pragmatic, and be more open to economic activities in Kashmir conducted by Chinese companies.
- The project can be extended to the India-administered Kashmir area if India allows, and benefit the Indian people, as well as regional stability.

Source Link : http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1036227.shtml

CPEC - China, Pakistan to adopt common strategy to combat terrorism

Pakistan and China will further boost the parliamentary linkages and work closely to adopt a common strategy for eradication of terrorism in the region. This was deliberated in a meeting of the Ambassador of China to Pakistan with Chairman Senate Mian Raza Rabbani here at the Parliament House.

Source:
https://www.samaa.tv/pakistan/2017/02/china-pakistan-to-adopt-common-strategy-to-combat-terrorism/

Seven Reason of Indian Fear by CPEP

- **CPEC passes through Pakistani regions disputed by India.**
- **India fears that CPEC would result in internationalization of the Kashmir dispute in favor of Pakistan, guaranteeing the CPEC.**
- **India is concerned over China's military presence in the Indian Ocean. The CPEC will enable China to access the Arabian Sea and have military presence there, something that India views as an existential threat.**
- **India is worried that China is planning to use the Gwadar port to monitor India's naval activity.**
- **India is worried that CPEC would allow China to expand its influence in the region and shrink India's role in Asia.**
- **India is worried that CPEC will bring economic prosperity for Pakistan and reshape the balance of power to decrease India's role in the region.**
- **India fear of military partnership of Islamabad and Beijing.**

Source: http://www.valuewalk.com/2017/02/india-cpec-china-pakistan-fail/

Egypt's desire to join CPEP

- In a meeting with National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Egyptian Ambassador to Pakistan Sherif Shaheen has expressed the country's desire to join the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).
- Talking to the media after the meeting, Sadiq said that Egypt's participation in CPEC would assign substantive meanings to the "transcontinental game-changer" project by connecting the economic corridor to Africa, Europe and the Middle East.
- Welcoming Egypt's proposal to join CPEC, the Speaker said it would open a new channel of unhindered flow of trade between Africa and China.

Source: http://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2017/feb/06/egypt-expresses-desire-to-join-cpec-1567544.html

CPEC – Pakistan's Large Multinational Naval Exercise

- The exercise, held from February 10 to 14, involved 37 countries with nine nations–Australia, China, Indonesia, Turkey, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, the United States, Japan and Russia–participating with warships or aircraft.
- This year's focus was on maritime security including counterpiracy and counterterrorism operations at sea.

http://thediplomat.com/2017/02/pakistan-kicks-off-large-multinational-naval-exercise/

CPEC – Russian Entry: CPEC a 'scenario-changer' in Region

Chinese experts suggested that emerging relations between Pakistan, China and Russia could be a defining development for the region's bright future as they termed CPEC a 'scenario-changer' for the South Asia, rather than just a 'game-changer'.

Source: https://tribune.com.pk/story/1346962/advent-russia-cpec-scenario-changer-south-asia-say-speakers/

CPEC - 'CPEC to help achieve objectives of ECO'

- **The CPEC is anticipated as a game-changer not only in Pakistan-China context, but it would also complement the neighbouring economies and the ECO region.**

Source Link : https://www.dawn.com/news/1317278

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