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# ONE BELT ONE ROAD



## **Connectivity' and China's One Belt, One Road at Centre of ECO Meeting in Pakistan (1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017)**

The question of economic and "transport connectivity" was at the center of the meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) in Islamabad. Held under the theme "Connectivity for Regional Prosperity," the conference was attended by eight heads of state and government and all ECO member states: Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan. The special guest of the conference was Executive Vice Foreign Minister of China Zhang Yesui.

Source: [http://www.larouchepub.com/pr/2017/170301\\_connectivity\\_meeting.html](http://www.larouchepub.com/pr/2017/170301_connectivity_meeting.html)



# **Different Perceptions of China's "One Belt One Road" Initiative (6 Mar, 17)**

**OBOR is Different from TPP**

**Perceptions of Central Asian Countries**

**Concerns of Southeast and South Asian countries**

**China Adjusting its Approaches**

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Source: <http://www.ippreview.com/index.php/Blog/single/id/60.html>



# **Asian Ports: Pitfalls of China's One Belt, One Road Initiative (27 Feb,17)**

**Troubled ports in Pakistan and Sri Lanka, envisioned as part of China's string of pearls linking the Eurasian heartland to the Middle Kingdom, exemplify political pitfalls that threaten Beijing's ambitious One Belt, One Road project.**

Available at: <https://intpolicydigest.org/2017/02/27/asian-ports-pitfalls-china-s-one-belt-one-road-initiative/>



## **Bangladesh joins China's 'One Belt, One Road' initiative: meeting challenges, building the future (28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 17)**

**China wishes to build mega infrastructure projects within the Belt and Road areas to increase trade and service, offering substantial prospects for Bangladesh. This initiative meets Bangladesh's need for wider connectivity within the region. While Asia is currently experiencing increasing economic development centering on China, if the OBOR is fully implemented, Asia will become the center of gravity for the world economy.**

**Source:** <http://www.shanghaidaily.com/opinion/foreign-perspectives/Bangladesh-joins-Chinas-One-Belt-One-Road-initiative-meeting-challenges-building-the-future/shdaily.shtml>

# **India must involve itself in the China-Pakistan One Belt, One Road initiative to stay in the game (1<sup>st</sup> March, 17)**

The recently held strategic dialogue between India and China provides a useful reality check on the state of the play. Over the past year, the relationship had reached an impasse owing to China's unwillingness to support India's entry into the Nuclear Suppliers' Group and to allow Masood Azhar of Jaish-e-Mohammed to be placed on the United Nations Security Council's terror list.

**Source:** <http://www.hindustantimes.com/columns/india-must-involve-itself-in-the-china-pakistan-one-belt-one-road-initiative-to-stay-in-the-game/story-uTtxhRzcn8iCnUHsB91haJ.html>

# **Why King Salman bin Abdulaziz al Saud upcoming visit to China is important to Beijing ... and a worry for Washington (7<sup>th</sup> March, 17)**

**Monarch could be on quest to expand kingdom's revenue sources, analyst says**

**Oil and Beijing's "One Belt, One Road" trade initiative are expected to head the agenda when the king of Saudi Arabia stops in China as part of his Asian tour.**

**The 81-year-old king embarked on his Asia-Pacific trip late last month and is travelling with 25 princes and 10 ministers. After stops in Malaysia and Indonesia, he is taking a break in Bali.**

Source: <http://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy-defence/article/2076507/oil-and-one-belt-one-road-tipped-top-saudi-kings-agenda>





## **OBOR OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Nepal, which faces high trading costs due to its land-locked status, could immensely benefit from improved connectivity**

**Available at: Source:** <http://www.myrepublica.com/news/14394>

- **India's Opposition to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Is Flawed –Economic and Political Weekly**

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# **Macau and Fujian take part in the “One Belt, One Road” initiative (23<sup>rd</sup> February)**

The Macau Chief Executive and the Governor of Fujian Province said on Wednesday they planned to take part together in the “One Belt, One Road” national initiative and expressed confidence in further development of bilateral cooperation, said the Macau Government Information Bureau .

**Source:**

**<http://www.macauhub.com.mo/en/2017/02/23/macau-and-fujian-take-part-in-the-one-belt-one-road-initiative/>**



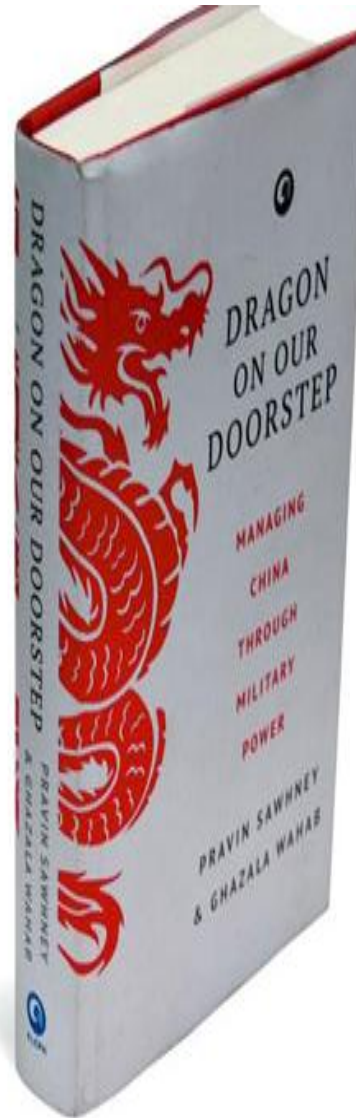
## Book Review

# *Dragon On Our Doorstep: Managing China Through Military Power*

Pravin Sawhney and  
Ghazala Wahab

Available at:

<http://www.livemint.com/Leisure/PSymRu7UTl0d3o4cRnyEJO/Book-review-Dragon-On-Our-Doorstep.html>



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