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CPEC-CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



For the whole region, with the gateway to prosperity and geo-economic importance, CPEC is a real game-changer. For Pakistan, it is a golden opportunity to promote cooperation on infrastructure, industrial collaboration, transportation, Gwadar, and energy security through CPEC. It is almost related to the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The Belt and Road have huge economic potential and it connects the continents of Asia, Africa, Europe, and East Asia to Europe. In the future Pakistan will be the 'Tiger of Asia' and Gwadar is the lifeline of China. CPEC is playing a vital role in this regard and it brings a lot of opportunities for Pakistan and for the region as well.

From north to south and east to west Pakistan is fully blessed with natural abundant resources. Further, Pakistan has a strategic geographic and geostatic location. For greater geo-economic development Pakistan can play a vital role as it is an intersection of Central Asia, South Asia, and China. Now regional connectivity is possible due to BRI and CPEC. Though CPEC billion dollars have been invested on energy projects and on the development of infrastructure, industrial zones of the port city Gwadar. Agriculture, Tourism, and Industrial development will be

completed by 2030. Natural resources can be utilized by the mutual cooperation of China and Pakistan. Through the high quality of infrastructure, CPEC can boost up the industrialization process in Pakistan. For the growth of the entire region, CPEC is playing the role of an engine. It is not only beneficial for Pakistan and China but it is important for the whole region including Afghanistan, India, Iran, Central Asia Republic. The whole region will be a global village through the linkage of road, rail, and air. Not only the economy of Pakistan will grow through the CPEC but in line with the sustainable development goals (SDGs) the economy of the whole region will boost up and the regional connectivity will bring transformation.

More than 1 trillion dollars have been invested by China in sixty countries all over the world. China invest this huge amount just to establish six different corridors under its Belt and Road Initiative

With unlimited benefits and opportunities, ML-1 is a landmark and historic project under CPEC. It will bring a real revolution in the economy of Pakistan. It will make it more convenient to travel from Karachi to Peshawar. Due to lack of transparency and lack of

complete information about CPEC, some believe that only Punjab will be a major beneficiary and others think that due to this mega project country would be under heavy external debt. Many meg projects have been established and going to be established in Pakistan, that includes the projects of power, infrastructure, road, railway, and SEZs. China showed its concern against the negative propaganda by some international forces. China wants to relocate its industries along with the route of CPEC with proper planning. More than 1 Trillion Dollars have been invested by China in sixty different countries. As they want to establish six different corridors over the world under its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). These corridors will bring a revolutionary boost to the world's economy.

CPEC projects under Special Economic Zones (SEZs) would help and benefit training and development of skilled manpower. Defense security will be ensured by CPEC in the whole region especially in Pakistan. There is no doubt in saying that for the whole region and beyond, CPEC is the game-changer. For a bright future for the region, everyone should work together. For the success story of the region, CPEC needs dedication, commitment, strong political will, vision, wisdom. The day is not far when CPEC will bring economic growth for the whole region through regional connectivity.

PORT OF GWADAR & PAKISTAN CUSTOMS



With the passage of time, the modern concept of development is also changed. Now trade promotion, and many relevant activities like the flow of investment, transfer of technology, new job opportunities, the building of new economic infrastructure, and development of industries are the modern concept of economic development among the developed and under-developed nations. Port of Gwadar and its development is a leading project of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which itself is a multi-billion dollar project and has the finest example of this concept. The geographical location encourages China and Pakistan to develop the port for mutual economic benefits. The development of Gwadar port will allow the continual supply chain from the Indian ocean to Western China which is a landlocked area and vice versa. Not only the least developed area of both countries will get benefit through this development but also it is beneficial for the whole region mainly it is fruitful for the landlocked Central Asian Republics (CARs) and Afghanistan.

Historically, Gwadar was just a small town for fishing. Geographically it is situated on the mouth of the Gulf of Oman, Till September 1958 Gwadar was the part of Osmani Sultanate. Due to lack of knowledge at that time potential of Gwadar and surrounding areas were not realized. Due to this lack of knowledge, no one was aware of the benefit of the deep seaport. For the development of this port, Pakistan engaged the Chinese firm in 2001, at that time a serious serious effort was made to develop Gwadar as a port. In December 2005, the first phase of this port was completed by the Chinese firm. In 2013, the government ended the contract with PSA, and with the agreement of all parties on the lease for 40 years control of the port was handed over to the Chinese Overseas Port Holding Company Ltd (COPHCL). Nowadays, through the subsidiary company, Gwadar International Terminal Ltd (GITL) of port COPHCL is managing the port operation. Through another subsidiary Gwadar Free Zone Company (GFZ) COPHCL is also managing the development and management of free zone areas. The terminal has a quay line of 602 meters with one service berth and three commercial berths. To handle all types of cargo all the required equipment of international standards are available at the port. To handle the LPG cargo an independent terminal, Al-Qasim Terminal is constructed.

Promise benefits of Gwadar Port

Besides strategic, geographic, and economic advantages Gwadar port has many other advantages as well. Gwadar port is giving shortest direct route to China, Afghanistan, and Central Asia. Gwadar port doesn't have benefits only for Pakistan but it is also beneficial for the whole region. A large development on the trade route has been made for the landlocked western regions of China. This route is allowing China to avoid 'choke point' at the straits of Malacca. Currently, before reaching the eastern coast of China, China is facing a long and expensive journey around India and South East Asia. Through the route of Gwadar port China can avoid this long route. Gwadar can open up access to the landlocked region in the Central Asian Republics (CARs) and East Asia and has the potential to act as a transshipment hub for Africa. The development of Gwadar port will give the shortest route to all trade to and from CARs which they can adopt. This port has great potential to carry the transit trade of Afghanistan as the route through Pakistan is the most cost-effective route for Afghanistan.

Pakistan Customs - Milestones for Operationalization of Gwadar Port

Even before the idea of port Pakistan Customs has a presence in the region. To launch fishing in the international waters, customs used to issue Port Clearance (PC) certificate. Till 2011, Quetta Collectorate manned this region. The working of the port and Free Zones was only possible with the effective presence of the workforce of Pakistan Custom. In 2011, a separate dedicated collectorate was established by keeping in mind the future prospects of the CPEC Project and Gwadar Port. On 3rd May 2018 through a notification of FBR, the limit of the Gwadar Port area and the area of the Gwadar Free Zone were defined and regularized. To smoothen the transit functioning of the port additional duties have been given to the existing staff of the collectorate and Gwadar has also been notified to look after the work of transit. By Pakistan Customs WeBOC system was rolled-out successfully at the port of Gwadar in September 2019. Firstly, there was a batch feeding Goods Declaration (GD) system which was replaced by One-Customs in 2017. At Gwadar port, Pakistan Customs has achieved the following milestones; Automated Customs clearance system, since 2019 WeBOC is fully operational at the port

At Gwadar under exemptions regimes to simplify the procedures for the imports, Pakistan Customs provided an exclusive special classification provision 9917

At Gwadar port, four transit trade ships of Afghanistan have been handled successfully

FBR has apprised the rules for the trade under International Transshipment (IT) regime in helping the port of Gwadar to become a transshipment hub. On a trial basis, Pakistan Customs has handled eight containers. All these containers were destined for China. The WeBOC module of IT is under development stages

The rules for coastal trade have been notified to encourage coastal trade to and from Gwadar port. Modalities information to handle such cargo is also underway

For hassle-free clearance of perishable goods from the port of Gwadar to the Chinese Port, the Customs Administrations of Pakistan and China are in consultation under the "Green Customs Initiative". In presence of the Chinese Vet, all the checks shall be made at Gwadar port which is required at the Chinese port. Experts, Quarantine Department, etc. After arrival at the Chinese port, those consignments shall be cleared immediately. After clearance from Foot & Mouth Disease under this agreement, there is a huge export potential of meat.

COVID-19 and Gwadar Port Operations

Though there are many other challenges due to ongoing COVID-19, many significant developments have been made at the Gwadar International Terminals during 2020. During this year remarkable achievements have been mentioned proudly by the management of terminals (GITL). This includes the Afghan transit trade of containerized and bulk cargo, the first international transshipment of bulk and containerized cargo, LPG imports. Just because of the active support of Pakistan Customs administrations all these marvelous achievements were made even during the era of COVID-19. The administration of Pakistan Customs remained available 24/7 for helping sustainable supply chain and for speedy clearance. All the SOPs were completely followed by the Gwadar Customs to keep the supply line open. Thus in to follow the slogan of WCO for this year "Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal, and Resilience for a sustainable supply chain".

Here it is important to mention that in the initial phase of Corona during the posting at borders, Customs officers and officials of MCC Gwadar succumbed to death. Despite this, commitment toward the secure, safe, and active economic frontiers of the country is un-shattered.

GWADAR PORT A PILOT PROJECT OF CPEC BECOMES THE SHINING PEARL OF THE REGION: NONG RONG



Nong Rong the Ambassador of China visited Gwadar for two days. During his visit, Ambassador Nong visited all major projects under CPEC in Gwadar. He also visited the China-Pak Friendship Hospital, New Gwadar International Airport Project, Gwadar East-bay Expressway Project, Gwadar Free Zone, China-Pak Technical and Vocational Institute in Gwadar, and Gwadar Port.

On his visit to Gwadar Ambassador Nong also met with DG of Gwadar Development Authority Shahzeb Kakar, Rear Admiral Jawad Ahmed, Commander Pakistan Navy Western Command, MajGen M.Aamer Najam, and GOC SSD (South). Scholarship Award Ceremony of excellent students of Middle School Faqeer Colony Gwadar and the Chinese Ambassador Green Employment Scheme Launching Ceremony was also attended by him. Ambassador Nong appreciates the workers during his visit to the construction site. During his field visit, Nong said that "the Spring Festival is coming, but you are sticking to your posts, with a common goal to speed up the project and make the Gwadar Port a better place. We all know that the Spring Festival is a time for family reunions, You spend the Chinese New Year alone on the project site far from the motherland and make Gwadar your home. I am so proud of you!" While talking with the companies in Gwadar Ambassador asked them to accelerate the projects. He also said to take strict protection and

prevention measures for the pandemic and make a great contribution to the China-Pakistan friendship. In safeguarding the projects of CPEC and personnel, efforts made by the armed forces were appreciated by Ambassador Nong. During his meeting with Rear Admiral Jawad Ahmed, Commander Pakistan Navy Western Command, and MajGen M.Aamer Najam, GOC SSD (South). He emphasizes that safety is the basis of everything. Gwadar Safe City is an absolute part of Gwadar Smart Port City, as security can represent a brilliant future for Gwadar. Security is the basic need of every human being and everyone will lead to taking the first step with a bright road ahead. Ambassador Nong attends the Ceremony of the Green Employment Scheme and while attending this launching ceremony Nong said that the project was responding to the initiative of Prime Minister Imran Khan for the Clean Green Gwadar Movement. He also said that to protect and preserve the natural environment in the region and to turn CPEC into a model green Belt and Road Initiative (the "BRI")

Pakistan and China would work together. It has been said by Ambassador Nong that children are the hope of China-Pakistan friendship and they are the future of the nation. He also said that 2021 marked the 70th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral relations. Nong expresses his views while awarding the scholarship to excellent students of Middle School Faqeer Colony Gwadar. To Grow up and to become the talent of the country and builder of the CPEC, he encouraged and cherish the student to work hard and avail the opportunities. For maintaining production and construction Gwadar port a mega project of CPEC would become a model project with joint efforts of China and Pakistan. He repeated that Gwadar port and its development has great importance for China and we believe that the port of Gwadar will become a shining pearl of the region. By developing the port the city of Gwadar will develop as a whole. In this way, for harmonious development, it will become a benchmark.



GBDA CELEBRATES NEW YEAR OF CHINA

On Feb 12 GBDA celebrated Chinese New Year with the chairman COPHC, Project Director GlobBiz Avenue Mr. Basit Mahmood along with other GBDA members cut the new year cake and later discussed some important Gwadar port-related matters.

Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival. The new year is one of the most important festivals in China. They celebrate this event on one week's official public holidays' and spent all their time with their families. The date of the Chinese new year is determined by the lunar calendar.

This year the Chinese have celebrated their new year on 12 Feb 2021. Chairman COPCH and Project Director GlobBiz Avenue also shared their joy at their most special occasion. As a number of Chinese are far from their homeland and far from their families. As they are working with us to complete the mega project CPEC. This celebration was a gesture for them that we all are with them.



CAR RALLY TOWARD GWADAR



GWADAR'S 'MOST BEAUTIFUL' CRICKET STADIUM BUILT AMONG THE JAGGED MOUNTAINS

SPECIAL REPORT



From the last few days, there is a top trend on social media, in reports, on television channels, and in the world of games about the newly constructed cricket stadium in Gwadar. Multiple pictures of this scenic Gwadar Cricket Stadium have been posted on social media pages by the International Cricket Council (ICC). They ask their fans if they have seen a more picturesque venue in the world.

Pakistani TV personality and Sports Commentator Fakhr-e-Alam clicked the pictures of Gwadar Cricket Stadium and inspired by the cricket stadium. He himself urged cricket lovers to visit the stadium. He said that "Show us the more picturesque sports venue than the Gwadar Cricket Stadium in Balochistan, we'll wait".

As Gwadar Cricket Stadium is in the very middle of natural hills, thus it presents a tremendous view, and also from the top of the hills, it presents a unique view.

Fakhr-e-Alam also uploaded a beautiful video of this heart-taking Cricket Stadium in Balochistan. In his video, he is describing it as the "most beautiful

cricket ground" in the world he had ever seen.

In this video, he shows the large lush green stadium built right between the hills on a long road and the jagged edges of the mountain. He tweeted "To all cricket-playing friends everywhere in the world....come visit us...come play cricket with us here in Gwadar cricket ground....it's the most beautiful cricket ground I have ever seen.....".

Faisal Iqbal a former Pakistani batsman appreciated the stadium and promise to promote it to the best of his abilities. In the reply to the tweet by Fakhr-e-Alam, he said "Simply brilliant. I have been watching pictures of this ground and very much looking forward to visiting there soon, as Head Coach Balochistan I will do my best to find talent with our @TheRealPCB team from this beautiful city of Gwadar also In Sha Allah!".

For the newly built Gwadar Cricket Stadium, International Cricket Council (ICC) had its own best wishes. Now it is the responsibility of everyone and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to explore this amazing venue and make this dream come true for the fans.

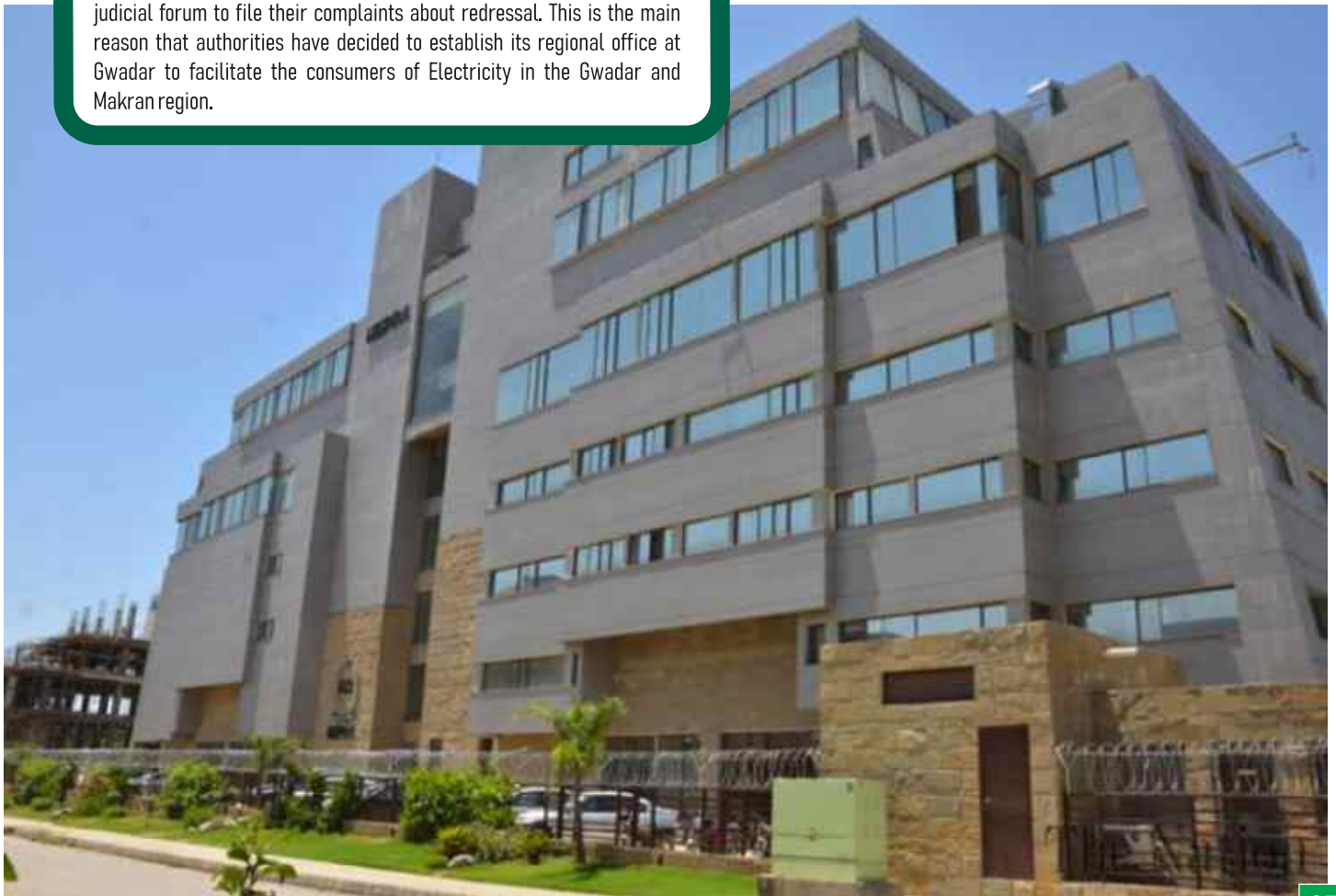
AT GWADAR ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL OFFICE BY NEPRA

A regional office has been established at Gwadar by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA). Electricity consumers of the Gwadar and Makran region will be facilitated through it. Top officials of many government departments, QESCO, and representatives of the business and local communities attended the launching ceremony of the NEPRA regional office at Gwadar.

Tauseef H. Farooqi chairman NEPRA, Rehmatullah Baloch Member Consumer Affairs NEPRA also spoke at this event. They also express their commitment to facilitate the government in regional development. It was further said by them, through this initiative a lot of electricity consumer issues will be resolved at their door-step. It was further conveyed that this office will play a vital role for the consumer of the Gwadar and Makran region.

A spokesman of NEPRA said that the interest of electricity consumers is one of the mandates of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA). In this regard at the Distribution Companies (DISCOs') Headquarters level NEPRA has established its regional offices in Lahore, Peshawar, Karachi, Faisalabad, Quetta, Hyderabad, Sukkur, and Multan. Currently, the development of Gwadar is the main focus of the government, as there are many megaprojects that are in full swing.

NEPRA will increase the electricity supply in the future according to the load demand of the region. The Authority realized that the electricity consumers of Gwadar and Makran region should have an easily accessible judicial forum to file their complaints about redressal. This is the main reason that authorities have decided to establish its regional office at Gwadar to facilitate the consumers of Electricity in the Gwadar and Makran region.



TO BUILT A SHIPYARD IN GWADAR, PAKISTAN HAS UNVEILED THE ROADMAP

To establish a new shipyard in Gwadar, with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) Pakistan has unveiled a roadmap. The federal and provincial government has signed this MoU at a special ceremony held in Quetta.

Zubaida Jalal, Federal Minister for Defence Production had said while speaking at the signing ceremony that for the development of the socioeconomy of Balochistan federal and provincial governments are making efforts jointly. Balochistan holds the economic future of Pakistan. The Minister also said that in the new proposed shipyard not only ships would be built, but repairing and training facilities would also be available in the region.

She further said that strategically this project has great importance in the region, besides this after its completion it not only will create employment for the locals, but it will also boost revenue to the provincial economy. The minister, Zubaida Jalal further mentioned that in the initial phases managerial and technical human resources would come from other areas of the country, and locals will be hired on these posts after the completion of their training.

She further added that "The project office has been opened in Gwadar and after completion of its feasibility study in two or three years, the construction of the project will start".

During speaking on the occasion Jam Kamal Khan, Chief Minister of Balochistan said that joint initiative of the federal and provincial government will lead toward economic development in the province and will open a new era of prosperity.

Ship-Building and training facilities will offer after the completion of the shipyard. He further said that "Construction of Gwadar shipyard will benefit the business community in general and population of Balochistan as a whole".

In Gwadar promoting tourism with the construction of a special jetty is planning by the provincial government. Fish processing units and other projects are also part of this planning. However, it has been said clearly by him that the population will not affect by the shipyard. ¹electronic consumer Hafiz Abdul Majid Secretary Industry Balochistan and Ghulam Jaffars Secretary Defence Production have signed the MoU in the presence of Makran chief minister and federal minister. For the new shipyard project, 750 acres of land had been demarcated by the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA). The aim of GDA is to boost the socio-economic development in the province of Balochistan, regarded as the future economic zone of Pakistan. As the port of Gwadar is offering essential dry docking facilities to the cargo ships while visiting Gwadar port, besides this the shipyard of Gwadar would also offer services for building new ships. It is believed by the analyst of Maritime that Gwadar Shipyard is a key industry and a job multiplier, it also would help to boost the national economy and social development.

Currently, state-owned Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works (KSEW) is providing the facilities of repair and maintenance work. Over 500 commercial and naval vessels of different types have been built by KSEW. Since its inception in the mid-50s, these vessels have been built for both local and international customers. The biggest vessel built by Karachi Shipyard was a merchant ship Al-Abbas, of 28,000 deadweight tonnage (DWT).



CPEC, DEBT TRAP, OR DEBT RELIEF

Let's understand the concept of the debt trap before falling into detail that either CPEC is a debt trap or not. In simple words, a debt trap is a situation in which it is very difficult or impossible for the borrower to repay, typically due to high-interest payments. Mostly in this situation, a borrower cannot pay without taking new loans, which initiates a brutal cycle of borrowing that goes on. It is revealed by the Institution of International Finance that in 2018 world debt was US\$ 234 billion, which is 317% of global GDP. It can also be revealed by the historical data and analysis that mostly debt trap begins with the non-productive-loans. A non-productive loan is a debt that does not enhance the



size of the economy and productivity.

Here unhappily we have to say that Pakistan also falls in the category of such countries who take heavily non-productive loans. Due to this, Pakistan faces economic front problems and a repayment crisis. Though they invest in infrastructure, energy, and industrialization the government was unable to get the confidence of investors. In this difficult situation, our iron brother and a tested friend came forward and launched China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

CPEC is all about the development, industrialization, scientific and technological cooperation, and modernization of agriculture. That will help Pakistan to enter in Fourth Industrial Revolution. Sadly, it was not acceptable by many powers so by their negative propaganda CPEC became a victim. These opposite powers also tried to portray CPEC as a debt trap.

Globally those who are against the rise of China, start a campaign world-wide in which they tried to declare CPEC a debt trap. Most Western countries and assisted by developing countries support this campaign. They tried to symbolize the Chinese investment with a debt trap. The interesting fact to note here is that on one side opponents are against the investment by China in the form of CPEC but on the other hand, different investment programs have been launched by them like BUILD by the USA, and AIFPP by Australia.

Currently, we can see on daily basis a new story or argument by Western channels against the CPEC, as it is a hot target for them. They run their campaign on different fronts and various countries are being engaged in this. It is a big fact that the CPEC project is against the theory of the debt trap. All the programs that have been started by the investment and loans under the CPEC are productive. These projects are the connectivity for international and domestic trade and also enhancing the capacity of production.

Gwadar port is the milestone project of CPEC which is going to turn Pakistan into the transit trade hub. It will generate economic activities. Through energy projects under CPEC Pakistan will be able to provide electricity to industries. It will give confidence to industrialists. Road infrastructure is giving the best connectivity to international and domestic trade.

CPEC project is also creating employment opportunities as 83,000 jobs have been created under CPEC. It means that from this project 83,000 families get the benefit. Most of the employees were looking to support their families and were fighting poverty. Apart from this many countries are interested to join CPEC and want to get benefit from it. The first phase of CPEC has been completed and in the second phase, the main focus is industrialization. In this phase, the production capacity will get enhance and economic size as well. Modernization of agriculture, scientific and technological cooperation is also part of the second phase of CPEC. It also will facilitate Pakistan to enter in Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Therefore, By analyzing the above fact we can conduct two important results. First, CPEC can help in the enhancement of production capacity, thus this investment will revive the economy of Pakistan. These resources will help in repaying debt. In the conclusion of the analysis, it is the fact that CPEC is not a debt trap but it is a relief.

Second, there is no rationale or fact in the campaign. The campaign was only based on the self-assumed perceptions with the aim to destroy the Pakistan-China relationship and mega CPEC project. This is why the people of Pakistan should not support this factless campaign and should concentrate on the successful implementation of CPEC.

FEATURE

CPEC PROJECTS POWERING PAKISTAN, CREATING EMPLOYMENT

CPEC projects are carrying power to Pakistan as well as a significant source of preparing for experts, at last adding to the prosperity of local people for Pakistan.

This was expressed by M. Muneeb, a senior authority of Sahiwal Coal-terminated Power Station, who was granted the Outstanding Pakistani Employee of CPEC Project by the Chinese Embassy.

The Sahiwal project started in 2015, assumes an urgent part in the homegrown power supply.

"As the CPEC power projects entered the system, the load shedding of the country is reduced from a normal of 18 hours to almost minor," the authority said adding the Sahiwal project is straightforwardly impacting the existences of local communities through continuous providing power.

Further to power, CPEC projects additionally carry more imperceptible values to Pakistan. Muneeb said, "More importantly, this project gave job opportunities to locals. Most of the engineers, managers, and workers are from nearby areas." Expressing his views about future plans, along with my professional career, I am already doing M.Sc. in Thermal Power Engineering."

"Coal power can be cleaner, and a colossal piece of energy production can be saved. We will discover approaches to improve warm coal power plant productivity, to make it greater environment friendly."

"As CPEC has entered its second stage, I empower people of various areas to participate in its tasks and request Pakistani authorities to keep in view the significance of CPEC, give further support to speed up to harvest its fruit," he said.

M. Muneeb, a senior authority of Sahiwal Coal-terminated Power Station said that Pakistan's issue of energy supply has been tended to through CPEC power projects which stayed operational in any event, during the pandemic. Also, he said that these tasks have created a lot of employment until now and the effective and excellent development of CPEC will be a harbinger of success for all.



PLANS FOR \$10BN ARAMCO REFINERY IN PAKISTANI 'OIL CITY' READY BY YEAR-END

A masterplan for Pakistan's biggest oil city, including a \$10 billion Aramco petroleum processing plant project, is in progress and expected to be prepared before the year's end, said the Pakistani authorities.

The proposed super oil city will be created on 88,000 acres of land in the Gwadar area of the southwestern Balochistan province to process and refine oil-based goods for the most part imported from the Gulf region, for nearby and regional utilization.

"The planning for the mega oil city which will have an Aramco refinery facility and petrochemical complex is in advancement, and we will take six to seven months to finish the masterplan," said Shahzeb Khan Kakar, chief general of Gwadar Development Authority (GDA).

During a 2019 visit by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan marked seven venture deals worth \$21 billion. The arrangements covered mineral, energy, petrochemical, and food and agriculture projects, and included players like Aramco, Acwa Power and the Saudi Fund for Pakistan.

The \$10 billion Aramco Oil Refinery — with a 250,000-300,000 barrel each day limit — is relied upon to be commissioned in around five to six years.

The project will have a \$1 billion petrochemical complex that will establish the frameworks for Pakistan's petrochemical industry by delivering polyethylene and polypropylene.

"In spite of the fact that the government is straightforwardly managing the Saudis, we will welcome them after the planning is fulfilled," Kakar said, adding: "The oil city is similarly large as Gwadar. We have made the masterplan of Gwadar as a port city with a region of 88,000 acres of land, keeping in view requirement up to 2050."

Aside from the oil city, Gwadar specialists are likewise building up a mechanical zone expected to be finished by 2023 that will likewise attract significant investment interest in the area.

"Industrialization is relied upon to begin from 2023 with the arrangement of essential utilities, including power," said Attaullah Jogezi, overseeing head of the Gwadar Industrial Estate Development Authority.

Gwadar has been promoted as the "crown gem" of the multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

Through the improvement projects sponsored by Saudi and Chinese venture, the GDA boss estimate that the per capita income of Gwadar will surge to \$15,000 by 2050.

"Fisheries, a petroleum refinery facility, petrochemical complexes, a shipyard, the travel industry, and above all the activities of Gwadar port, will all create colossal livelihoods and increment per capita income," Kakar said.

"This can be accomplished by giving power, assurance, and a sound administration system."

Specialists developing a 300 MW coal-terminated force plant and a 5 million gallon each day desalination plant say both activities will be functional by January 2023.

"Guidelines have been outlined to allocate lands in the industrial zone," referenced by Manzoor Hussain, additional secretary of industries for Balochistan, adding: "Presently land will be allotted only to those industrialists who will set them up inside the given period."





MEDIA TALK

43 CHINESE FIRMS ALL SET TO INVEST IN GWADAR SEZ: COPHC

The chairman of China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHC), Zhang Baozhong, the firm that operates Gwadar Port has said that the first phase of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has been completed. In this phase, 200 more firms have been registered for the purpose while 43 Chinese companies are going to invest.

Expressing his views to the media, the chairman mentioned that though there are many infrastructure and energy projects are going on but besides it, different industries are going to set up in Gwadar industrial zone that will create more opportunities for employment such as textile, automobiles, mobiles, and chemicals industries.

Baozhong rejected all the rumors floating in the media about the restriction in the milestone project. He said that the government of Pakistan is extending full cooperation and the work of CPEC is going on in full swing. There is no restriction or barrier to it.

Baozhong further said that "Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the pace of work has not slowed down and many CPEC projects have been completed ahead of time". Gwadar is a future economic hub in the world and after the completion of CPEC, it will become the largest port in the region that would benefit many countries.

He also mentioned that Cargo ships have started arriving at Gwadar port as it is fully operational. At the port of Gwadar, a terminal of liquefied natural gas will also be established, announced by Baozhong.

He said, "CPEC is a great economic project, it is a symbol of the cohesive relationship between Pakistan and China and a testament of our friendship".

He chanted the slogan "long live Pak-China friendship" and donning the national dress

of Pakistan. He also said, "I like Shalwar Kameez as my heart beats for Pakistan".

Meantime, Shahzeb Khan Kakar, Director General of Gwadar Development Authority told that, by the end of 2022, the issues of electricity and water for 150,000 people of Gwadar would be resolved under the 2050 Master Plan. Though the people of the port city claim that there is over 300,000 population in the city. Kakar further informs that after the completion of the desalination plant it will convert five million gallons of seawater into drinking water, and work on it is in full swing. Also, a 300-megawatt coal-fired power plant is on the way to its completion. He informed, that both of these projects will be operational by January 2023. For the uplift of the people of Gwadar, he also announced worth Rs 20 billion projects.

To facilitate investors a one-window system is also being introduced, efforts are afoot to turn Gwadar into a tax-free economic zone and a port city said, Kakar. He also said that to establish industries in the Gwadar business community were invited by them. It will generate revenue. In Gwadar, a 250 km long road network has been laid. Kakar informed that Gwadar industrial zone is consists of three phases. In the port city, a diplomatic zone and an education city will also be established. Manzoor Hussain Additional Secretary of Balochistan Department of Industry and Commerce said that In the province for the allotment of industrial land rules has been formulated by the provincial government. Hussain said that in the industrial zone only those industrialists will be allotted by land who will set them up within the specified period. He further added that projects under CPEC are on the way toward completion in Gwadar.

On the development of Gwadar port city, Attaullah Jogezaai Managing Director of Gwadar Industrial Estate Development Authority said that for the Special Economic Zone 20,000 acres of will be allocated soon by the provincial government.

In and around the Gwadar special security arrangements have been made. These security arrangements have led to peace in Balochistan said Asif Mehmood, Gwadar Club Chairman Brigadier (retd).

CPEC SYNERGIZING PAKISTAN'S EFFORTS TO BRING SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROSPERITY: DR. TALAT

The Director of China-Pakistan Study Center, Institute of Strategic Studies, Dr. Talat Shabbir, focusing on the need of easing misinterpretations among individuals about the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has said that the achievement of the venture is imperative for China and its disappointment will antagonistically influence it.

He was tending to a mindfulness program on "CPEC Opportunities and Challenges" coordinated by the Institute of Engineers Pakistan (Rawalpindi, Islamabad Center).

Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice-Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Gilgit-Baltistan, Chairman IEP-RIC Hafiz M. Ehsanul Haq Qazi, Secretary, IEP-RIC Engineer Najamuddin, Convener CPD Engineer Ahmed Shamim, Dr. Sharif Bhatti, senior specialists Mahmood Khan, Qudratullah, and Hafiz Yousaf were likewise present on the event.

Dr. Talat Shabbir said CPEC faces numerous difficulties as numerous nations couldn't digest Pakistan's flourishing

He said the undertaking has brought China and Pakistan a lot nearer than any time in recent memory. He further said some political experts in the area dread that China-Pakistan collaboration could hurt India's impact that is the reason intrigues are being brought forth by India to disrupt the CPEC's uber project. A few people blamed China for the



self-coordinated interests behind CPEC yet it was totally their confusion.

He said when the project was dispatched, nobody was prepared to put resources into Pakistan as it was in the grasp of psychological warfare and other security-related issues and it was China which expanded assistance at that pivotal time.

Dr. Talat Shabbir said, CPEC is a vital task for Pakistan's economy and improvement and a memorable chance that requires the exploitation of it.

Work has been done on energy and foundation in the primary stage. Since the beginning of the ventures, energy creation has expanded by more than 90%, profiting a huge number of Pakistanis. An organization of over 3,000 km of streets has been finished.

Indeed, 80% of the initial two periods of the project have been finished while 20% of the work is left on the 22 under advancement projects, he added.

He kept up that there was a need of producing work openings for individuals in the country and the ideal fulfillment of CPEC would take out the threat of joblessness.

The current speed of work on CPEC isn't equivalent to as it ought to be. He added CPEC isn't the lone arrangement to take care of financial issues, we likewise need to focus on different issues and issues standing up to the country.

He said that political solidness in the nation was a major test, there was a ton of extension for CPEC in Gilgit-Baltistan.

"We must be ready till CPEC is finished as difficulties will stay till the culmination of this project.

Talat Shabbir said that the public authority ought to improve the limit of its people so Pakistanis could get the greatest work open doors of employment opportunities in Chinese tasks.



PAKISTAN TO DIVERSIFY BILATERAL COOPERATION UNDER CPEC: DR. MOEED YUSUF



During a gathering with Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong, Prime Minister's Special Assistant on National Security Division Dr. Moeed Yusuf said that separated from government-to-government collaborations, people-to-people network among Pakistan and China ought to likewise be given due emphasis. He called for upgrading the linkages between Think-tanks and academia of two nations. In addition, he said that under CPEC, Pakistan will proceed to diverse bilateral cooperation with China. Special Assistant of Prime Minister on National Security Division Dr. Moeed Yusuf has said Pakistan will keep on building bilateral collaboration in different zones under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Conversing with Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong, he said the two nations appreciate special relations and these ties will keep on developing. Concerning various areas, Dr. Moeed Yusuf said that cooperation between the research organizations in the two nations ought to be improved to promote the exchange of views among them. The Chinese Ambassador said Pakistan-China relations should not be restricted to the government level yet should be extended to collaboration among the citizen of the two nations. He wanted to take Pakistan-China relations higher than ever by improving coordinated effort, collaboration, and association in different fields.



GWADAR A COMMERCIAL PORT, TO RECEIVE PORT CALLS BY SHIPS OF DIFFERENT NAVIES: PAKISTAN NAVY CHIEF

MEDIA TALK



Chief of the Naval Staff of Pakistan, Admiral M Amjad Khan Niazi said, by ship of different navies, Gwadar port can receive calls as it is a commercial port. In a recent exclusive interview, he responds to the media that the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) is mulling to build a naval base in Gwadar Pakistan.

During talking about the rumors about the designation of the Chinese naval base and explaining the circumstances of the Gwadar Port, Admiral Niazi mentioned that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) will usher huge growth in the overall region, will improve interconnectivity as well as is economic incorporation of China. He also told that a multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a flagship project of BRI. These projects will significantly contribute toward economic prosperity.

Admiral Niazi said that Job opportunities and economic development will be created for the people of Pakistan, especially in Balochistan. These opportunities will be provided by the development of infrastructure under the CPEC projects. He further said that "The CPEC is a manifestation of strong and fortifying ties between China and Pakistan that will play a key role in the economic uplift and betterment of the entire region".

During expressing his views Admiral Niazi said, "Gwadar will serve as the backbone of the CPEC project. It is a commercial port. Like other commercial ports, the Gwadar port is also fully operational now. By the ships of different navies, it may receive port calls.

Just like the port of Karachi receives ships of many navies quite often. He said that visit of naval ships on commercial ports does not convert the project's commercial nature. Furthermore, all possible measures are taking by the Navy of Pakistan to ensure the protection of Gwadar Port. The Admiral said, "its seaward approaches through the sustained presence in and around the adjoining waters of Gwadar.

MEDIA REPORT

WHY THE WORK ON GWADAR FENCING PROJECT HALTED



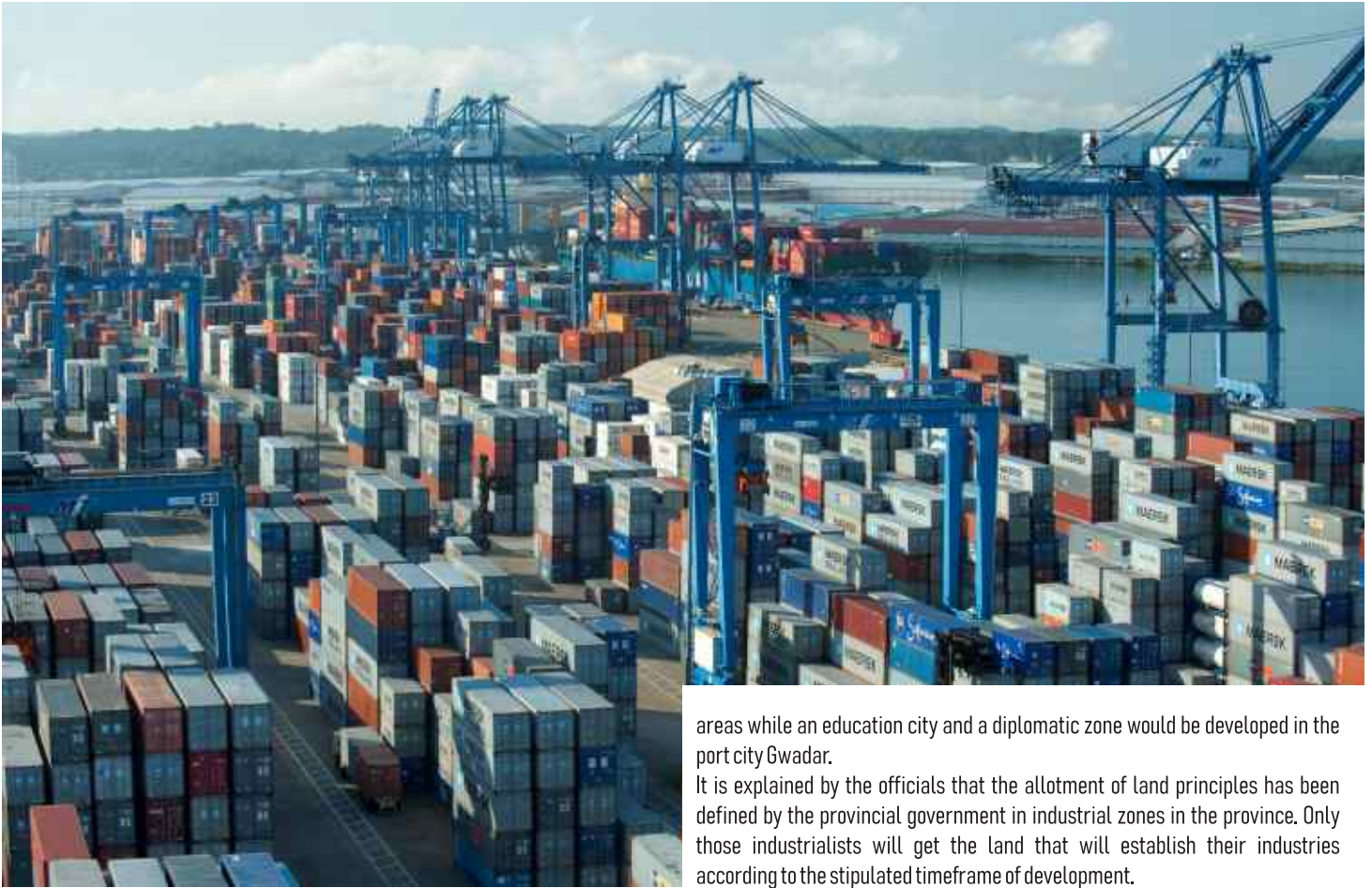
It is informed in a Parliamentary Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that temporarily the work on Gwadar Fencing Project has been stopped. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sher Ali Arbab. The Committee was briefed by Secretary Aviation Division, Secretary M/o Defence, Secretary M/o Petroleum Division, Secretary Board of Investment, Secretary M/o Communication, Additional Secretary M/o Interior, Additional Secretary M/o Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Joint Secretary Power Division, Secretary M/o Industries, Chairman National Highway Authority, Government of Balochistan and KP, CEO FIEDMC, CEO KPEZDMC, CEO PESCO, Managing Director SSGC, Managing Director SNGPL regarding Sust Border Management Framework, progress on New Gwadar International Airport, the updated progress on infrastructure development of 4 prioritized Special Economic Zones under CPEC (Rashakai KP, Allama Iqbal Industrial City Faisalabad, Dhabeji, Sindh and Bostan, Quetta) and Gwadar Fencing Project.

The world is rapidly going towards complex economic interdependence, remarked by the Committee while guiding about Sust Border Management Framework. The Committee stressed to speed up the progress work on New

Gwadar International Airport. They also expressed that Pakistan can have a booming Gwadar once International Airport will be fully operational there.

While talking about the Fencing on Gwadar Port City, the Ministry of Defence briefed that the primary aim of the Gwadar Fencing Project is to make the city a "weapon-free zone" and to create a friendly environment for trade and business. Work on the project started on 4th December 2020. However, many segments of the society express their reservation on this project due to which it is temporarily stopped. A Committee of elected representatives and civil administration is established by the Government of Balochistan for suggesting a possible forward way for the project. As soon as an agreement accord the work will be resumed at high speed.

It is recommended by the Committee that MNA/Senator from Gwadar may also be involved in that Committee. With regards to the security measures being taken at Gwadar realistic and comprehensive approach should be pursued. To make a secure and friendly environment for facilitating trade, investment, and business. On infrastructure, the development pace of Allama Iqbal Industrial City Faisalabad and Rashakai KP SEZ satisfaction is expressed by the Committee. The Committee also remarked that CPEC has the potential to open a new era of economic development, and a journey toward success for Pakistan.



BALUCHISTAN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO DECLARE GWADAR SEZ A 'TAX-FREE ZONE'

Baluchistan government is dealing with an arrangement to pronounce Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Gwadar as a tax-exempt zone under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and to facilitate the local and foreign investor a one-window framework is additionally being introduced.

An official told that the development projects in Gwadar are being developed under the framework of CPEC and the Baluchistan government is embraced various tasks worth Rs20 billion for the boom of individuals of Gwadar.

The authority said that the Baluchistan government is welcoming investors to Gwadar for revenue generation which can assist Gwadar to become an economic hub of the region.

The official said that a 250-km-long road network has been laid in Gwadar to encourage smooth traffic. The industrial zone of Gwadar would include three

areas while an education city and a diplomatic zone would be developed in the port city Gwadar.

It is explained by the officials that the allotment of land principles has been defined by the provincial government in industrial zones in the province. Only those industrialists will get the land that will establish their industries according to the stipulated timeframe of development.

The officials also said that the provincial government will soon assign 20,000 acres of land for the SEZ and extraordinary security arrangements have been made in and around Gwadar. The officials said that the security equipment set up has led to maintaining peace and development in Baluchistan.

The official also informed that under the 2050 Master Plan, the issues of water and power for individuals of Gwadar would be settled before the following year's over (2022). They added that work is going all out on a desalination plant, which will change over 5,000,000 gallons of seawater into drinking water and a 300 megawatts coal-terminated force plant. Both the undertakings will be practical by January 2023, the officials added.

The officials further said that more than 40 Chinese organizations have vowed to put resources in the first phase of SEZ under CPEC at Gwadar Port while another 200 organizations have enrolled with the China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHC) for additional interests in the primary SEZ.

With this venture, the primary period of the SEZ has been developed,

The official clarified that future interests in Gwadar Industrial Zone would incorporate new industrial units, including materials, synthetics, vehicles, and cell phones, which will create more opportunities for employment for the local people.

The official, when asked, dismissed the idea of deferrals in the CPEC, saying that work on CPEC is going in full swing and there are no obstacles as the government of Pakistan is broadening full cooperation.

The official further expressed that, regardless of the Covid pandemic, the speed of work has not eased back down on the CPEC project and numerous projects like this have been completed on time. The authority added that after the completion of CPEC, Gwadar will turn into the biggest port in the region and a significant world's economic hub, which would be beneficial for various countries.

The authority said that Gwadar Port is completely operational and cargo ships have begun showing up and added that a liquefied natural gas terminal will likewise be set up at the port soon.

The official presumed that CPEC is a great economic project and it is an image of the strong connection between Pakistan and China and a demonstration of our companionship.

THE REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR IS A GROWTH ENGINE FOR THE ECONOMY OF PAKISTAN.

The real estate and construction sector is a growth engine for the economy of Pakistan. According to the real estate expert with the present continuity of reforms by 2040 Pakistan can generate a \$1.5-1.7 trillion economy.

Experts emphasize that the real estate and construction sectors should be the priority of the government. As real estate is one of the most important sectors that can lead the economy towards its boom. The changes and affordability in land prices can directly impact the wealth of its owner.

In the economy, the real estate sector can impact a lot, rather than any other sector. It can play a major role in the GDP growth of any country and can create employment as well. As real estate sector can directly impact the wealth of a person who owns the property or related to any sector related to real estate such as the construction sector. So it is very important to have a close view of price development.

As per Eurostat data, almost 10% of the European economy is contributed by the real estate

sector in 2014. For private and institutional investors, real estate investments can play a vital role.

Now hopefully the pandemic is going to end soon, but even during the pandemic, the process of buying and selling homes continued. In the era of this pandemic when the investment was not considered safe, investment in the real estate sector not only continued, but considered as the safest investment.

As it makes up a large portion of individuals' and businesses' wealth across the economy, thus real estate affects the economy directly. When the price of land increases then individuals and businesses become more comfortable to borrow and spend.

Like real estate construction sector is also considered as the largest sector that impacts the growth of GDP. Construction is considered an economic activity. It involves the complete construction process from producing raw material, manufactured material, and components for a building. To execute the physical work on site it also provides professional services such as design, project management, etc.

In this regard, construction can be taken as an economic activity that covers three economic sectors. In the initial sector, it involves extracting natural resources, In the second sector, it involves in manufacturing of building material and components. And In the third sector, covers consultancy services, design, and structural engineering. Thus construction process starts long before the physical work on site.

To cover all these sectors, the construction sector provides employment opportunities to skilled people. So, in conclusion, we can say that the real estate and construction sector can directly positively impact the GDP, and the Real Estate sector can play a role as an engine for the economic growth of any country.





THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR TAKES OFF

ALTHOUGH ACTIVITIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ARE GETTING STREAMLINE, STILL THERE IS A LOT OF ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE HIGHLIGHTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO GET THE DESIRED RESULTS SAID BY STAKEHOLDERS OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

According to industry officials, to recover from the ongoing economic crisis, construction is the only sector that can help the country. Investors at the domestic level are somehow satisfied with the speed of developing regulatory frameworks, but the ease of doing business for foreign investors still a daunting issue.

The real estate sector can be considered as a sector that can guaranteed economic growth rapidly. An Egyptian billionaire said in this regard, "Even in the midst of a pandemic, this sector witnessed expansion. People who had money to invest had no choice but to pour it into real estate projects as they are considered safer investment options with massive returns."

Hamdy further mentioned that policy-makers should divert their focus toward ease of doing business for foreign investors, as various overseas players are willing to start state-of-art development projects in Pakistan.

He motivates the Board of Investment (BOI) to transform itself into a one-stop-shop for foreign developers. So instead of visiting each department separately, they could receive all required approvals from the authority.

Local contractors highlighted while elaborating the issues after launching the amnesty scheme by the present government, too many months were taken for drafting and approval of bylaws of buildings and other related issues. After the introduction of the amnesty scheme, in a few months, various development authorities engaged in drafting new laws said, Akbar Sheikh former chairman of Association of Builders and Developers. He further said that "Once new rules were issued, builders re-planned their existing and upcoming projects followed by approvals from concerned authorities". While talking

about the housing projects government has been requested by Sheikh to increase the unit price for the low-income group and said, "Currently, work on existing and new construction projects is going on in full swing and it is expected that activities in this sector will gain momentum in the coming months."

It is pointed out by the real estate experts that in previous amnesty schemes, investing money in the land was a popular trend of people, the conclusion of this activity was an abnormal increase in prime locations land prices of urban areas. However according to the current scheme both the real estate and construction sector are getting the benefit.

In the real estate and construction, sector money is in full circulation, this is helping the industry to get a boom.





MEDIA REPORT

THE FIRST FOREST MONITORING SYSTEM IS LAUNCHED BY PAKISTAN TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

TO CONTROL THE ILLEGAL DEFORESTATION AND DEGRADATION OF LAND THE VERY FIRST SYSTEM FOR THE MONITORING OF FORESTS HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN PAKISTAN. CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS WILL BE REDUCED BY THIS SYSTEM.

Sustainable management of forest, conservation, monitor the changes in forest land, increment in the carbon stock of forest, detect the activities of degradation and deforestation can be monitor from this forest monitoring system. To analyze all these changes data will be collected through satellite, said Malik Amin Aslam, Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Climate Changes.

It comes in the observation that on an annual basis over 27,000 hectares of forests are lost in Pakistan. Due to this massive environmental issues and major public health crises are occurring. To detect the logging operations in forest areas, an effective monitoring system is important than anything as from the last several years there is a large scale of

degradation and deforestation in the country. Digital tools are cost-effective, can help and perform fast and accurately.

According to the experts, it is crucial to monitor the resources for forests and slow down deforestation and due to deforestation and degradation global warming is getting increase day by day.

Components for forest monitoring

Data collection providing information for activity data from Satellite Land Monitoring System (SLMS)

Other data collection providing information on emission factors from National Forest Inventories (NFI)

Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) are the basis of the monitoring system. It will help to produce reliable, high-quality data on forests, and estimates of forest-carbon, as it is critical to the battle against climate change due to other deforestation and degradation of forests.

A national monitoring web portal is also involved in the system. Naheed Shah Durrani, Climate Change Ministry Secretary said, this web portal has a dedicated server hosted at the Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) with supported geodatabase of the forest sector. While urging the provincial forest departments in preserving the fast consumption of forest resources, she said, "This portal is solely aimed to facilitate data integration at the national level and for international reporting and preparation of GHG inventory".

The event was organized by the Ministry of Climate Change jointly with the World Bank-supported \$7.81 million reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) readiness project developed by United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to boost forest cover.

10 billion tree tsunami

Under the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan a first-ever forest monitoring system has been launched. To boost forest cover and to tackle climate action and stop unlawful deforestation and forest land degradation this system will be helpful.

Pakistan initiates a project to plant 10 billion trees. This initiative has earned global recognition as the most successful green initiative to fight climate change. Under the Billion Tree Tsunami Afforestation Project' the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa a province of Pakistan has successfully achieved the target of planting one billion trees. After this successful achievement, Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan announced to plant 10 billion trees countrywide by the end of 2023. It will create new green jobs, increase the forest cover, and tackle climate change.

THE NEED FOR EXPANDING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE BONDS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND CHINA EMPHASIZED



Inquest for additional growing the current people-to-people bonds that exist among China and Pakistan, a Chinese business visionaries affiliation has focused on upgrading contacts and trades between women, youth, sports, social figures, and bodies.

The two nations appreciate special companionship and all climate vital helpful organization. In any case, these bonds could additionally be extended in the territories of schooling, people-to-people contacts, and trades, especially between the ladies and youth.

These perspectives were communicated by Zhang Na, VP of the Youth Committee of Entrepreneurs Association in a meeting.

Zhang Na, who has for some time been anxious to add to carrying China nearer to the remainder of the world, is resolved to take advantage of her natural abilities to additional improve people-to-people contacts and social connections among China and Pakistan.

This year points to the 70th anniversary of the foundation of strategic relations among China and Pakistan, and she means to welcome Pakistani ladies and youth, with the goal that they will have more understanding for China.

At the point when the Covid-19 pestilence was at first managed in China, Zhang Na started to focus on assistance in the endeavors of avoidance and control of the pandemic abroad.

She and a couple of similarly invested companions went around together, fund-raised from different sides, and effectively contributed China's solidarity to the battle against the pestilence in different nations.

Up until this point, they have given clusters of provisions to ten nations, including Pakistan, Myanmar, Bahrain, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ethiopia, Tanzania,

Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Albania.

For Pakistan, Zhang Na says she needs to assume her part in bringing nearer individuals of two nations, adding, "Our two nations are supporting one another and stood shoulder to ought to through various challenges during most recent seventy years". She commented that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is lead undertakings of the Belt and Road Initiative dispatched by President Xi Jinping. China is helping out Pakistan and giving monetary help under the passage.

"There is a need to likewise improve cooperation between individuals of two nations especially the ones who have dominated in their particular fields," she added.

In the wake of discovering that Pakistan was hit by the Covid-19 episode, Zhang Na felt that she should help the neighborhood individuals and build up the conventional companionship between China and Pakistan and the two people groups with viable activities.

A large number of our Chinese business visionaries are energetic, and they might want to have the chance to give hostile to pestilence materials including veils, defensive attire, gloves, hand sanitizer to individuals in need. After numerous endeavors, the gave materials were at long last given over to concerned authorities.

Zhang Na likewise has confidence in encouraging females in training and wellbeing needs to help Pakistani ladies particularly the little youngsters through the nearby associations working for the prosperity of womenfolk.

The world is a major family. What we need most as of now are fortitude between nations, assistance to each other and, humanitarian fortitude, she added.

PAKISTAN REVISES VISA GUIDELINES EASING TRAVEL

For foreign travelers, some visa policies for Pakistani visa is revised by the government of Pakistan. Easing rules for traveling visas and for the first time a new category for the medical visa is introduced. The new addition is confirmed by the Zafaryab Khan Interior ministry spokesperson. He said that all needless requirements have been removed in the updated visa regulation to facilitate the people.

Medical and work visa changes

According to the guidelines within 48 hours of the submission of the application, a short-term medical visa of up to three months can be issued to cater to emergencies. It is said by officials that for the short-term visa, security clearance would not be required. Meanwhile, an extended medical visa of up to a year would be issued after the clearance from agencies. Once it will be cleared then it would be issued within a month. For medical treatment, Pakistan receives a large number of visa applications from neighboring country Afghanistan.

After the submission of the required documents, a single-entry work visa would be approved within 48

hours of the application for up to three months, said the interior ministry. He further explained that with multiple entries granted, a single-entry work visa can be extended up to two years.

New categories

Many visa categories have been merged by the government, reducing the number to 11. For tourism, visit mountaineering, the new category is tourist/visit visa, business visa, work visa (work, domestic aide and journalism), visa in your inbox (for tourists and business-oriented travel), family visit visa, religious tourism visa, study visa (for Tabligh, missionaries, and pilgrims), NGO/INGO visa, official visa (for officials and diplomats, medical visa and others.

Officials say that the government of Pakistan revised its visa policy just to attract tourists and to boost trade and investment. Dr. Moeed Yusuf Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security said, "By instituting one of the most liberal visa policies in our extended region, we are demonstrating that is open to the world".



MEDIA REPORT

TO ENJOY THE WINTER SNOW SPORTS MADAKLASHT VALLEY IS THE BEST TOURISTS DESTINATION FOR FOREIGN TOURIST



Madaklasht valley the scenic valley is situated in lower Chitral. This year a large number of local and foreign tourists enjoyed many snow games on the Hindukush Snow Sports.

Along with the other foreign tourists, Gilmour Wendy, Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan also visited Hindukush Snow Sports Festival held in Madaklasht valley. He also participated in the cleanliness drive.

Gilmour also said that children of this charming spot were fond of snow sports, which includes snow-tubing, skiing, snowboarding, trekking, ice hockey, ice skating, and many others. He said that every possible help and support will be provided by his country to promote tourism and snow sports in the area.

The Hindukush festival showcased various snow games. These games were jointly organized by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority (KP-CTA) under the aegis of sports, Archaeology, Tourism, Museums, Tourism, and Youth Affairs Department, Hindukush Snow Sports Club, and Lower Chitral District Administration.

In the Madaklasht the eye-catching tourist spot this snow sports festival was organized officially. Along with the sports traditional foods, barbeque and music were also part of this attractive festival.

According to the locals organizing this festival on the official level is a great initiative by KP-CTA. It is a great step, which leads toward promoting tourism and

snow sports in the scenic valley. Organizers were highly appreciated by the locals and they said that this mega event was not only enjoyed by the locals, but the foreign tourists also enjoyed it a lot. These kinds of events are the best way to send positive gestures to the outer world.

The Hindukush is a mountain range with a length of 800 kilometers. It stretches through Afghanistan, from its center to northern Pakistan and into Tajikistan.



GOVT APPROVES AN INTERNATIONAL FERRY SERVICE AT KARACHI PORT

In view of the Blue Economy Policy of the federal government, for the commencement of an international ferry service from Karachi port, a plan has been revealed by Nadir Mumtaz Warraich, Chairman Karachi Port Trust (KPT).

While talking about the new advancement with the media after watching the passing out parade of the Pakistan Marine Academy, Warraich expressed that the ferry cruise terminal at the port was close to completion according to the direction of the federal cabinet.

He added that the administrations will be given over to the private sector, subject to guidelines according to the directions of the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), Pakistan Customs, and other concerned agencies.

Concerning measurements of the national fleet over the most recent twenty years, Warraich expressed that the number of ships had expanded over the most recent couple of years because of the business level improvement of the ports at Karachi and Gwadar. He commented that the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation is additionally supporting the volume of the fleet with recurring developments.

On a note, the KPT Chairman proposed that the foundation of a maritime university would facilitate the preparation of those keen on the reformative prospects of the port of Karachi.

For this purpose, the Ministry of Maritime Affairs had arranged a detailed feasibility report for the cabinet a year ago. The decision for the foundation of the university is as of now under review, subject to directions from the Economic Affairs Division.



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