

Media Tracking Report

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Education in Pakistan

4,000 Swatis deprived of free education- in [DAWN](#)

The private schools of Swat district have expelled around 4,000 poor students enrolled under the free education initiative, Iqra Farogh-i-Taleem Education Scheme, saying the government hasn't paid their fees.

Rs30m schools' fund diverted to Samiul Haq's seminary -in [DAWN](#)

The government had allocated Rs1.7 billion in the current fiscal year for providing higher secondary schools with basic facilities. Out of those funds, Rs695 million was diverted to Swat district two months ago before the government gave away another Rs30 million to the Darul Uloom Haqania, leaving little for the schools' development.

Infrastructure: The political costs and economic benefits of collaborating with China

PM Khan reviews CPEC projects ahead of second China visit-in [DAWN](#)

The prime minister said that "CPEC is not only one of the foremost priorities of the government but that he also wants other countries to join the project so that a new chapter of growth and prosperity is ushered in the region." The focus during the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would be on agriculture, education and various other sectors.

The geoeconomics of CPEC- in [DAWN](#)

GRAPPLING with a crippling economic crisis at home, Pakistan is compelled to tread slowly and carefully in the emerging geoeconomics and politics of the region. Although financial help and support from China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have contributed to partially resolving the country's balance of payments crisis, yet an IMF bailout seems inevitable. Some would translate it as a return to old partners in the West — or the US to be more precise.

China again rebukes claims that CPEC added to Pakistani 'debt burden'-in [Pakistan Today](#)

China said that less than 20 per cent of the current projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) were using Chinese loans and over 80 per cent CPEC ventures were direct Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) projects or grants.

ADB harnesses CPEC-CAREC synergy to enhance regional trade- in [The NEWS](#)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has stepped up efforts to augment regional trade through harnessing synergy between the two corridor projects. The ADB earlier estimated that there has been around 37 percent decline in Pakistan's exports to the member countries over the last five years.

China has pledged more than \$60 billion under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor framework to improve energy, industrial and transport infrastructures in Pakistan and to improve its economic link across the Arab seas.

Reducing Pakistan's public sector: How can we maintain public services and minimize backlash while we make the cuts demanded by the IMF?

IMF sees sharp jump in fiscal deficit, debt- in [DAWN](#)

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecast Pakistan's fiscal deficit continuously elevated at close to 8pc and deteriorating debt-to-GDP ratio to reach 86pc over the next five years. In its Fiscal Monitor the Fund also bites that performance-based salaries of the Federal Board of Revenue officials significantly contributed to both higher bribes and tax collection.

IMF, World Bank urge caution with China loans-in [Pakistan Today](#)

The rising influence of lending by China to developing nations is increasingly under the spotlight amid concerns that the growing debt burden and onerous conditions could sow the seeds of a crisis. The global development lenders, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, are calling for more transparency about loan amounts and terms, and cautioning governments against relying too much on debt.

IMF puts country's growth rate at 2.5%-in [The Express Tribune](#)

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said Pakistan's economy will grow at an average rate of just 2.5% during the next five years and its external imbalance will remain elevated. In its annual flagship report 'World Economic Outlook' (WEO), the global lender has predicted only 2.9% economic growth rate for this fiscal year, ending on June 30.