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CPEC and Pakistan

Judo Strategy and CPEC by Ali Raza Gilani- In The [Express Tribune](#)

The author discusses Foreign Policy magazine article titled “Catching China by the belt” and the establishment of International Development Finance Corporation (IDFC) to counterbalance China’s One Belt One Road (OBOR), and discussed the use of “Judo Strategy”. The author discuss the three approaches in this Judo strategy. First, the US should highlight how China’s lending practices violate international norms set by multilateral institutions like the IMF, the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development; second, it should publicise the corruption in OBOR projects; and third, it should help countries that find themselves trapped in Chinese debt.

Pakistan needs to adopt subsidised polices to attract investors- in [The News](#)

Deputy Head of Mission of the Chinese Embassy Zhao Lijian hoped that the government of Pakistan will introduce subsidised polices to attract the investors to develop special economic zones (SEZs) that is an important part of Pakistan’s social-economic development. As the second phase of CPEC has already started, focusing on its fast industrial growth. He showed his confidence in federal and provisional governments in undertaking supportive measures for smooth and rapid functioning of the industrial network.

IMF and Pakistan

No additional US conditions on IMF package for Pakistan- in The [DAWN](#)

According to the country’s envoy Asad Majeed Khan the United States has not put any specific conditionalities on a \$6 billion aid package the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is finalising for Pakistan. During the hearing in Washington he also ruled out the possibility of blocking the IMF loan until Dr Shakeel Afridi — the physician who reportedly helped the CIA find Osama bin Laden — was released.

Fitch chops growth forecast for Pakistan economy-in [The Express Tribune](#)

Fitch Solutions, the US-based global research house, has revised down Pakistan’s economic growth forecast, given the tight monetary and fiscal policy under IMF will negative impact GDP growth. Fitch Solutions, have revised Pakistan’s real GDP forecast (gross domestic product) growth for FY2018/19 (July-June) and FY19/20 to come in at 3.2% and 2.7% respectively, from 4.4% and 4.0% previously (versus the Bloomberg consensus of 3.3% and 3.5%),” the global research house said in a report on ‘Economic Analysis – IMF deal to weigh on Pakistan’s growth in the short run.’ Decreased purchasing power due high taxes, deteriorating net exports, bleak investment outlook are some of the aspects highlighted in the article for slower growth rating.

Civil Service Reforms

Police reforms: a far cry by Syed Akhtar Ali Shah- in [The Express Tribune](#)

The author discusses the importance of Police and Police reforms for the citizens of the state and discusses the pros and cons of Police order 2002. While talking about the duties of the state he says “Provision of security and protection of life and property are the sublime duties of the state. Durable peace is considered essential for the enjoyment of fundamental

rights, rule of law and progress in all walks of life and the police are tasked to protect such notions. In this context a police officer must always be idealised by citizens as a wise and impartial friend who would protect them from injury to their life, property and honour. In order to achieve these ideals, a Superintendent of the police (SP) must know the people of his district and the actions of his/her subordinates. Good policing can be ensured by an SP offering unhindered personal accessibility, active touring of the district, thorough and intelligent supervision of subordinates and a genuine interest in the life of the district and by keeping himself abreast of the facts and difficulties of the work of his/her own subordinates. Unfortunately, the police as an institution have not been able to manage its perception well and are generally perceived as an instrument of suppression ever since the birth of Pakistan.”