

## Media Tracking Report

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### **Education in Pakistan**

Study calls for educating children in their mother tongues- in [DAWN](#)

A study conducted by a Wilson Centre global fellow Nadia Naviwala seeks to explain how Pakistan's education crisis is misdiagnosed. According to the study "[Pakistan's Education Crisis: The Real Story](#)," the main problem that is an impediment to Pakistan's education system is the low learning levels of 17 million primary aged children, who do go to school but are not learning much. Many "cannot read a sentence after years in school," says Ms Naviwala. She notes that this is a global problem but it "is only worse in Pakistan because of the use of foreign languages in education". The author suggests the following measure to improve the education vows of the country: (1)teaching the skill of reading through large-scale alternative education programmes and adult literacy programmes, (2) curriculum should be simplified down to the level of the child, multilingualism should be embraced, (3) and the highest priority should be given to having all-female teachers.

### **CPEC and Pakistan**

Govt to establish CPEC authority to speed up work on projects- in [DAWN](#)

According to a statement released by the ministry, the CPEC Secretariat is being transitioned and elevated into an autonomous authority under Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform. This is being done to institutionalise and take forward the cooperation where the aim of the authority is to strengthen the country's endeavours to achieve the set economic targets and enhance regional connectivity. The Ministry of Planning will remain the lead ministry from Pakistan, and National Development Reform Commission will lead the Chinese side. According to Khusro Bakhtiar, Minister of Planning and Development, the CPEC project has entered the second phase with focus on industrial and agricultural cooperation, development of Gwadar and socio-economic development.

### **Civil Service Reforms**

How not to pursue reform by Mosharraf Zaidi- in [The News International](#)

Pakistan keeps losing international cases because there are incompetent people who do not understand how the world works making important decisions about the future of the country. More competent people in positions of authority requires a reform of the judiciary, a reform of the civil service and a reform in how decisions that are contested and controversial can be moderated or arbitrated. A reform of the judiciary is a legislative process. Civil service reform cannot be sought in the manner currently being pursued – it only produces change at the margins, with little or no fundamental challenging of system-wide inefficiency and incompetence.

How Pakistan's institutions – our public discourse, our judiciary, our executive, our parliament, and our military – engage with each other on the issues they do not agree upon cannot be fixed through stapling together disparate mechanisms and personalities. Much of the absence of coherence and coordination between institutions is a product of a broken administrative system in which BPS-21 and BPS-22 officers have both too much power in some matters, and now power at all in others. The country is organized to manage 100 million people in the 1960s. It is trying to prepare to manage

300 million people in the 2030s. The divide between capacity and needs is now so vast that every day this country does not implode is another day of proof that Allah loves us.