

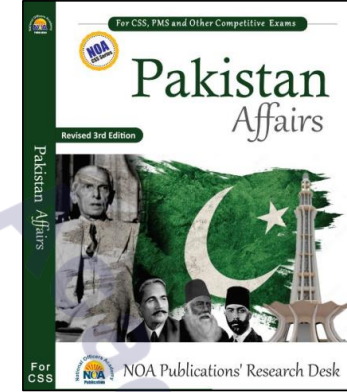
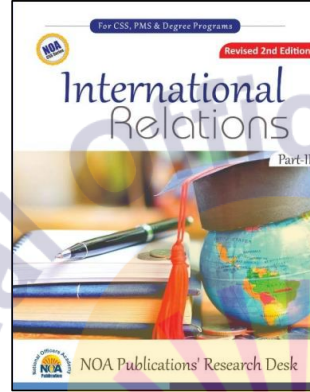
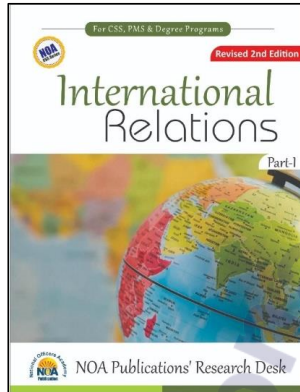
CURRENT AFFAIRS ***for MPT CSS -2023***

by Hassan Ali Gondal

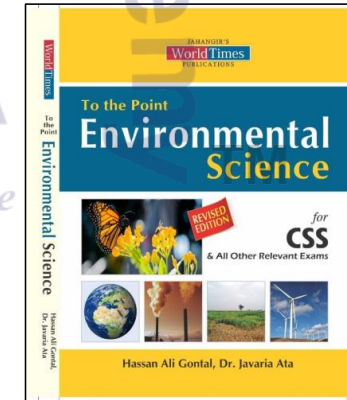
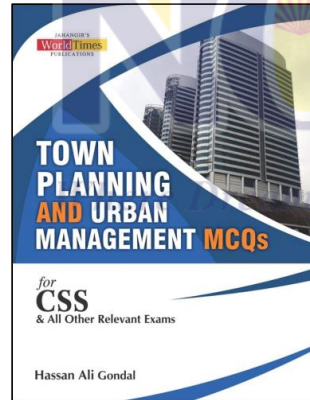
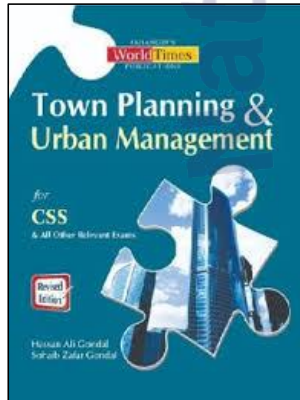
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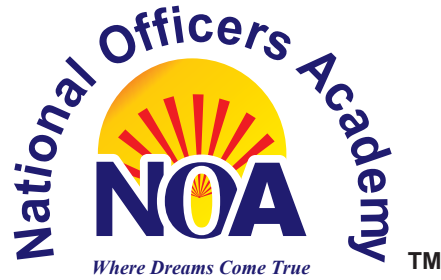
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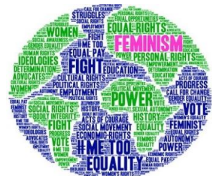


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COURSE INTRODUCTION

Nuts & Bolts of MPT (Current Affairs)

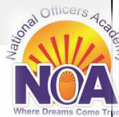


**MPT will
be a
knowledge
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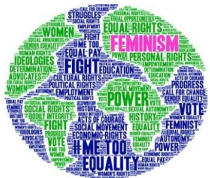
15~20 Marks →

1. Understanding Rules

Subjects	Marks (200)
Islamic Studies / Civics & Ethics*	20
Urdu: Grammar usage, Translation	20
English: Vocabulary, Grammar usage, Comprehension	50
General Abilities:	60
Basic Arithmetic, Algebra & Geometry	
Logical problem solving and analytical abilities	
Mental Abilities	
General Knowledge:	50
Everyday Science	
Current Affairs	
Pakistan Affairs	



2. Marked Areas (Based on FPSC 100 Marks' Past Papers' Analysis)



1. USA Related Issues
2. Intl./Regional Organizations
3. Summits/Conferences
4. Environmental Issues
5. State-to-State Relations
6. Economic Facts
7. Visits (PMs/COAS/FMs)
8. Development Packages
9. CPEC
10. Agreements/Defense Pacts
11. Rankings/Ratings
12. Sports
13. Constitutional Amendments
14. War & Peace
15. Goals (SDGs/MDGs)
16. Noble Prize/Awards
17. Nuclear/Weapon Issues
18. Political & Social Movements
19. Elections
20. Recent Appointments
21. International Important Days
22. Deaths
23. Books

3. Course Strategy



Marked Areas)

Structured under

03x Sections

- 1- Infographics (Nov, 21 ~ Aug, 22)
- 2- Newspapers Review (Jan,22 ~ Aug, 22)
- 3- Factsheet from Significant Documents

Students are strongly recommended to read CURRENT AFFAIRS' section of NOA SCREENING EXAM BOOK in order to have an insight in developments before timeframe mentioned above.

4. Course Structure



**Issue Based
Prep**
(Infographic Style
Information)

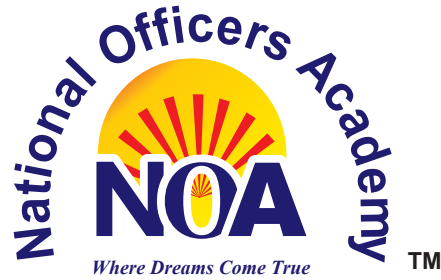
**Leading
Leads**

(01 Jan~15 Aug,
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Fact Check
(All Key Reports)

Where Dreams Come True





Section-1 ~ Key Issues

Important Developments Year 2022

Summit for Democracy, 2021



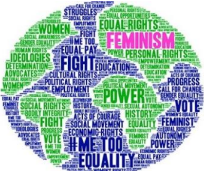
- **Host Country** United States
- **Dates** December 9–10, 2021
- **Venue(s)** Virtual
- **Participants** Total = 275, Global Heads = 100
- **Major Non-Participants** Pakistan, China, Russia
- **Agenda:**
 - Supporting a free and independent media;
 - Fighting corruption;
 - Bolstering democratic reformers;
 - Advancing technology for democracy; and
 - Defending free and fair elections and political processes.



SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY™



EU's Global Gateway



THE GLOBAL GATEWAY

Connecting goods, people and services around the world in a sustainable way

€ 300 billion
in investments (2021- 2027)
Through a Team Europe approach



Global Gateway is Europe's offer to build more resilient connections with the world through investments and partnerships

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

Digital Networks and Infrastructures

Climate Resilience and Clean Energy

Green Smart and Safe Transport

Health Systems and Supply Chains

High Quality Education and Research

KEY GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR INVESTMENTS

Democratic values and high standards

Good governance and transparency

Equal partnerships

Green and clean infrastructures

Security focused

Catalysing private sector investment

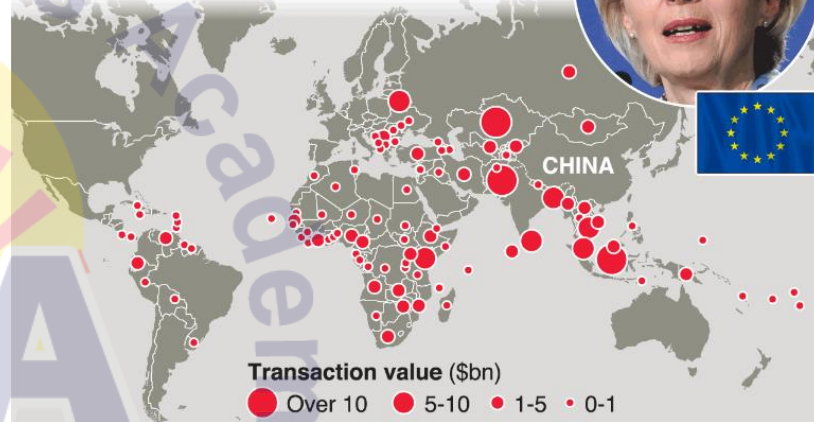
EU plans global strategy to rival China

The European Union has announced a massive global investment plan that is widely seen as a rival to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

European Commission President **Ursula von der Leyen** unveiled EU's "Global Gateway" scheme to invest €300bn (\$340bn) worldwide by 2027 in infrastructure, digital and climate projects



CHINA'S BRI INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, 2013-21



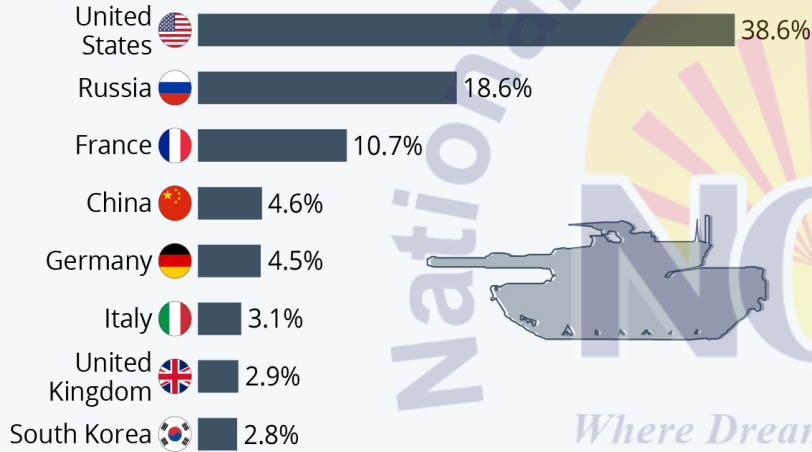
Announced on 1st December, 2021

Global Arms Sales (Exporters vs. Importers)



The World's Biggest Arms Exporters

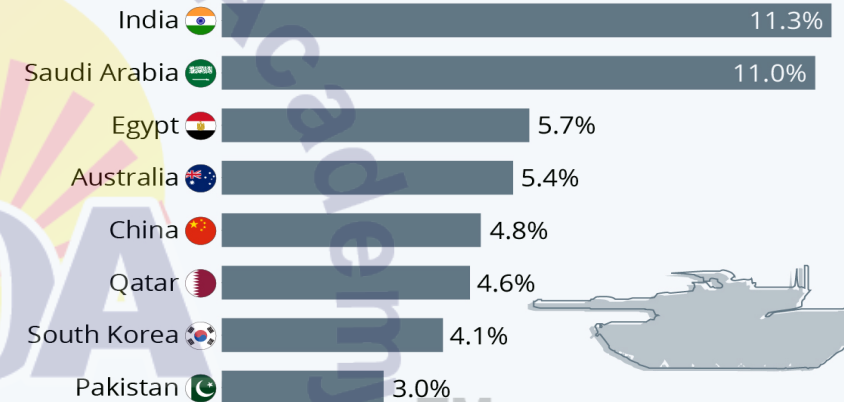
Countries responsible for the biggest shares of global arms exports from 2017 to 2021



Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

The World's Biggest Arms Importers

Countries responsible for the biggest shares of global arms imports from 2017 to 2021



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OIC Summit



OIC- Organization of the Islamic Cooperation

It was founded in **1969**

First OIC Charter Adopted in **1972**



Key Bodies of OIC:

Number of Member Countries **57**

Founding Members **30**

- ▶ Council of Foreign Ministers
- ▶ General Secretariat
- ▶ Islamic Summit
- ▶ Al-Quds Committee

Pakistan's 6-point Framework to Help Afghanistan Stave off a Humanitarian Disaster

- 1 Create a vehicle within the OIC to channel support to the Afghan people.
- 2 Increase investment in Afghanistan, bilaterally or through the OIC, in areas such as education, health and technical and vocational skills to the Afghan youth.
- 3 Create a group of experts comprising the OIC, the UN & international financial institutions to consider ways and means to facilitate Afghanistan.
- 4 Focus on enhancing food security of the Afghan people. The Islamic Organization for Food Security can and must lead this effort.
- 5 Invest in building capacity of Afghan institutions in countering terrorism and combating illicit trade in narcotics.
- 6 Engagement of OIC with Afghan authorities to help advance the expectations of the international community, in particular, regarding political and social inclusivity; respect for human rights, especially the rights of women and girls; and combating terrorism.



17th Extraordinary Session of OIC Council of Foreign Ministers



Islamabad



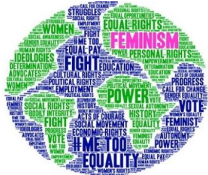
70+ Delegations



Humanitarian & Economic Crisis in Afghanistan

- **When was the last OIC meeting held?**
- **On March 22nd and 23rd, Pakistan hosted the 48th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Islamabad.**
 - **Next Mauritania**
 - **Hissein Brahim Taha ~ Chad 2020 (GS)**
 - **Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada**
 - **Pakistan 1985~1988**

COP 26



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY



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1

The world's most important gathering of 2021

2

1st REGIONAL CITY TO HOST COP

COP26 - 14 days 31st Oct to - 13th Nov, First COP to be held in a regional city

3

Participants, c.40,000 registered participants (22,274 Delegates and 14,124 Observers and 3,886 Media). The most attended of any COP

4

197 Parties Attending

5

120 World Leaders attended the World Leaders' Summit

6

7 MAIN VENUES USED

7 main Glasgow venues used

7

More than 40,000 people took part in climate change related activism around the city

OVER 40,000 ACTIVISTS

8

233k hits to Get Ready Glasgow website

GRC.COM

233k

9

6,000 IKEA furniture items and accessories donated for distribution via GCC charity and community networks

IKEA

6,000 ITEMS

10

8 Sponsor activations across the city, including: Envision Virgin Racing car, IKEA sustainable and healthy living hubs, Scottish Power mural, 3 x Bloomberg Philanthropies sponsored art projects @ Anderston Station mural, Create4Glasgow.com

ACTIVATIONS

8

11

12004 volunteer applications 866 people accepted a volunteer role

866 VOLUNTEERS

12

1,000 trees planted as part of sustainable volunteer uniform project

1000

13

COP26 achieved ISO 20121: 2012 sustainability certification

ISO

ISO 20121

14

COP26 was carbon neutral – it was the first event to achieve validation via the PAS 2060 international standard

CO₂

15

95% of food served at the conference is seasonal and from the UK, with at least 80% of this coming

80%

16

37 Host City Zone Events (including two schools' events, two women's events, and seven mayoral events and 17 streamed/hybrid events) and 7 cultural performances

37 HOST CITY EVENTS

17

3,136 attendees from over 40 countries attended Host City Zone

COUNTRIES ATTENDED

40

18

957 GCC staff accredited for official COP26 event zones to assist in event delivery

957 STAFF

19

36 events and activations took place around in GCC owned parks, venues and precincts

36 GCC EVENTS ACTIVATIONS

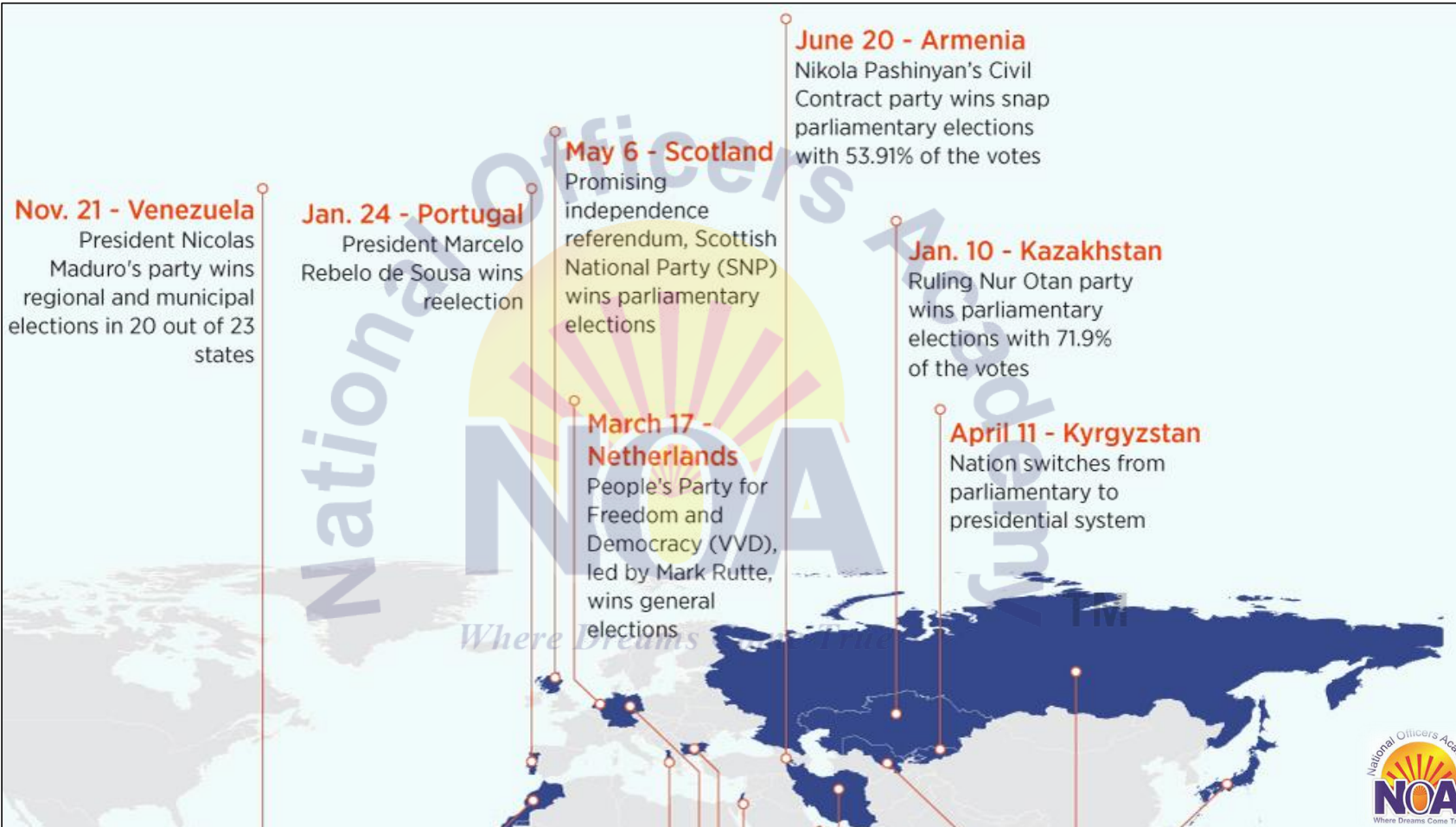
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1 Glasgow Climate Pact agreed

1 GLASGOW CLIMATE



Elections held Across Globe in 2021



Elections held Across Globe in 2021 (Contd.)



France Presidential Elections 2022

French presidential elections

The run-off vote is on April 24



EMMANUEL MACRON

Age: 44
Outgoing president
Republic on the Move (LREM)

Push back retirement to 65

15 billion euros in tax cuts, "full employment" in five years time, benefits reform

Construction of six new-generation nuclear reactors

MARINE LE PEN

Age: 53
3rd candidacy
Pas-de-Calais MP
National Rally (RN)

Referendum on anti-immigration measures, expulsion of foreign offenders, ban on legalising the status of undocumented migrants, end of family reunification

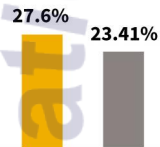
Lower VAT to 5.5% on electricity, gas and fuel

Proportional voting and setup of Citizens' initiative referendum

PROGRAMMES

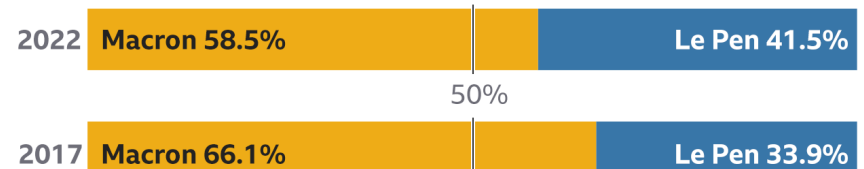
Main points

FIRST ROUND SCORE



Macron wins by smaller margin than in 2017

French presidential election second round results



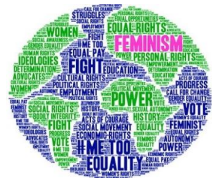
7th May, 2022



Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change Report



- Feb 28
- 2nd Report of 6th Assessment
- “Irreversible Losses”



Human Influence

Human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land. Widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere have occurred globally.



Global Warming

Global warming of 1.5°C and 2°C will be exceeded during the 21st century, unless there are deep reductions in CO₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions in the coming decades. The 1.5°C global warming level will be crossed by the early 2030s.



Sea Level Rise

The rate of global mean sea level rise has accelerated and will continue throughout the 21st century, ranging from 0.32m to 1.01m. While projections are comparable to the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), there might be a disproportionate impact on low-lying states in the tropics due to “High Impact – Low Likelihood” events.



Weather and Climate Extremes

Every region in the world is projected to experience concurrent and multiple changes in climatic impact-drivers resulting in more frequent and/or severe droughts, more intense and frequent extreme rainfall events, and flooding. Changes would be more widespread at 2°C and above, as compared to 1.5°C global warming.

A look at the change in emission levels and rise in global temperatures as projected by the intergovernmental panel:

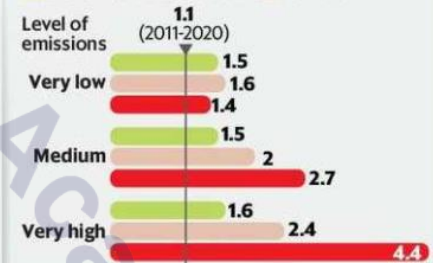
Target zero

It's possible to reach net zero carbon by 2060 at very low emission levels. But at higher levels, it may not be possible to reach that goal in this century, the IPCC says.

Projected carbon dioxide level (bn tonnes/year) at various emission levels

Projected rise in global temperature (relative to 1850-1900) (in °C)

2021-2040 2041-2060 2081-2100



Likely rise in global mean sea level (in metres) by 2100 (relative to 1995-2014)



Today's report is 'Code Red' for humanity ... it must sound a death knell for coal, fossil fuels before they destroy the planet

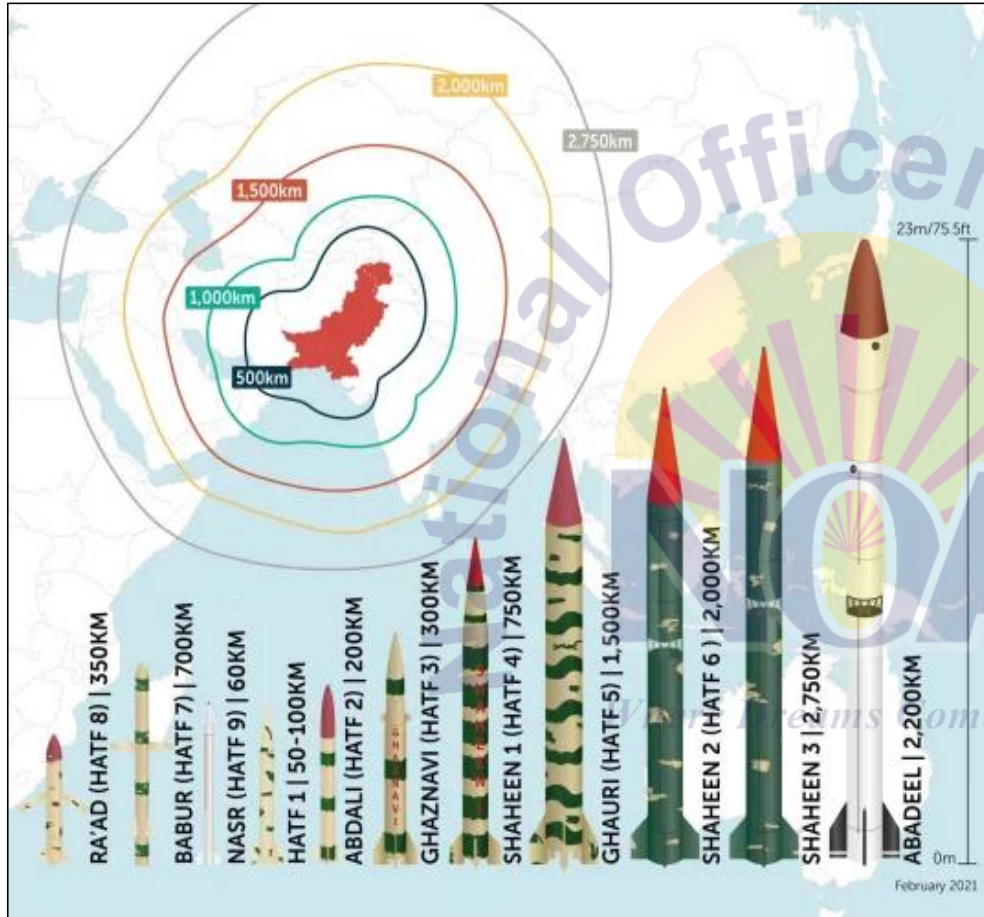
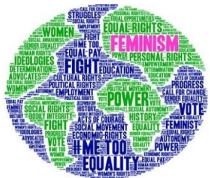
Antonio Guterres
UN secretary general



Projection for South Asia in 21st century:
Heatwaves and humid heat stress to be more intense and frequent. Annual and summer monsoon precipitation to rise



Pakistan Missile's Range

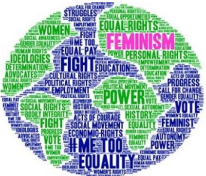


Pakistan test-fires Shaheen-III missile

Pakistan has test-fired a ballistic missile that it claims can carry a nuclear warhead up to 1,700 miles, which would enable it to strike all corners of India and reach deep into the Middle East, including Israel and Iran.



India Accidentally Hitting Missile in Pakistan



- On 9 March 2022, India accidentally fired a **BrahMos missile** originating from **Sirsa, Haryana** that crashed into **Mian Channu, Khanewal District, Punjab, Pakistan**.
- On **23rd August**, **Indian Air Force** sacked three officers for accidentally firing a missile into Pakistan in **March**, an incident that the two nuclear-armed rivals handled calmly as there were no casualties.



Reko Diq Deal



- Deal on 20th March, 2022
- Canadian Company Barrick Gold
- Saved Pakistan from a penalty of \$ 11 Billion
- World Bank Tribunal (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes – ICSID)
- Reconstitutes project with an \$10 Billion Investment.



- Feb 2011
Tethyan Copper Company applies for mining lease of Reko Diq
- Nov 2011
Balochistan summarily rejects the application
- Jan 12, 2012
Tethyan Copper Company registers case against Pakistan
- Jan 7, 2013
SC declares Reko Diq agreement void
- March 21, 2017
World Bank tribunal rules against Pakistan
- July 18, 2017
Balochistan rejects reports about \$11.5bn penalty
- Jan 19, 2018
Pakistan faces \$11.43bn damages claims
- July 13, 2019
WB court orders Pakistan to pay \$5.9bn damages to Tethyan Copper



ICC Awards



**SHAHEEN SHAH
AFRIDI**

SIR GARFIELD SOBERS TROPHY
FOR ICC MEN'S CRICKETER OF THE YEAR



**SMRITI
MANDHANA**

RACHAEL HEYHOE TROPHY
FOR ICC WOMEN'S CRICKETER OF THE YEAR



**JOE
ROOT**

ICC MEN'S TEST
CRICKETER OF THE YEAR



**BABAR
AZAM**

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**LIZELLE
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**MOHAMMAD
RIZWAN**

ICC MEN'S T20I
CRICKETER OF THE YEAR



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**JANNEMAN
MALAN**

ICC MEN'S EMERGING
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**FATIMA
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**ZEESHAN
MAQSOOD**

ICC MEN'S ASSOCIATE
CRICKETER OF THE YEAR



**ANDREA-MAE
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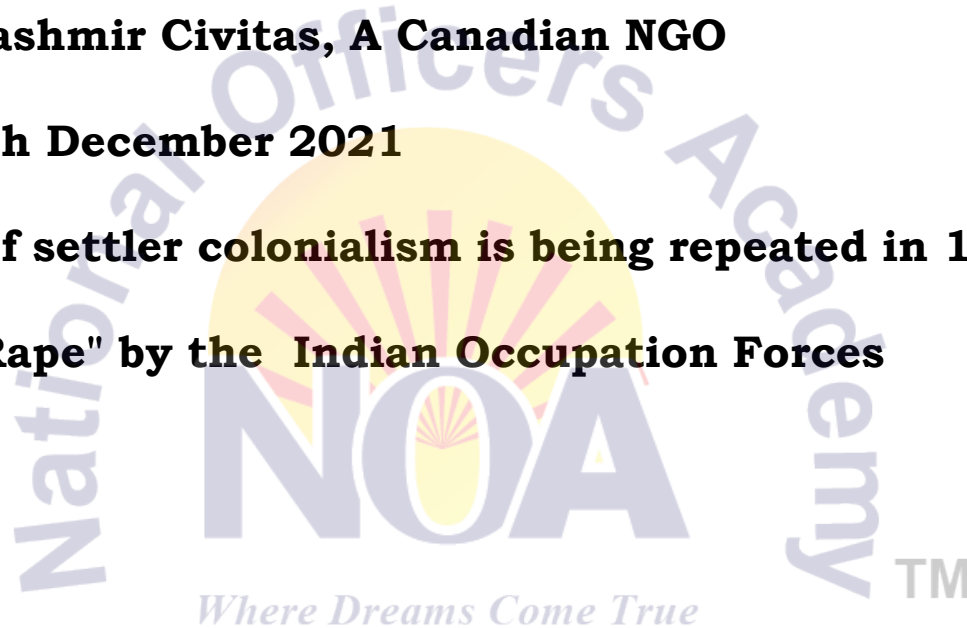
**MARAIS
ERASMUS**

ICC UMPIRE
OF THE YEAR

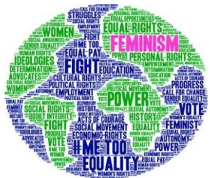
Russell Tribunal on Kashmir



- **Russell Tribunal on Kashmir held its session in Sarajevo, Bosnia**
- **Arranged by Kashmir Civitas, A Canadian NGO**
- **From 17th-19th December 2021**
- **Israeli model of settler colonialism is being repeated in 10JK.**
- **“Weaponized Rape” by the Indian Occupation Forces**



ECO ~ Train Link



Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Rail Link

The Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul freight train, a joint project by Pakistan, Iran and Turkey, has resumed operations after a 10-year hiatus


6,543
kilometers

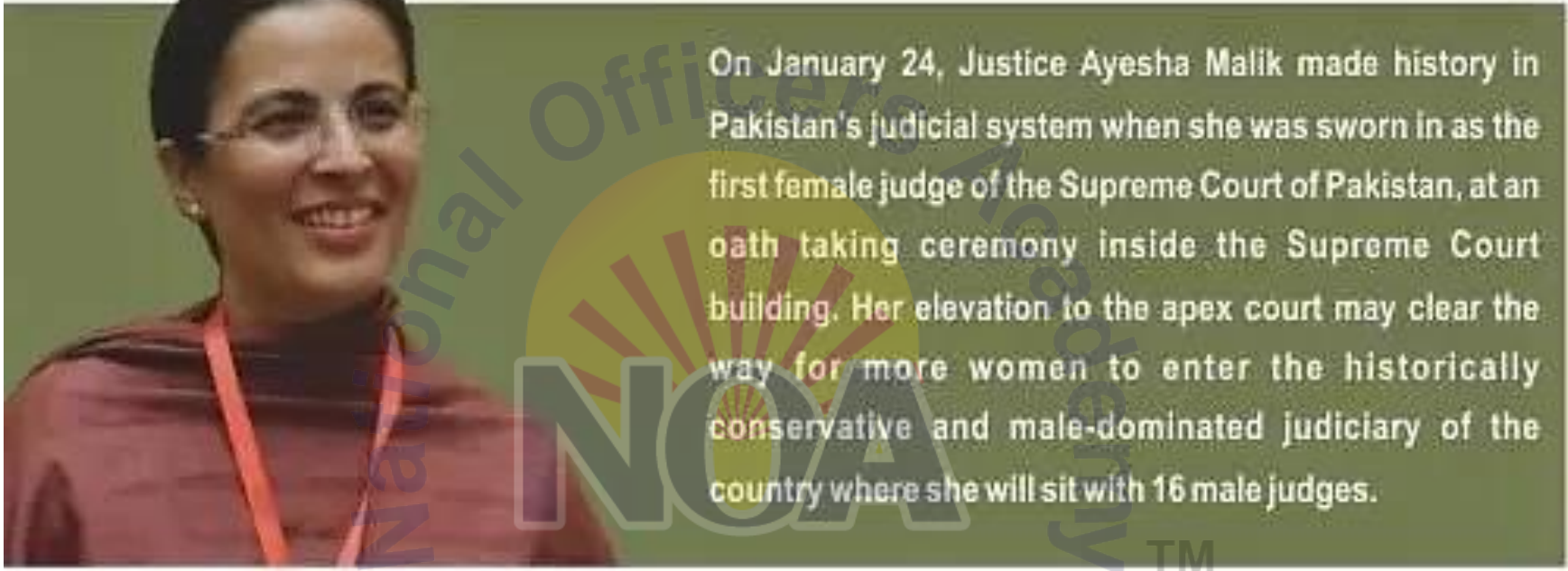
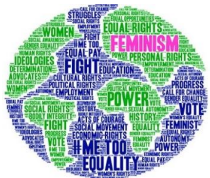
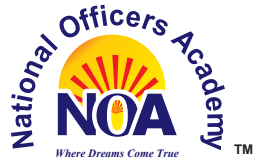
Islamabad-Istanbul
10 DAYS
(Infrastructure improvements will further reduce journey time)

The project was **launched in 2009 and suspended in 2011**

The cost of cargo transportation **by train is 50% lower than sea**



Appointment in Supreme Court

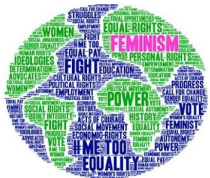


On January 24, Justice Ayesha Malik made history in Pakistan's judicial system when she was sworn in as the first female judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, at an oath taking ceremony inside the Supreme Court building. Her elevation to the apex court may clear the way for more women to enter the historically conservative and male-dominated judiciary of the country where she will sit with 16 male judges.

Justice Ayesha A. Malik
First Female Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan



PNS Tughril



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PhilippineNavy



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Philippine Navy



www.navy.mil.ph

- Inducted on 8th Nov, 2021
- 1st of 4th Chinese Frigates
- Provided by China
- Seljuk Empire
- Type 054A
- Most Advanced Warships
- Equipped with Latest Surface-to-Surface and Anti-Air Weaponry



US Competes Act



The House Passes the America COMPETES Act

February 4, 2022

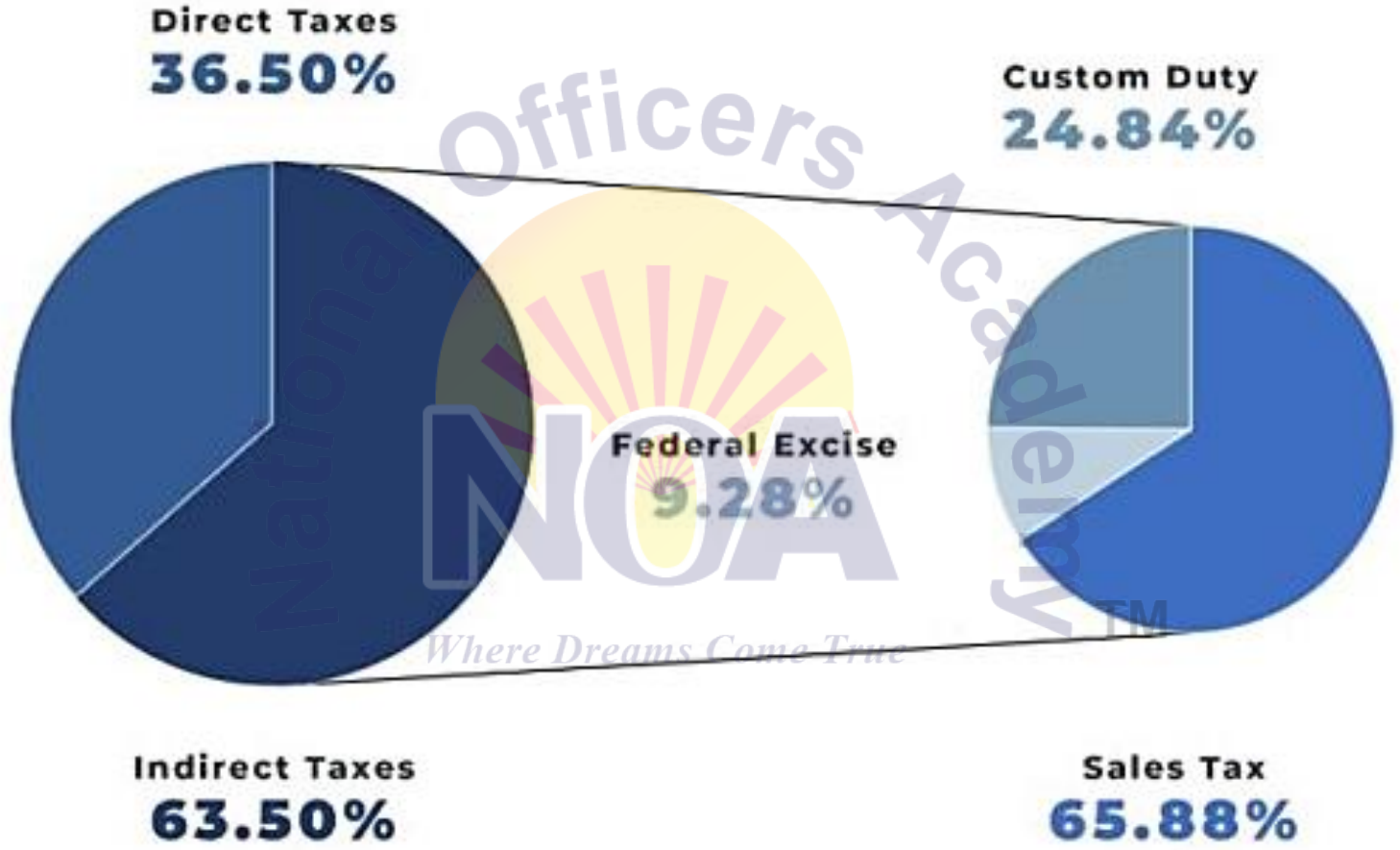


WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the America Creating Opportunities for Manufacturing Pre-Eminence in Technology and Economic Strength (America COMPETES) Act. This bipartisan legislation will increase U.S. production of semiconductor chips, strengthen the supply chain to make more goods in America, and invest in scientific research and new technologies, while supporting strong labor standards and human rights. It includes Rep. Madeleine Dean's *Combating Wildlife Trafficking Financing and Proceeds Study Act* (H.R. 6477). These provisions will require the Treasury

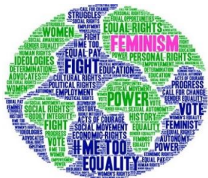
Secretary to conduct a study about global wildlife trafficking and its proceeds.



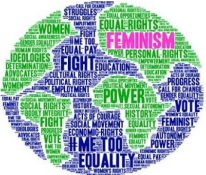
Direct vs. Indirect Taxation in Pakistan



Rise in Global Inflation, 2022



Budget 2022~23 Review



SHARE OF TAX REVENUE

Total Revenue: **Rs 7 Trillion**

63%
INDIRECT TAXES

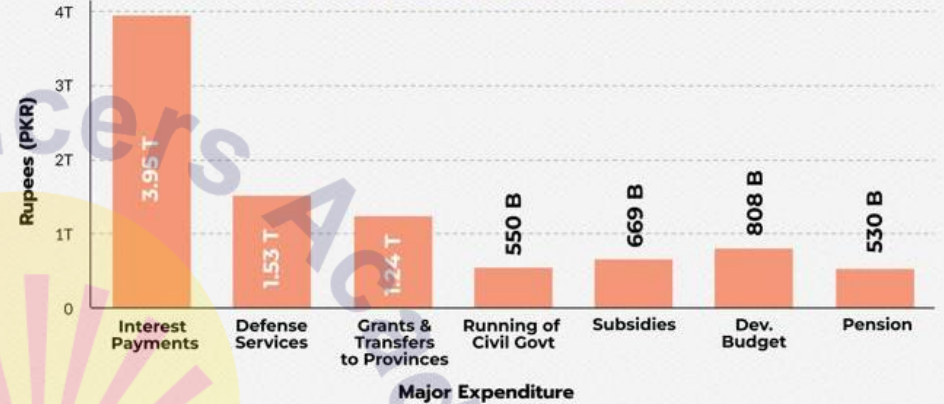


37%
DIRECT TAXES

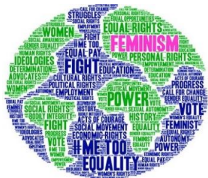


*B: Billion

MAJOR EXPENDITURE



Human Rights Violations in India



Human Rights Crisis in India through Numbers

US State department report highlights that there is rising human rights violations especially against minorities in the country



Extra Judicial Killings

23 civilians were killed by government & nongovernment forces in J&K and Maoist-affected areas of the country

Unlawful Detentions

331 Unlawful detentions under the PSA in 2021
1200 cases under the UAPA by IIOJK administration



Torture & Cruel Degrading Treatment in Police Custody

111 persons died due to torture in police custody in 2020



Curbing the Freedom of Expression

5 people arrested by MP police for offending religious sentiments
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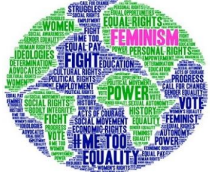
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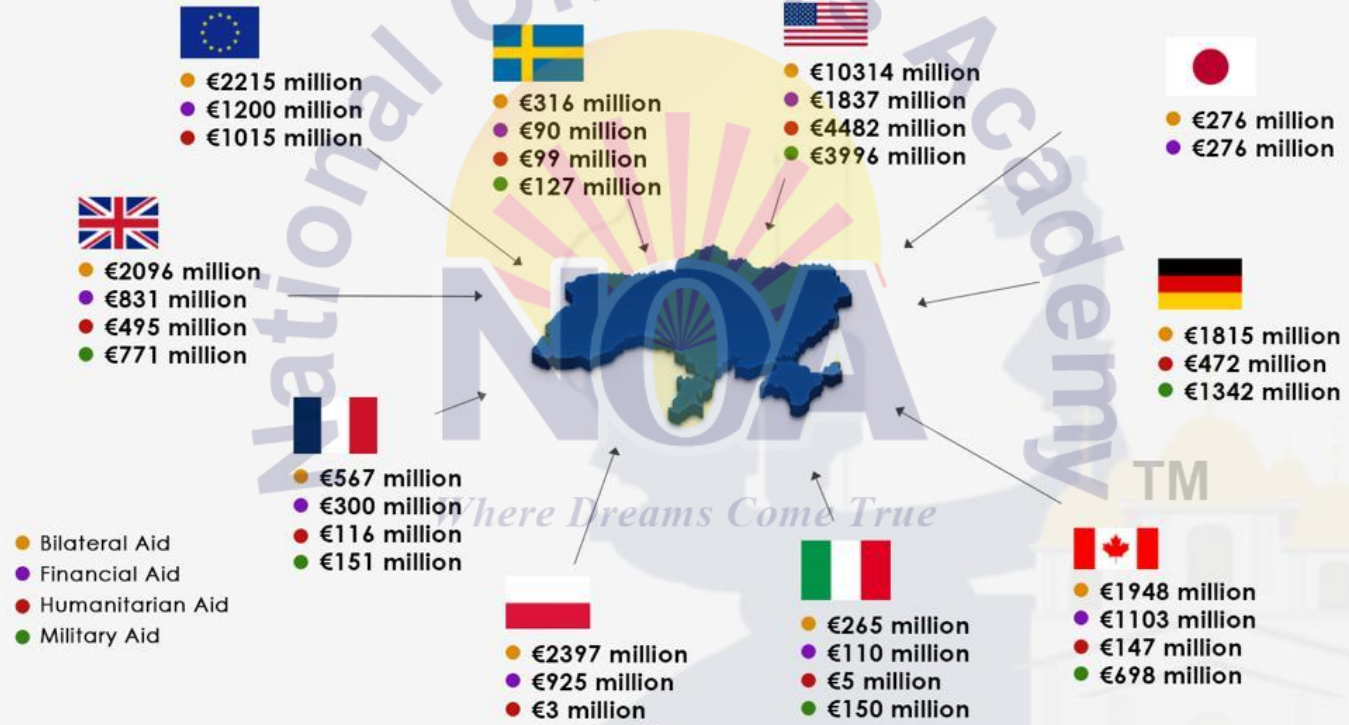
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Aid Given to Ukraine



WAR: HOW MUCH AID IS GIVEN TO UKRAINE?

This shows a breakdown of top 10 countries sending aid to Ukraine before US congress approved the \$40 billion spending bill

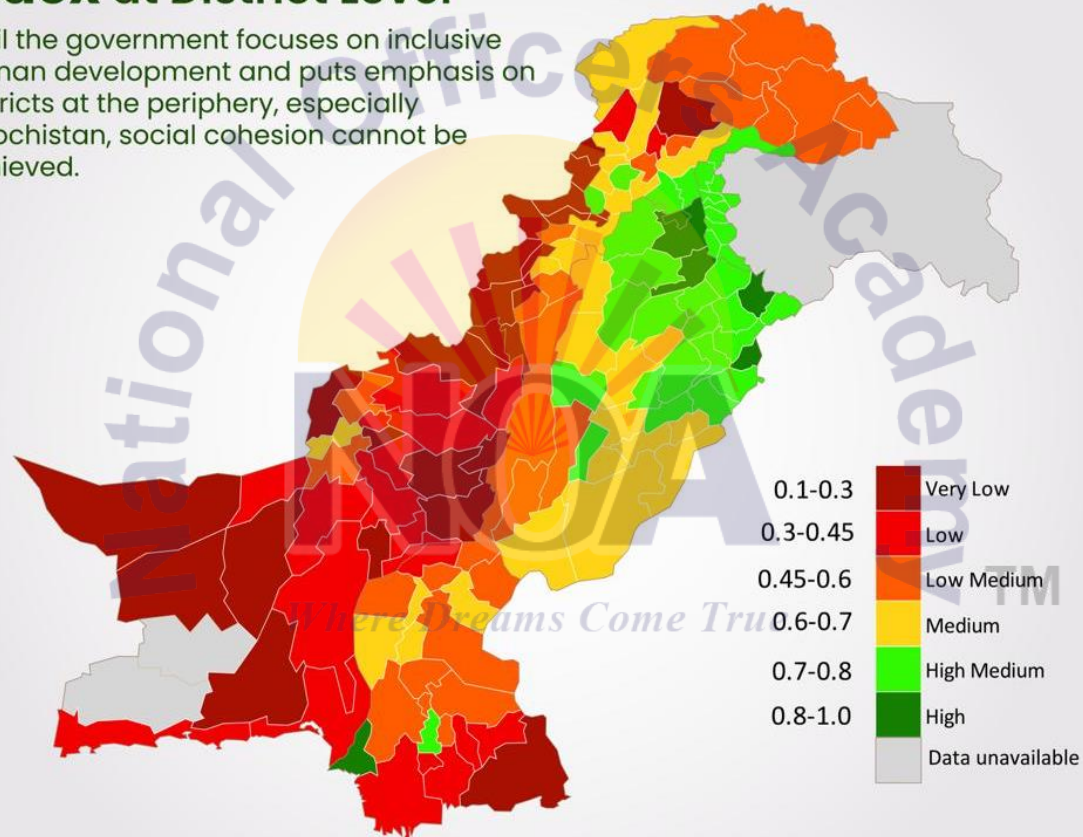


Human Development in Pakistan



Human Development Index at District Level

Until the government focuses on inclusive human development and puts emphasis on districts at the periphery, especially Balochistan, social cohesion cannot be achieved.

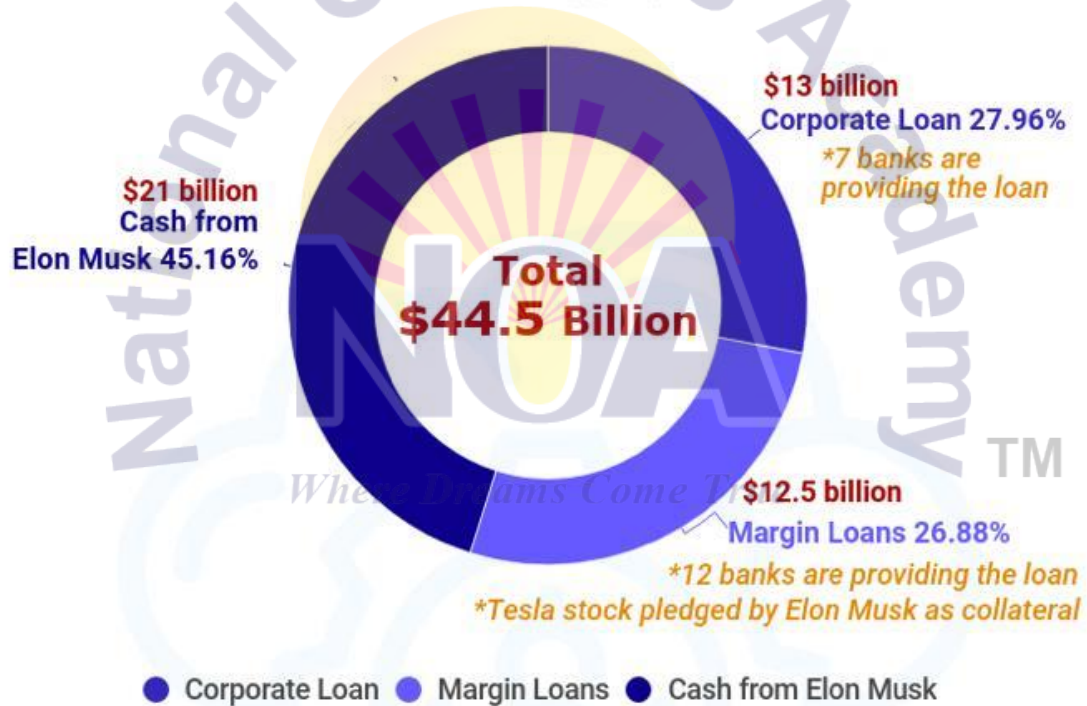


Twitter Sale-out

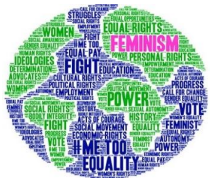


How is Funding Buyout

Elon Musk Twitter deal is one of the biggest private-take transaction ever



Attacks by Baloch Terrorist Organizations in 2022



Jan 21
1 FC soldier martyred, 1 injured
 in an attack by Baloch Nationalist Army (BNA)

Jan 26 | Kech District
10 soldiers martyred
 in a terrorist attack on a check post

Jan 28 | Dera Bugti Dist.
3 Pak security forces personnel martyred
 in a landmine blast

Jan 31 | Dera Murad Jamali Dist.
2 security forces personnel martyred
 in a remote-controlled bomb attack while patrolling Sui Gas Pipeline

Feb 1 | Turbat Town
3 Army personnel martyred, several injured
 when BLA targeted a military convoy with an IED

Feb 2 | Panjgur District
1 soldier martyred
 during an exchange of fire with BLA militants

Feb 4 | Killa Abdullah Dist.
6 people, including 2 Levies personnel, injured
 after a grenade at a Levies check-post

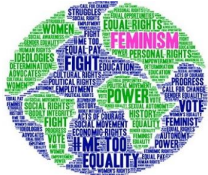
Feb 7 | Quetta
2 FC personnel injured
 in an explosion

Feb 12 | Awaran Dist.
4 army personnel martyred, several injured
 during a clash with BLF militants

Feb 19 | Turbat Town
1 soldier martyred, 1 injured
 when BLF militants attacked at the army post



Attacks by Baloch Terrorist Organizations in 2022 (Contd.)



Feb 21 | Makran Coastal Highway
3 soldiers martyred, 5 injured
 when attacked by (BRAS) militants

March 15
7 FC personnel martyred, 6 injured
 in a landmine explosion

April 7 | Kech Dist.
1 Army personnel martyred, 1 injured
 when BLA militants attacked

April 26 | Karachi
3 Chinese nationals and a Pakistani martyred
 in BLA suicide attack

Feb 19 | Gwadar
1 army personnel martyred
 at army camp by BLF militants

March 12 | Turbat Town
1 army soldier martyred, 1 injured
 when BLF militant attacked vegetable market

March 12 | Shapuk Area of Kech Dist.
1 soldier martyred, several injured
 when BNA militants attacked an Army convoy

April 3 | Awaran Dist.
5 Army personnel martyred, 2 injured
 in the attack by BLF militants

April 3 | Kech Dist.
2 Army personnel martyred, several injured
 when BLA militants attacked


April 8 | Awaran Dist.
2 soldiers martyred, 1 injured

Israel's Attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque



Israel's Attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque

A Timeline



- 1967**
 - General Mordechai Gur & his soldiers entered Al-Aqsa Mosque on the third day of the 1967 War
 - Raised the Israeli flag from the Dome of the Rock
 - Burned copies of the Qur'an
 - Prohibited worshippers from praying in the mosque
 - Confiscated the keys
- 1969**
 - An Australian tourist set fire to Al-Aqsa Mosque, destroying priceless artefacts
- 1981**
 - Members of the Temple Mount Faithful, along with other groups, stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque & raised Israeli flags & Torah scrolls
- 1982**
 - Founder & leader of the Temple Mount Faithful, stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque
 - Israeli soldier opened fire in Al-Aqsa courtyard, killing two Palestinians & wounding more than 60 others
- 1983**
 - An activist affiliated with the illegal, terrorist Kach Movement, was arrested after planning to bomb the Dome of the Rock
- 1984**
 - Two Jews entered Al-Aqsa Mosque in possession of large amounts of explosives & hand grenades with the intention of bombing the Dome of the Rock Mosque
- 2000**
 - Ariel Sharon stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque accompanied by a heavy security presence. This sparked the Aqsa Intifada
 - Israeli security forces committed a new massacre against worshippers in Al-Aqsa Mosque, killing &

- 2011**
 - Small groups of extremist Jews stormed Al-Aqsa & roamed around the mosque accompanied by Israeli police & a heavy military presence
- 2012**
 - The Israeli police force stationed in Al-Aqsa arrested a male student & removed 6 others in order to allow a group of Jews to walk around the mosque
- 2014**
 - Israeli security forces stormed Al-Aqsa through Al-Silsila Gate. They besieged the worshippers & attacked protestors resulting in the injury of 25 Muslims
- 2016**
 - 2,057 Israelis stormed the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in just December 2016 alone
- 2018**
 - 28,800 Jewish settlers raided Al-Aqsa Mosque & its compound
- 2019**
 - 67 Americans storm Al-Aqsa Mosque as occupation forces tighten their grip on the area
 - Up to 200 Israelis desecrate the holy Al-Aqsa Mosque
 - Over 1,729 Jewish settlers storm Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Muslim celebration of Eid Al-Adha under the protection of Israeli occupation forces
- 2022**
 - More than 150 Palestinians are injured by the Israeli occupation's police forces, damaging the Al-Qibli Mosque, including breaking its window

Forest Fires in Pakistan 2022



Forest Fires in Pakistan

In Pakistan, forest fires usually peak in May due to dry and hot weather. But this year's number of forest fires was high compared to previous years.



Total Forest Cover
4.8 Million
ha



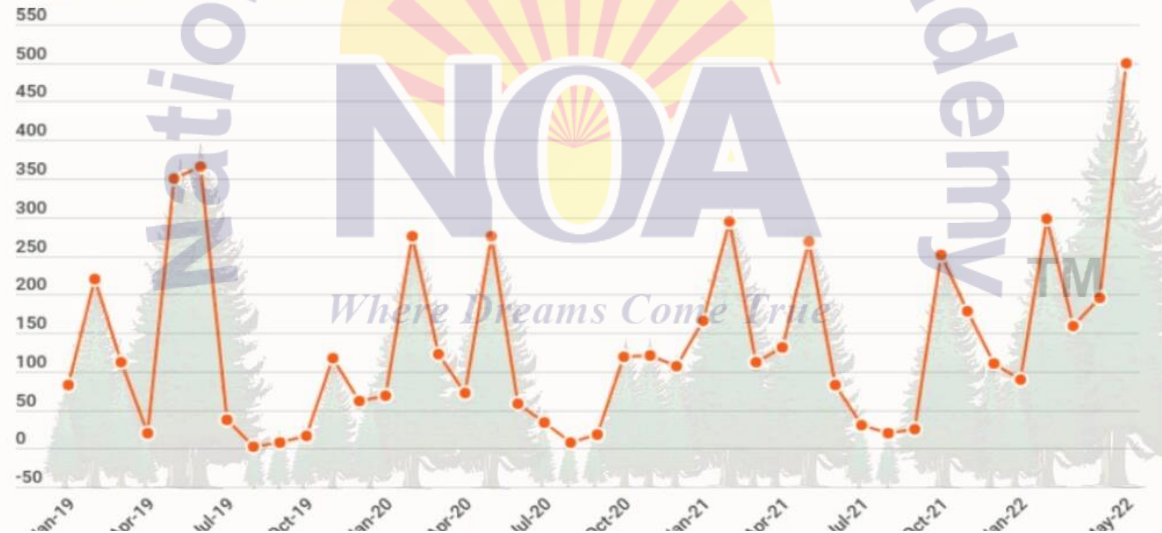
Forest as a % of
total land area
4.80%



Forest per Capita
0.05 ha/capita

*World average: 1 ha/capita

Forest Fire Alerts



Water Crisis Facts in Pakistan



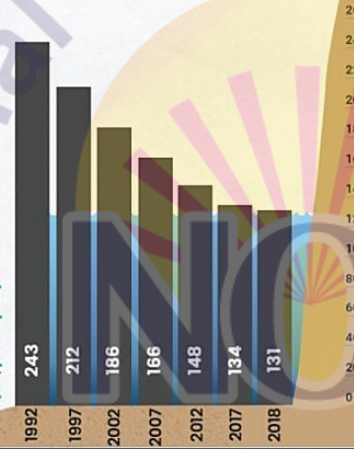
Water Crisis: It's time to act now

Over the years, the month of May has seen low levels of water levels at Tarbela & Mangla.

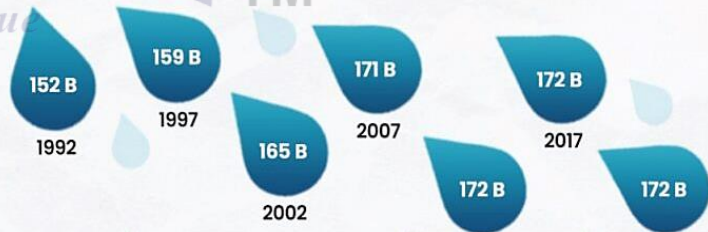
Total Renewable Water Resources per Capita (m³/year/per capita)



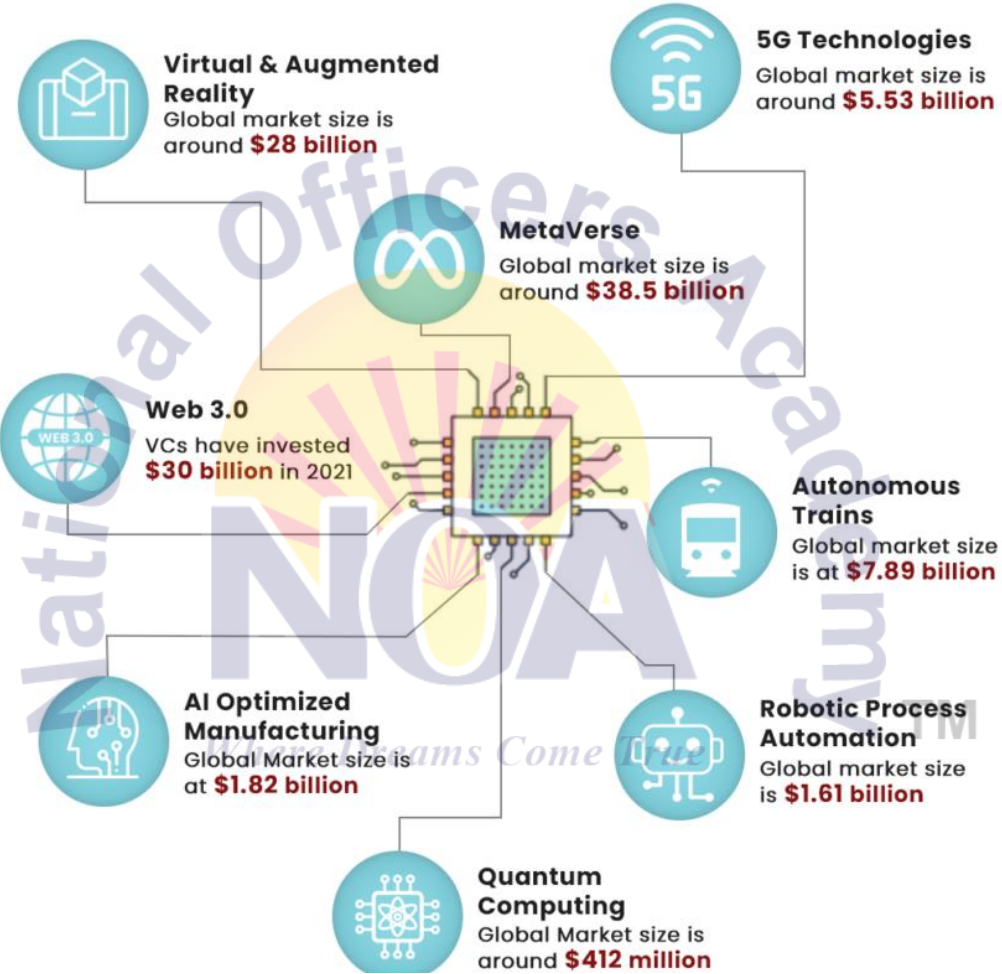
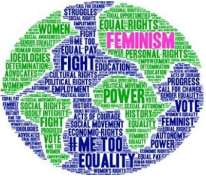
Dam Capacity per Capita (m³/per capita)



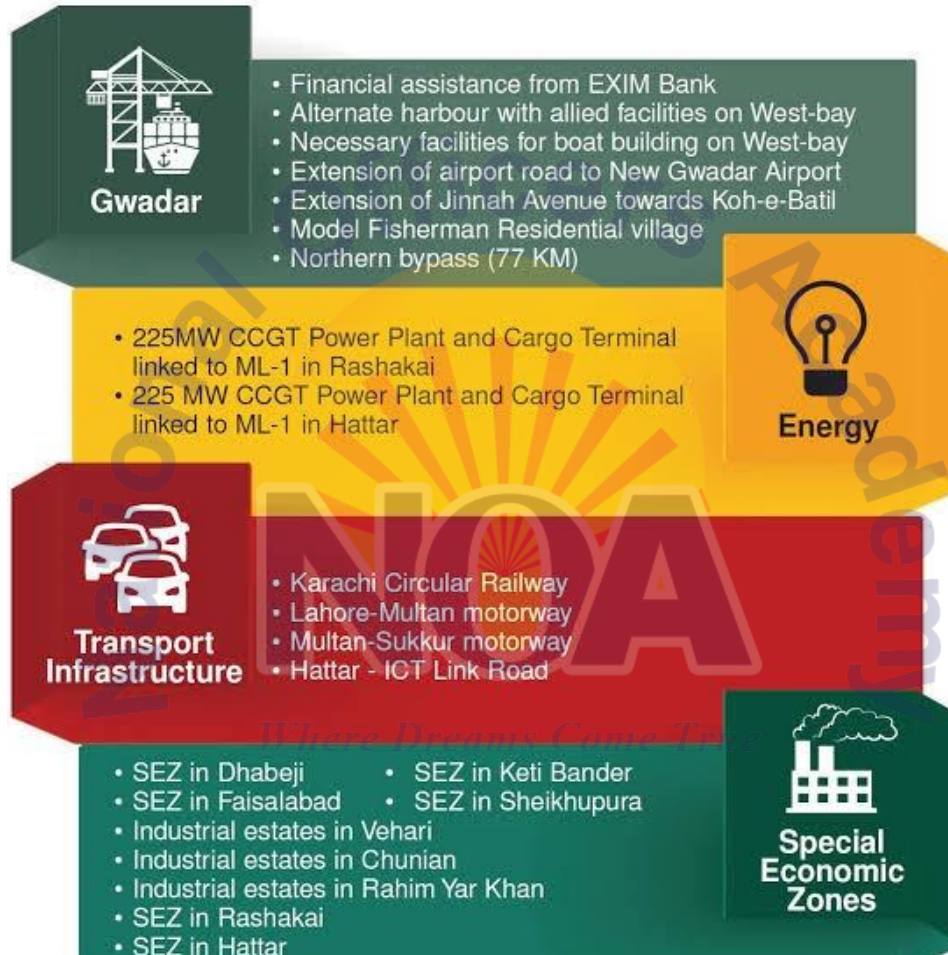
Agricultural Water Withdrawal (m³/year)



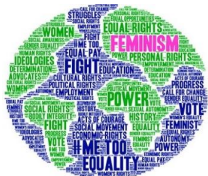
Innovative Technologies



Major CPEC Projects



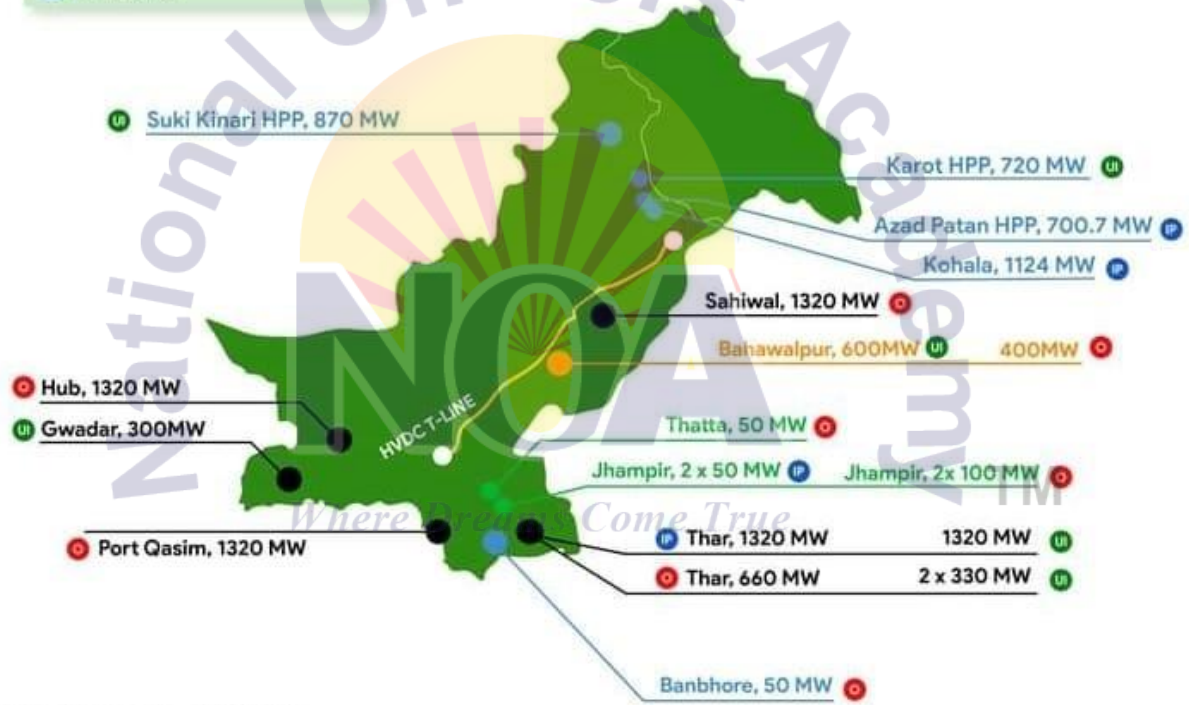
Energy Projects of CPEC



Power Projects

- Coal
- Wind
- Solar
- Hydro

○ Operational
 UI Under Implementation
 IP In-Pipeline



TPRT Islamabad Policy



Energy Projects of CPEC (Completed Projects)



Completed Projects

1	1320MW Sahiwal Coal-fired Power Plant	1320
2	1320MW Coal-fired Power Plant at Port Qasim Karachi	1320
3	1320MW China Hub Coal Power Project, Hub Balochistan	1320
4	660MW Engro Thar Coal Power Project	660
5	1000MW Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park (Bahawalpur)	400 / 600
6	50 MW Hydro China Dawood Wind Farm, Gharo, Thatta	50
7	100MW UEP Wind Farm, Jhimpir, Thatta	100
8	50MW Sachal Wind Farm, Jhimpir, Thatta	50
9	100MW Three Gorges Second and Third Wind Power Project	100
10	Matiari to Lahore ±660 KV HVDC Transmission Line Project	4,000 MW Evacuation Capacity
11	720MW Karot Hydropower Project, AJK/Punjab	720

- **Total = 11**
- **Coal = 4**
- **Solar = 1**
- **Wind = 4**
- **Transmission Line = 1**

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Energy Projects of CPEC (Under Construction)



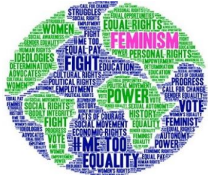
Under Construction Projects

12	1320 SSRL Thar Coal Block-I 7.8 mtpa & Power Plant (2×660MW) (Shanghai Electric)	1320
13	330MW HUBCO Thar Coal Power Project (Thar Energy)	330
14	330MW HUBCO ThalNova Thar Coal Power Project	330
15	884MW Suki Kinari Hydropower Project, KP	870
16	300MW Coal-Fired Power Project at Gwadar	300

- **Total = 05**
- **Coal = 4**
- **Hydro = 1**



Energy Projects of CPEC (Under Consideration)



Under Consideration Projects

17	1124MW Kohala Hydropower Project, AJK	1124
18	700.7MW Azad Pattan Hydropower Project, AJK/Punjab	700.7
19	1320 MW Thar Mine Mouth Oracle Power Plant & surface mine	1320
20	50MW Cacho Wind Power Project	50
21	50MW Western Energy (Pvt.) Ltd. Wind Power Project	50

- **Total = 05**
- **Coal = 1**
- **Hydro = 2**
- **Wind = 2**



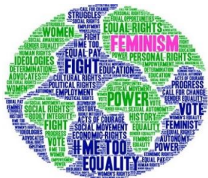
Energy Projects of CPEC (Total)



Type	Completed	In-Progress	Under Consideration	Total
Energy	11	5	5	21
Coal	4	4	1	9
Hydro	1	1	2	4
Wind	4	0	2	6
Solar	1	0	0	1
Transmission Line	1	0	0	1



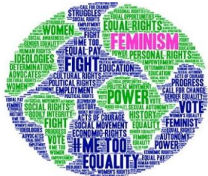
Infrastructure Projects of CPEC



#	Project Name	Length (KM)
Completed Projects		
1	KKH Phase II (Havelian - Thakot Section)	120
2	Peshawar-Karachi Motorway (Multan-Sukkur Section)	392
3	Orange Line Metro Train - Lahore	27
4	Cross Border Optical Fiber Cable (Khunjrab - Rawalpindi)	820
5	Pilot Project of Digital Terrestrial Multimedia Broadcast (DTMB)	
6	Hakla - D.I Khan Motorway	297
Under Construction Projects		
7	Zhob - Quetta (Kuchlak) (N-50)	305
8	Khuzdar-Basima Road (N-30)	106
9	Hoshab - Awaran Road Section (M-8)	146
10	KKH Alternate Route Shandur - Chitral Road	153
11	Nokundi-Mashkhel Road	103

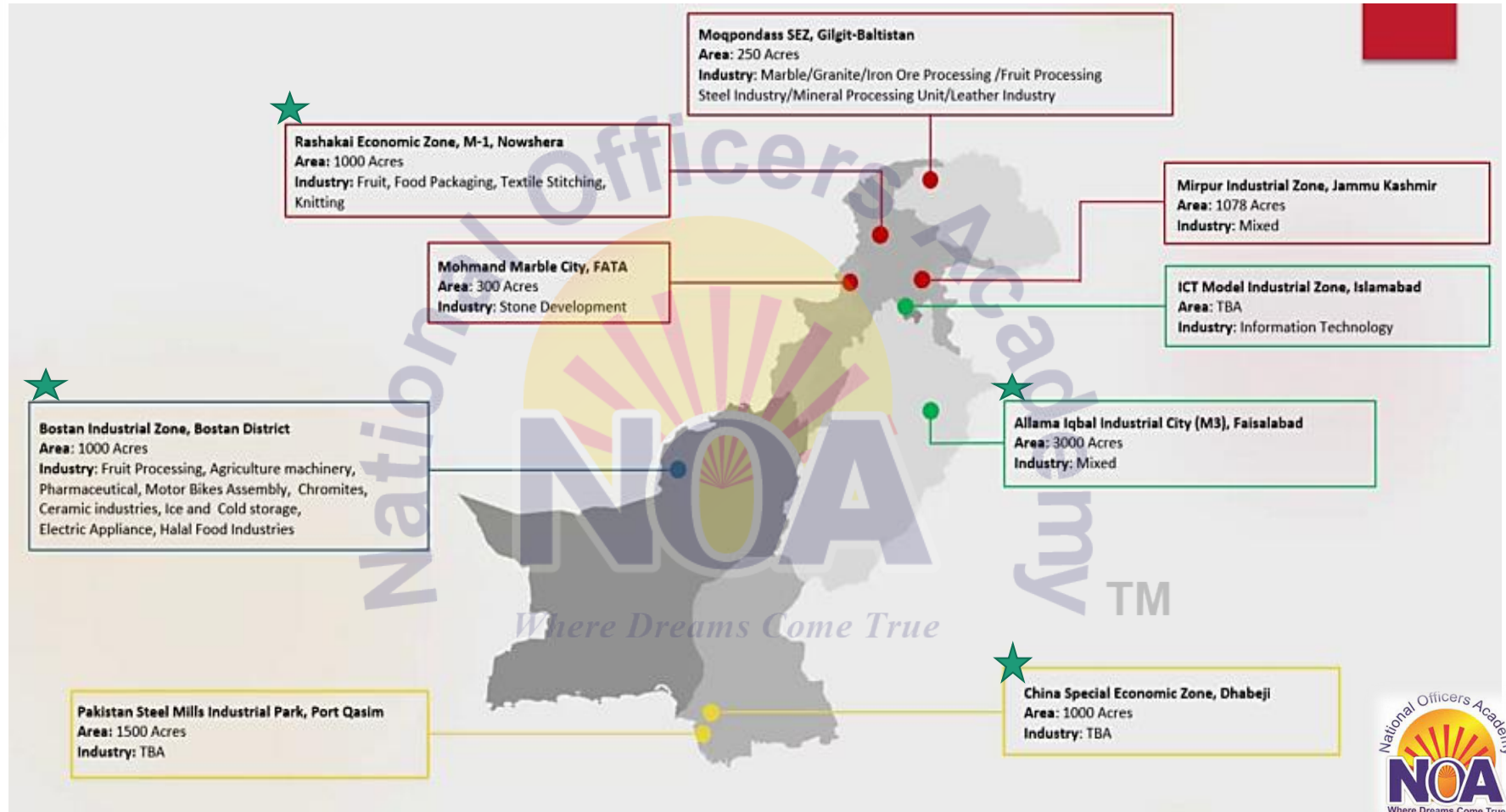
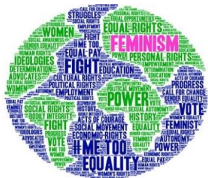


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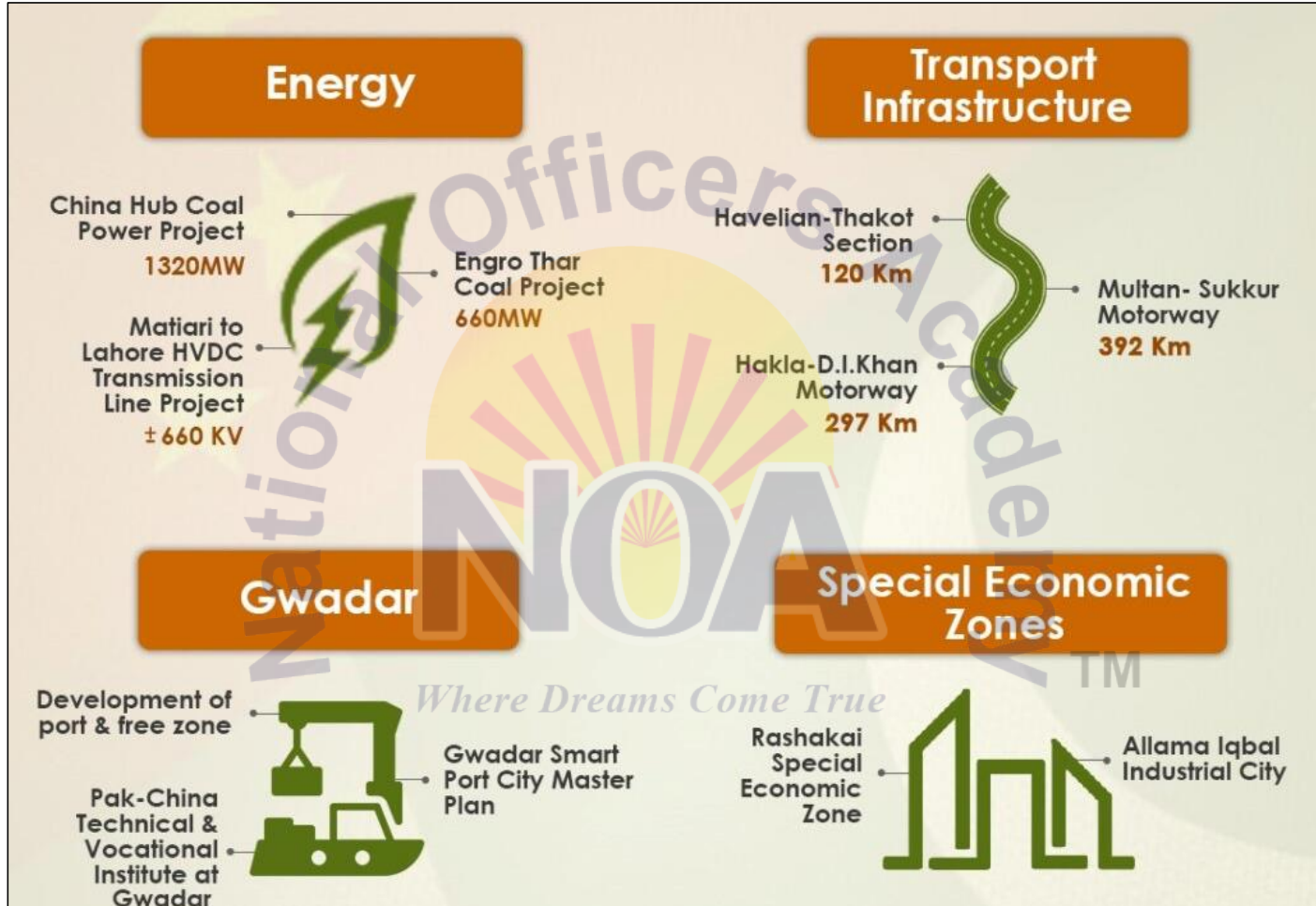
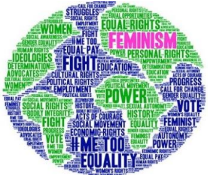


In-Pipeline Projects		
12	Up-gradation and Dualization of ML-1 and establishment of Dry Port near Havelian	1733
13	Up-gradation of D.I.Khan (Yarik) - Zhob, N-50 Phase-I	235
14	KKH Alternative Route Gilgit-Shandur Road	213
15	Realignment of KKH Phase-I Thakot - Raikot Section	250
16	Peshawar - D.I.Khan Motorway	360
17	Awaran - Khuzdar Road Section (M-8)	168
18	Dir Expressway	29.6
19	DTMB-A (Digitalize the existing three sites of PTV)	
Long Term Projects		
20	Mirpur-Muzaffarabad-Mansehra Road	200
21	Karachi Circular Railway	43
22	Mashkhel - Pangur Road	200
23	Quetta Mass Transit	
24	Greater Peshawar Region Mass Transit	

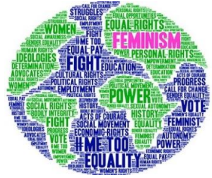
Special Economic Zones Under CPEC



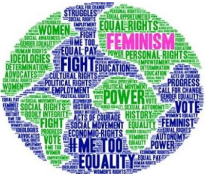
Progress on CPEC (2018~2022)



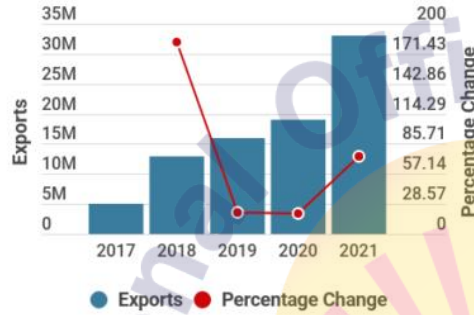
Countries Vote against Russia



Pakistan Trade with Uzbekistan



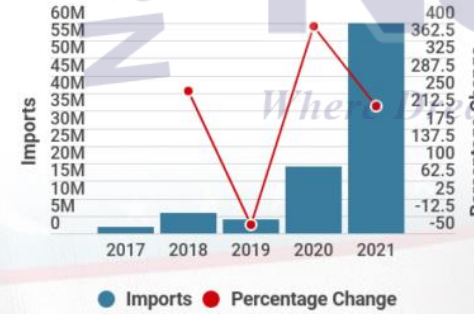
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Major Exports



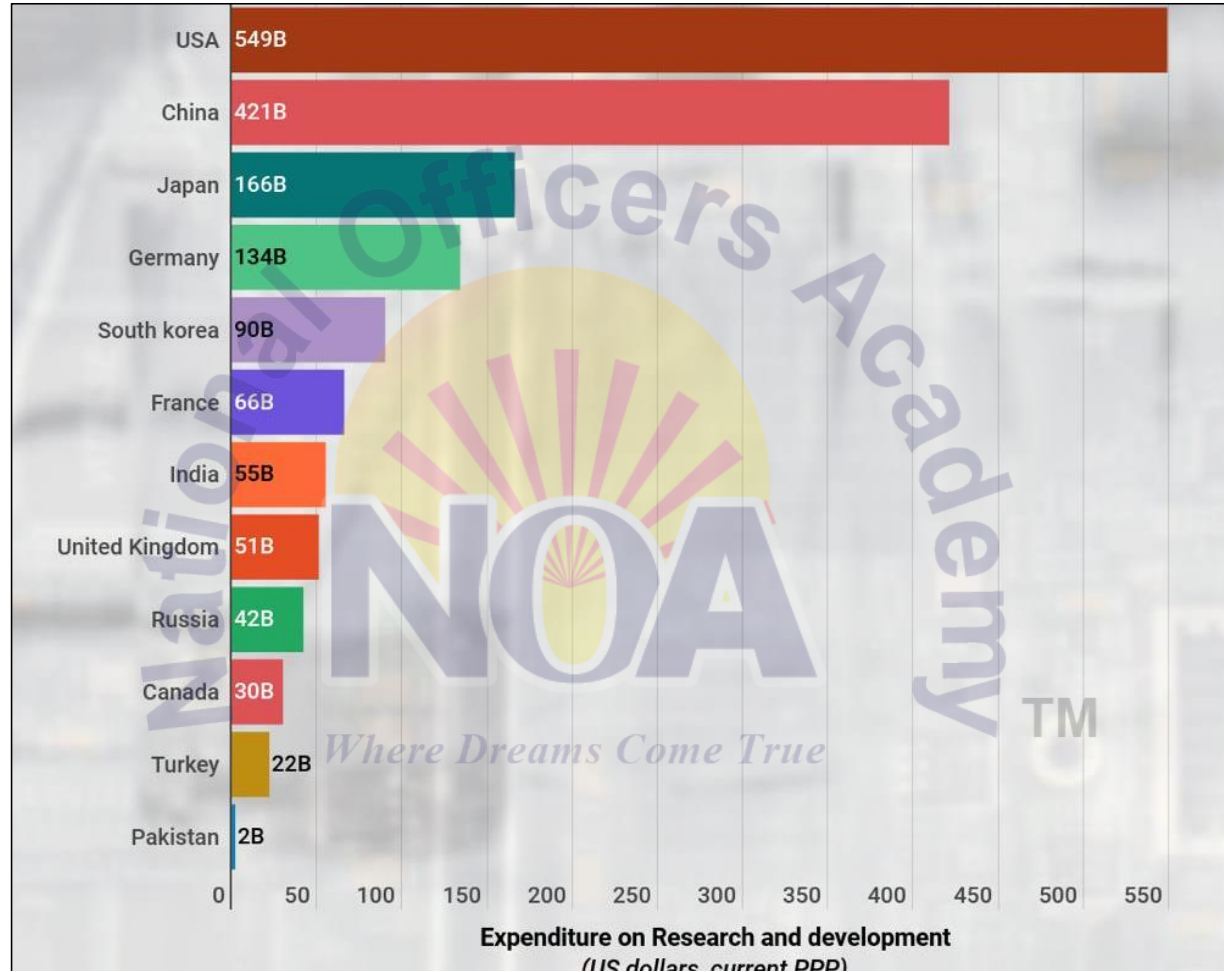
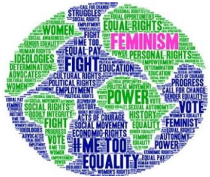
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Major Imports



World's R&D Spending



IK's Visit to China



PAK-CHINA BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE TOWARDS COMMON PROSPERITY

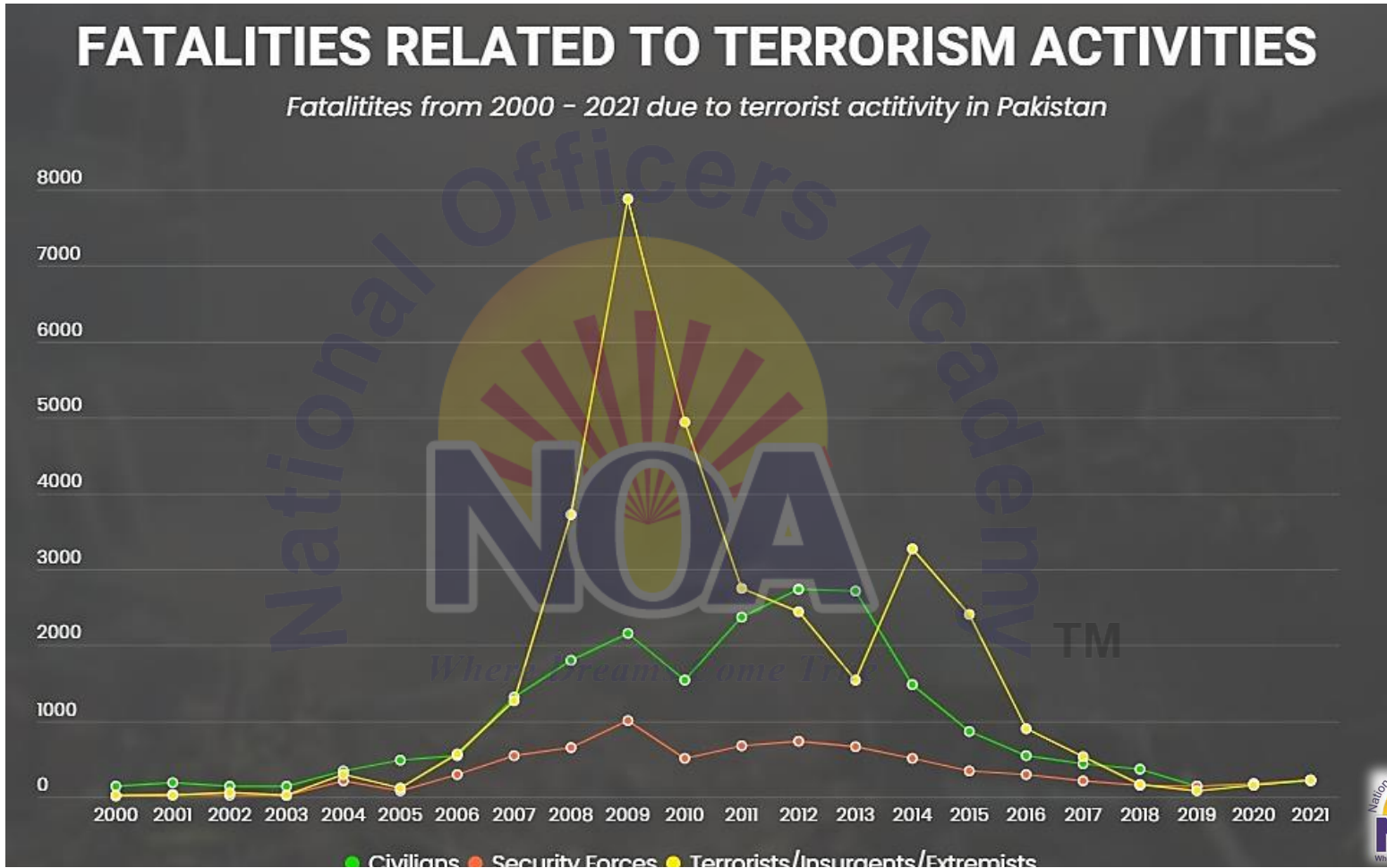
14 outcome documents/agreements signed across all areas during Prime Minister's recent visit to China reiterating cooperation between the two countries.



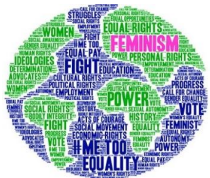
Highlights

- Handing over Certificate of Gwadar Vocational Institute project
- 2021-2030 Space Cooperation Outline between China National Space Administration & SUPARCO
- Framework Agreement on industrial cooperation under CPEC
- MoU signed for cooperation on standardization
- MoU signed for cooperation on Natural Risk Reduction and Emergency Response

Fatalities Related to Terrorism



Pakistan's Diplomatic Efforts for Peace in Afghanistan



- Foreign Minister met Acting FM of Afghanistan
- The Special Reps. for Afghanistan from China, Russia, U.S. and Pakistan participated in the Troika Plus meeting
- Afghan delegation visited Pakistan
- Meeting of Foreign Minister with EU Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the Countries of South Asia
- Foreign Secretary's meeting with Australia's Special Rep. on Afghanistan

11/11/2021

16/09/2021

10/11/2021

21/09/2021

3/11/2021

22/09/2021

1/11/2021

- Foreign Minister raised the issue at SCO & CSTO summits in Dushanbe
- Foreign Minister raised the issue at the Council on Foreign Relations
- U.S. Special Rep. for Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad called on the Foreign Minister
- Foreign Minister Qureshi meets EU High Representative in New York
- Foreign Secretary met Special Reps. of China, Russia and Pakistan on Afghanistan
- 2nd Ministerial Meeting of Neighboring Countries of Afghanistan in Tehran
- Foreign Minister met Iran's FM in Tehran
- Foreign Secretary's Meeting with NATO Delegation
- Foreign Minister's participation in the 6th Ministerial Meeting of CICA
- Foreign Minister met Mr. Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees
- Foreign Minister met the Deputy PM and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar
- Foreign Minister discussed the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan with the President of ICRC
- Foreign Minister's meeting with U.S. Secretary of State
- Prime Minister Addressed at the UN General Assembly
- Foreign Minister's meeting with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State

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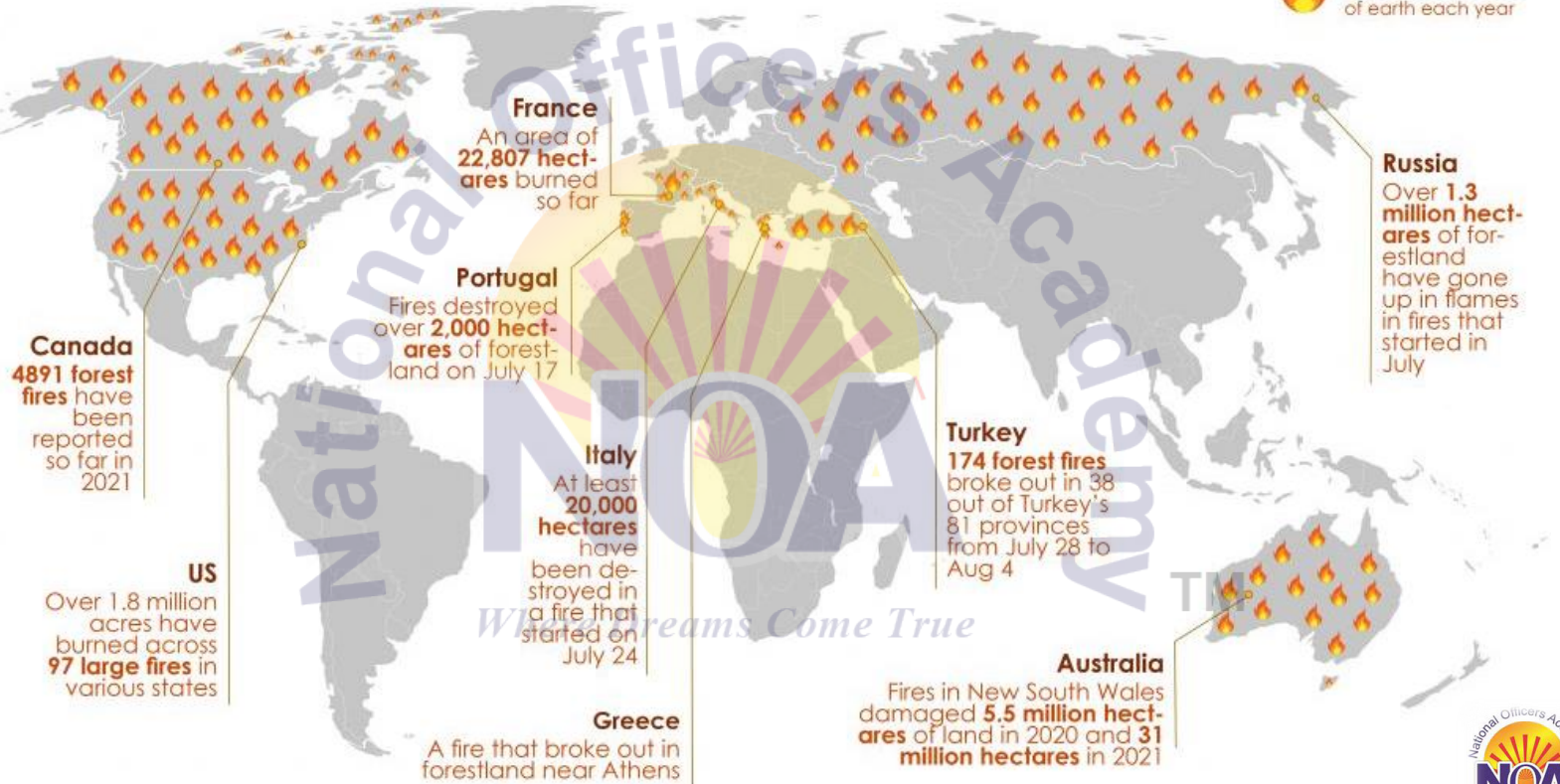
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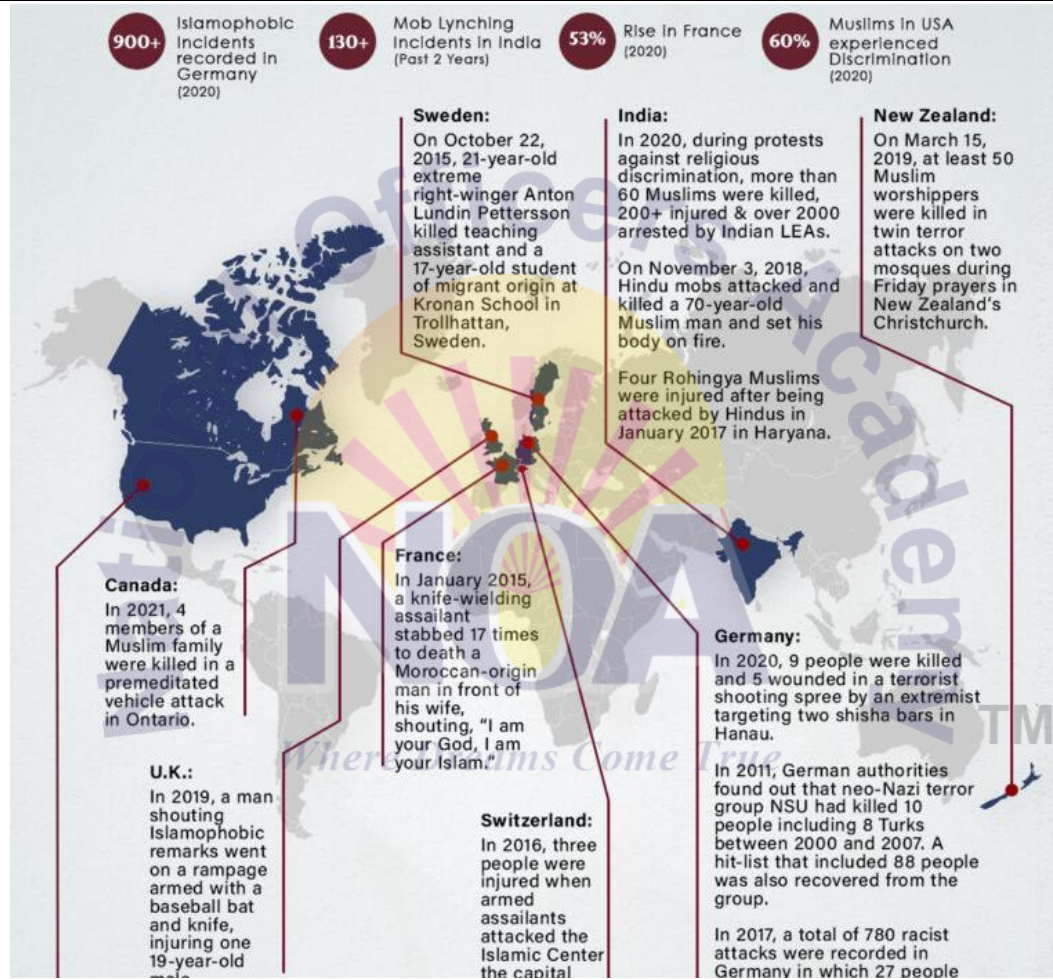
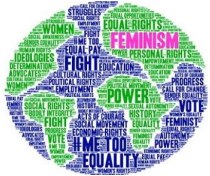


Global Wildfires in 2021

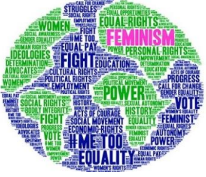
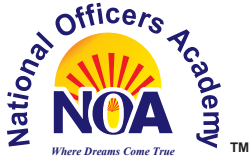
Fire affects around **4 million km²** of earth each year



Global Islamophobia Watch



International Day to Combat Islamophobia



- **International Day To Combat Islamophobia is an international observance designated by United Nations in 2022, taking place on 15 March every year in 140 countries worldwide.**
- **The purpose of observing this day is to show the true face of Islam to those who hate Islam.**



Chief Justices of Pakistan



28th Chief Justice of Pakistan



R2P ~ Responsibility to Protect Doctrine



Imran Khan
@ImranKhanPTI

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One pillar of R2P is to help protect people from mass scale humanitarian crisis left in the wake of a prolonged conflict. Right now millions of Afghan ppl are in danger of starvation. It is duty of int community to provide humanitarian assistance.

Imran Khan @ImranKhanPTI · 22 Jan

There is an urgency for the international community, as well as their obligation under the unanimously adopted UN principle of Responsibility To Protect (R2P), to provide immediate humanitarian relief to millions of Afghans on the brink of starvation. amp.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan...

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- US has frozen \$9.5 billion.
- 23 Million Afghans face hunger (55%)
- \$5 Billion Required.

Where Dreams Come True



CEPA



■ Signed on 18th Feb, 2022



India & UAE Sign Historic Trade Pact

Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)

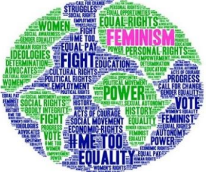
Additional exports of agri products projected at \$850 Million in 5 Years

Boost to India-UAE bilateral Goods trade to \$100 Billion in over 5 years & \$15 Billion for Services

Help to unlock new trade routes between Africa and Asia

75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

73rd Anniversary of NATO



73rd anniversary of NATO's foundation



NATO MEMBER STATES:

- Foundation date
April 4, 1949
- Headquarters
Brussels
- Number of member states
30
- Summits
A total of 31 summits held to date

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| CANADA (1949) | LATVIA (2004) |
| NORWAY (1949) | LITHUANIA (2004) |
| PORTUGAL (1949) | ROMANIA (2004) |
| LUXEMBOURG (1949) | SLOVAKIA (2004) |
| US (1949) | SLOVENIA (2004) |
| BELGIUM (1949) | BULGARIA (2004) |
| UK (1949) | ESTONIA (2004) |
| DENMARK (1949) | GERMANY (1955) |
| FRANCE (1949) | SPAIN (1982) |
| NETHERLANDS (1949) | POLAND (1999) |
| ITALY (1949) | CZECH REPUBLIC (1999) |
| ICELAND (1949) | HUNGARY (1999) |
| | ALBANIA (2009) |
| | CROATIA (2009) |
| | MONTENEGRO (2017) |
| | NORTH MACEDONIA (2020) |

With the aim of restructuring the security of Western Europe after World War II, NATO was established with the North Atlantic Treaty as a political and military alliance





Madeleine Albright

Madeleine Albright

The United States' first female Secretary of State has died of cancer at age 84.

Born in Prague, Czech Republic on May 15, 1937.

She fled the Nazis as a child during World War II.

She became US ambassador to the United Nations in 1993 and pressed for tougher lines against Serbs in Bosnia.

She was confirmed Secretary of State in 1997, becoming the first woman to take the post.

In 2000, she became the highest-ranking US official to meet Kim Jong Il, pressing North Korea to end its nuclear programme.



23rd March 2022 at Age of 84



Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (Launched on 23rd May)



INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK

US President Biden launched the "Indo-Pacific Economic Framework" (IPEF), with 13 countries which are including Japan during his speech his speech in Tokyo, the second stop of his first Asian tour after taking office in January 2022.



What is IPEF?

Defined as a "new partnership", the initiative aims to digitalization of economies, improve supply chains and facilitate infrastructure investments. Currently, with the economic volume of its member countries, IPEF covers 40% of the global gross national product.

%40

IPEF Members



Economic blocs in the Indo-Pacific region *means ASEAN members

IPEF (13 members)

United States
India

South Korea

Japan

Australia

New Zealand

Singapore*

Brunei*

Malaysia*

Vietnam*

The Philippines*

Thailand*

Indonesia*

RCEP (15 members)

China

Laos*

Myanmar*

Cambodia*

TPP (11 members)

Canada

Mexico

Peru

Chile





I2u2 Summit

I2U2
 (INDIA-ISRAEL-UAE-USA)
LEADERS SUMMIT
 14 JULY 2022

ENCOURAGING JOINT INVESTMENTS IN SIX MUTUALLY IDENTIFIED AREAS:

- Water
- Space
- Energy
- Health
- Transportation
- Food Security

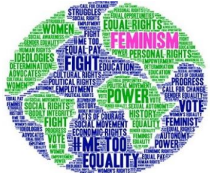
I2U2 Group

- **Criticisms:**
 - It has been called the 'West Asian Quad' by some commentators.
 - Criticised for having the USA's hidden agenda to "contain" Iran in the geopolitics of West Asia.
 - India never ever got entangled in the **intra-regional issues** in West Asia and critics want India to refrain from being part of this alliance.

Significance

- Better engagement with the Middle Eastern region.
- Signifies Israel's increasing integration into the region, through the Abraham Accords.
- Helps India's growing engagement with countries in West Asia including Israel, with whom India has developed closer ties.
- India's bilateral strategic ties with each of the three countries have been on an upswing in the last few years.

Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment



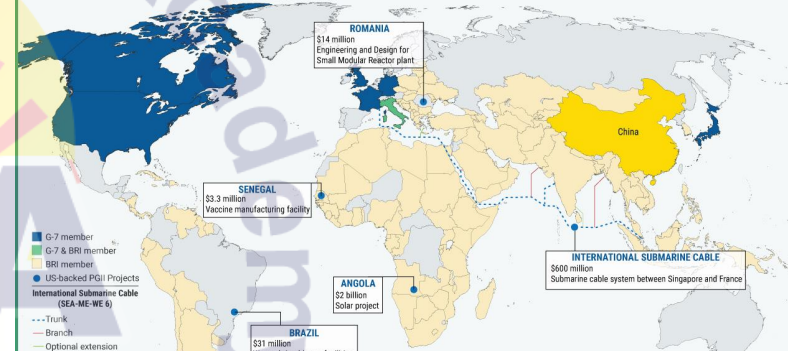
On June 26, during the Group of Seven (G-7) Leaders' Summit in the Bavarian Alps at the Schloss Elmau Castle, Germany, US President Joe Biden launched the grouping's foray into economic statecraft: the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII). In this new package, the United States and six other countries have pledged to raise \$600 billion in private and public funds over five years to finance needed infrastructure in developing countries. It also aims to support global energy security via climate-resilient infrastructure and soft infrastructural development in the digital economy, among other things. As per the Fact Sheet available on the White House website, the PGII aims to "mobilize hundreds of billions of dollars and deliver quality, sustainable infrastructure that makes a difference in people's lives around the world, strengthens and diversifies our supply chains, creates new opportunities for American workers and businesses, and advances [American] national security."



Developing Competition

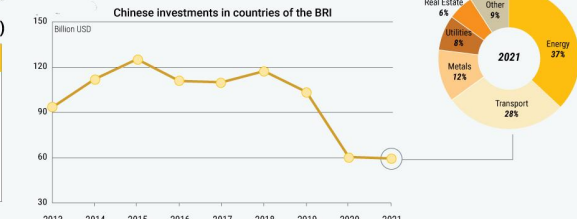
G-7 FRANCE, GERMANY, UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, UNITED STATES, ITALY, JAPAN Partnership for Global Infrastructure & Investment (PGII)

- Goals**
- Address climate change & energy security
 - Develop and deploy secure information and communication technology
 - Advance gender equality and equity
 - Develop and upgrade health systems infrastructure

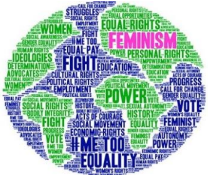


China Belt & Road Initiative (BRI)

- Goals**
- Policy coordination
 - Facilities connectivity
 - Unimpeded trade
 - Financial integration
 - People-to-people bonds



Partners in the Blue Pacific



The New Alliance in the Pacific: The Partners in the Blue Pacific

On June 24, 2022, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America (USA) announced a new initiative called the Blue Pacific partnership to support the Pacific Islands. At the meeting, consultations were held with representatives of the European Union, including France.

- ✓ Unlike QUAD (also against Beijing), the Partners in the Blue Pacific aims to strengthen relations with the island states of the region.
- ✓ The Partners in the Blue Pacific means further growth of the “anti-China” axis.
- ✓ While its main objective is the Pacific islands, it is indirectly targeting a military economic and political alliance.



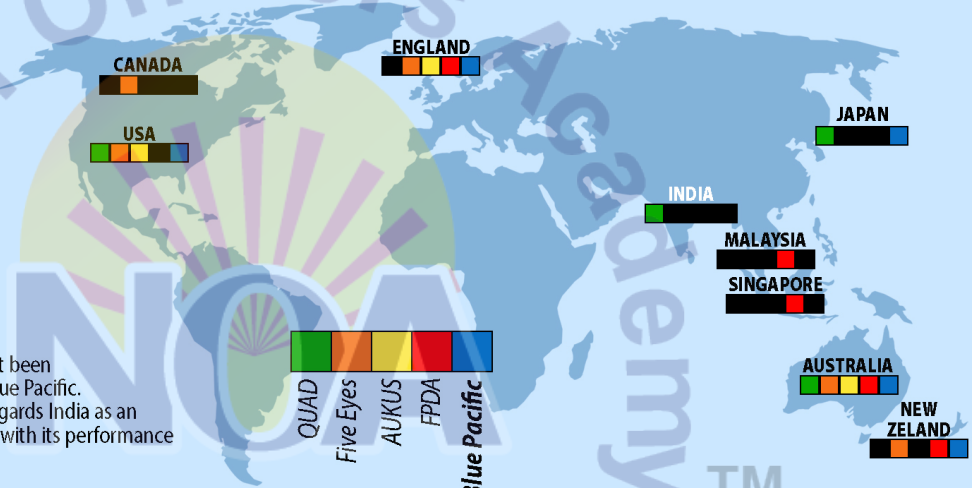
India, a US partner in QUAD, has not been invited to join the Partners in the Blue Pacific. This is because the United States regards India as an unreliable actor and is not satisfied with its performance in QUAD.



There are strategic reasons for Japan's inclusion in Partners in the Blue Pacific. The United States and Britain may want to take advantage of Japan's active position on the Pacific islands.



China has stated that the Partners in the Blue Pacific is no different than the AUKUS. According to Beijing, the United States and its allies expand the AUKUS alliance in the Pacific.



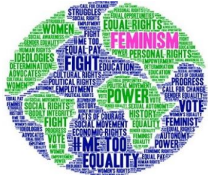
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Pakistan's IMF Deal

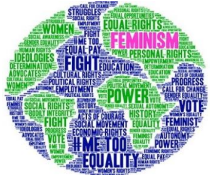


Fast Facts About the IMF

1944	Year the IMF was established	\$1 trillion	Total amount the IMF is able to lend to its member countries
190	Member countries	29	Current lending arrangements
150	Nationalities represented by staff	80	Countries that received emergency financing as of January 29
24	Executive Directors representing 190 member countries	0%	Interest rate on loans to low-income countries

\$303 million For hands-on technical advice, policy-oriented training, and peer learning

Commonwealth Games, 2022

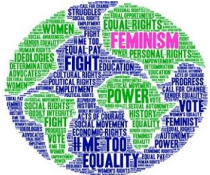


- Birmingham, England from 28 July to 8 August 2022.
- It was Pakistan's 14th appearance at the Commonwealth Games.
- Muhammad Inam and Bismah Maroof were the country's flagbearers,
- Arshad Nadeem won Pakistan's first ever gold medal in Javelin Throw
- First Athletics gold medal since 1962.
- Best medal haul for Pakistan at the Commonwealth Games since 1970.
- Overall Pakistan finished at 18 out of 72 participating nations.
- Total Delegation of Pakistan (67= 42 Men & 25 Women)

Medal	Name	Sport	Event	Date
1 Gold	Nooh Dastgir Butt	Weightlifting	Men's +109kg	3 August
1 Gold	Arshad Nadeem	Athletics	Javelin throw	7 August
2 Silver	Muhammad Inam	Wrestling	Men's -86kg	5 August
2 Silver	Zaman Anwar	Wrestling	Men's -125kg	5 August
2 Silver	Sharif Tahir	Wrestling	Men's -74kg	6 August
3 Bronze	Shah Hussain Shah	Judo	Men's -90kg	3 August
3 Bronze	Inayat Ullah	Wrestling	Men's -65kg	5 August
3 Bronze	Ali Asad	Wrestling	Men's -57kg	6 August



Commonwealth Games, 2022



Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Australia	67	57	54	178
England	57	66	53	176
Canada	26	32	34	92
India	22	16	23	61
New Zealand	20	12	17	49
Scotland	13	11	27	51
Nigeria	12	9	14	35
Wales	8	6	14	28
South Africa	7	9	11	27
Malaysia	7	8	8	23



Chips & Science Act



ABOUT CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT

- \$280B in funding
- \$52B for chipmakers to build manufacturing plants
- \$81B for The National Science Foundation
- \$24B in tax credits for chipmakers
- \$170B for tech research and development
- \$50B to The Energy Department over 5 years

CHIPS Act At A Glance

Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America (CHIPS Act)

\$52 Billion total budget over 5 years

Financial Incentives Programs

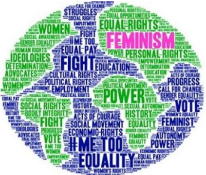
\$39 billion

Research and Development

\$11 billion
Technology Center
Packaging Program
MFG USA Institute(s)
Metrology program

Workforce Development

World Most Powerful Militaries, 2022



GLOBAL FIRE POWER INDEX 2022

★ MILITARY RANKING

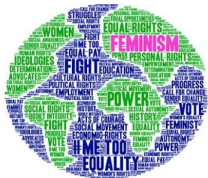
TOP 10

1. USA	Power Index Score: 0.0453	
2. RUSSIA	Power Index Score: 0.0501	
3. CHINA	Power Index Score: 0.0511	
4. INDIA	Power Index Score: 0.0979	
5. JAPAN	Power Index Score: 0.1195	
6. SOUTH KOREA	Power Index Score: 0.1261	
7. FRANCE	Power Index Score: 0.1283	
8. UNITED KINGDOM	Power Index Score: 0.1382	
9. PAKISTAN	Power Index Score: 0.1572	
10. BRAZIL	Power Index Score: 0.1695	

SRI

Source: GlobalFirePower.com

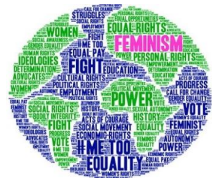
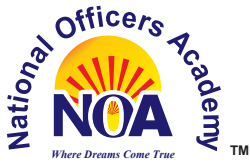
International Organizations (When & Where?)



International Organisations	Headquarters	Year of Establishment
United Nations Organization (UNO)	New York	1945
United Nations Children's' Fund (UNICEF)	New York	1946
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Geneva	1964
World Health Organization (WHO)	Geneva	1948
International Labor Organization (ILO)	Geneva	1919
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Geneva	1950
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Geneva	1967
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Geneva	1863
World Trade Organization (WTO)	Geneva	1995
International Organization for Standardization (IOS)	Geneva	1947
United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	Paris	1945
Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	Paris	1961
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)	Vienna	1966
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Vienna	1957
Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)	Vienna	1960



International Organizations (When & Where?)



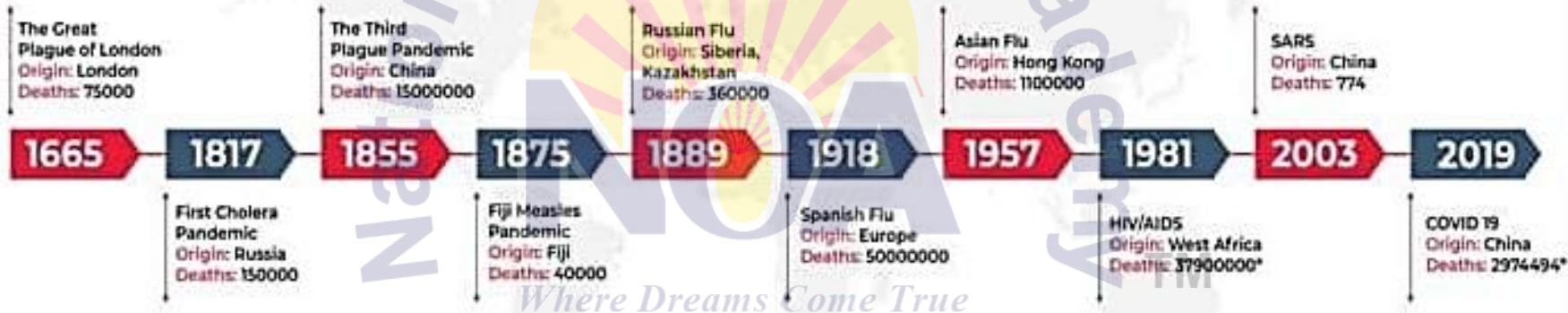
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Washington DC	1945
World Bank (WB)	Washington DC	1945
Amnesty International (AI)	London	1961
Commonwealth of Nations (CWN)	London	1931
International Maritime Organization (IMO)	London	1959
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)	The Hague	1997
International Court of Justice (ICJ)	The Hague	1945
Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)	Rome	1945
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	Brussels	1949
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	Kathmandu	1985
International Renewable Energy Agency (IREA)	Abu Dhabi	2009
Transparency International (TI)	Berlin	1993
Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	Jakarta	1967
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)	Singapore	1989
Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)	Jeddah	1969
International Cricket Council (ICC)	Dubai	1909
United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)	Madrid	1974



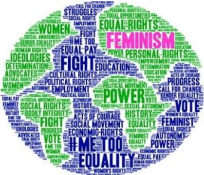
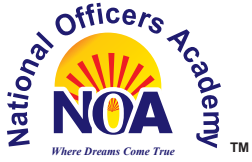
Pandemics History



PANDEMICS That Changed History (1600 to date)



Variants of Covid-19



SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern



Alpha Variant (B.1.1.7)

Detected in the United Kingdom in September 2020



Beta Variant (B.1.351)

Detected in South Africa in October 2020



Gamma Variant (P.1)

Detected in Brazil in November 2020



Delta Variant (B.1.617.2)

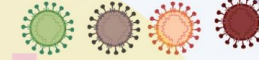
Detected in India in December 2020



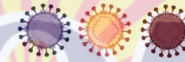
Omicron Variant (B.1.1.529)

Detected in South Africa in November 2021

N501Y



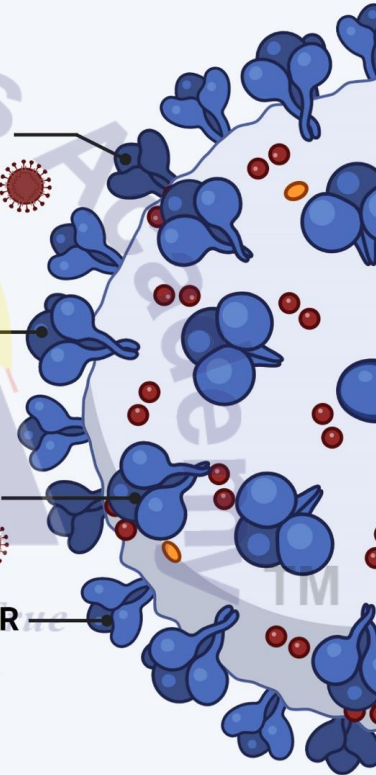
E484K/Q/A



K417T/N


















L452R















COVID Vaccines



How some of the Covid-19 vaccines compare

Company	Doses	Storage
RNA		
 Pfizer (BioNTech)		 -80 to -60°C (6 months) and 2 to 8°C (for up to 5 days)
 Moderna		 -25 to -15°C (6 months) and 2 to 8°C (for 30 days)
Viral vector		
 Oxford-AstraZeneca		 2 to 8°C (6 months)
 Sputnik V (Gamaleya)		 -18.5°C (liquid form) 2 to 8°C (dry form)
 Johnson & Johnson (Janssen)		 2 to 8°C (3 months)

Inactivated virus			
 CoronaVac (Sinovac)		 2 to 8°C	
 Sinopharm		 2 to 8°C	
 Covaxin (Bharat Biotech)		 2 to 8°C	
Protein-based			
 Novavax		 2 to 8°C	

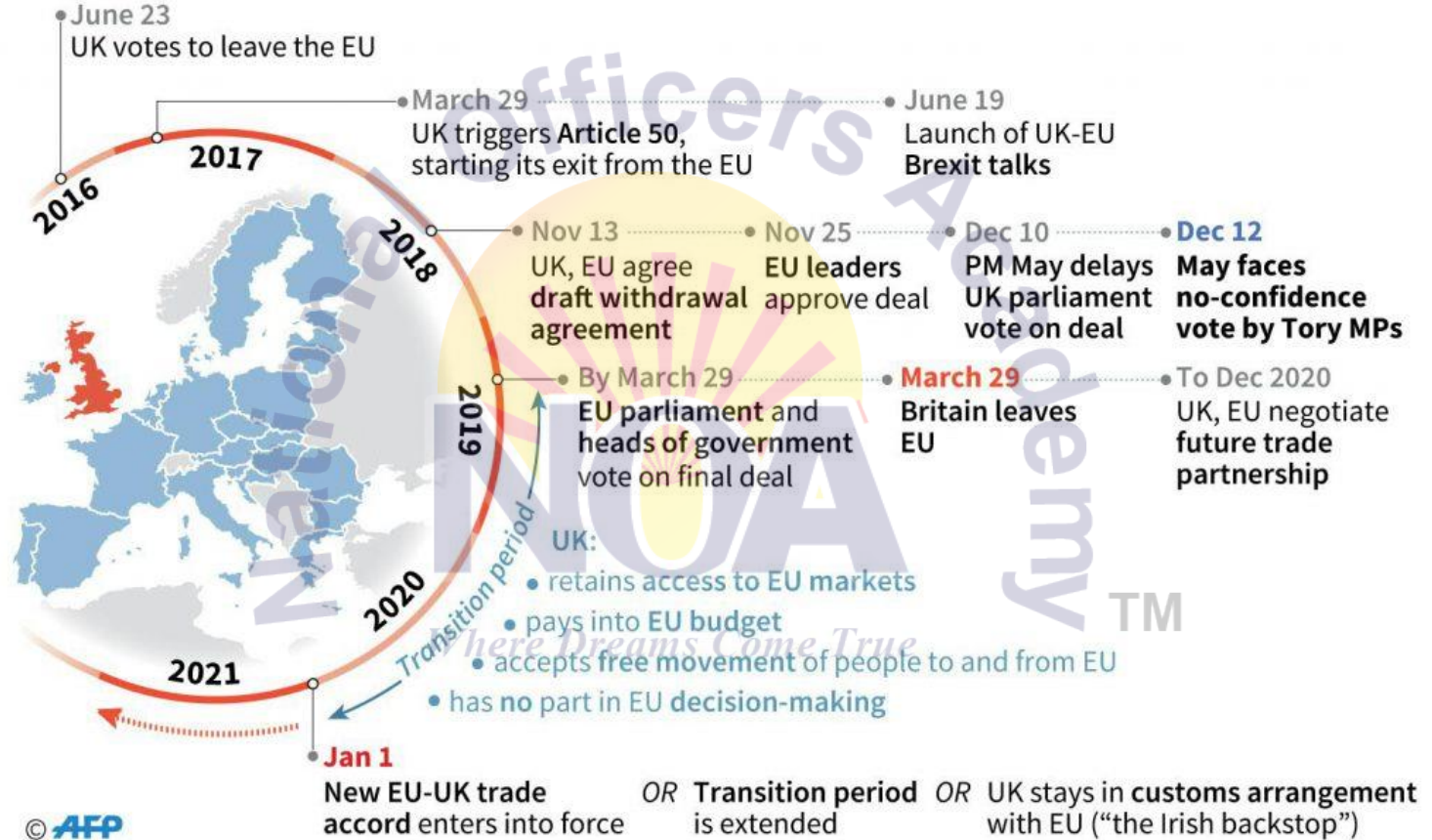
Source: Wellcome Trust, BBC research



BREXIT FINAL DEAL



Brexit timeline





Pandora Papers

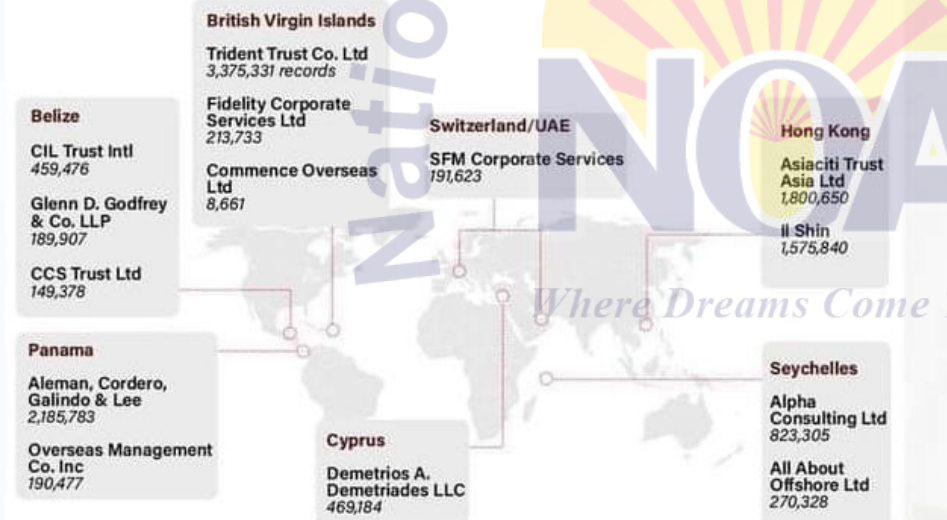


PANDORA PAPERS

The Pandora papers reveal the inner workings of what is a shadow financial world, providing a rare window into the hidden operations of a global offshore economy.

WHERE ARE THE SOURCES LOCATED?

The leaked records come from 14 offshore services firms from around the world that set up shell companies and other offshore nooks for clients often seeking to keep their financial activities in the shadows.

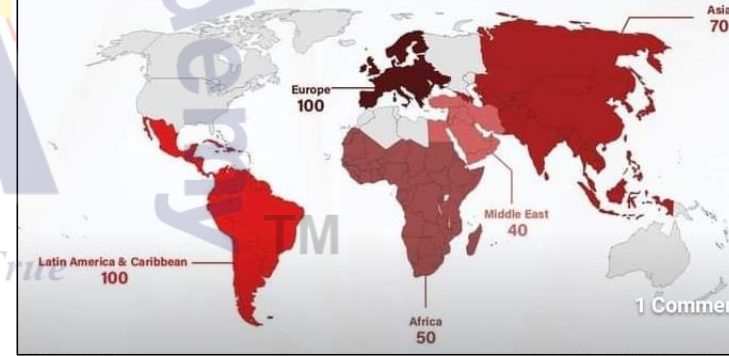


ICIJ over the Years

Year	Offshore Leaks	Panama Papers	Paradise Papers	Pandora Papers
2013	260 GB 2.5 Million			
2016		2.6 TB 11.5 Million		
2017			1.4 TB 13.4 Million	
2021				2.94 TB 11.9 Million

POWER PLAYERS NAMED IN PANDORA PAPERS

11.9 million documents reveal the offshore holdings of 350+ politicians & public officials from 90+ countries and territories.




Tokyo Olympics

Tokyo Olympics in numbers

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The Tokyo Olympic Games will start on July 23 and end on August 8. This will be the 33rd edition of the Games which started in 1896 at Athens.

 Here are some numbers related to the Tokyo Olympics:

11,500 total athletes expected to participate

49% of all participants are women

79,000 overseas officials, journalists, and support staff

193 athletes from the United States who participated in the previous edition are returning to the Tokyo edition

104 Olympic medallists will be part of Team USA - this will be the highest among all countries

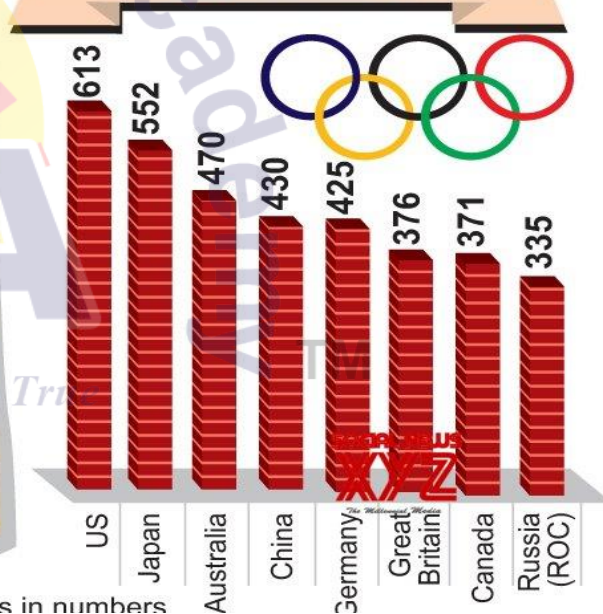
\$15.4 billion total amount spent on organising the Tokyo Olympic Games. However, government audits suggest the figures could be much higher

33 sports in which competitions will take place

339 gold medals will be awarded

Largest contingents at Tokyo Olympics

India are sending **127** athletes





Figures in numbers

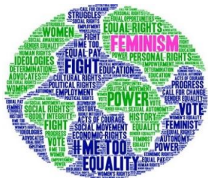


Tokyo Olympics

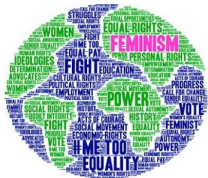
Top 10 performers by total medal count

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	 US	39	41	33	113
2	 China	38	32	18	88
3	 ROC	20	28	23	71
4	 Great Britain	22	21	22	65
5	 Japan	27	14	17	58
6	 Australia	17	7	22	46
7	 Italy	10	10	20	40
8	 Germany	10	11	16	37
9	 Netherlands	10	12	14	36
10	 France	10	12	11	33

Source: IOC



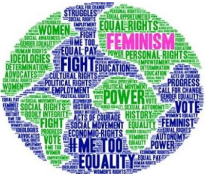
Noble Prize 2021



Nobel Prize category	Winner Name
Physics	Syukuro Manabe and Klaus Hasselmann - for the physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability reliably predicting global warming. Giorgio Parisi - for the discovery of interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales.
Chemistry	Benjamin List and David MacMillan - for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis.
Physiology or Medicine	David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian - for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch.
Literature	Abdulrazak Gurnah - for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents.
Peace	Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov - for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace



PEGASUS Project



PEGASUS PROJECT

A spyware developed by Israeli NSO Group that can be covertly installed on Android & IOS mobile phones. It was actually developed to combat terror & crime but being widely exploited against high-profile targets.



Governments which purchased Spyware

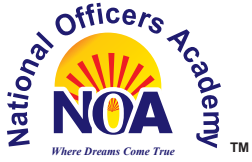


Who was attacked?

50,000 mobile numbers of journalists, media proprietors, government leaders, opposition politicians, political dissidents, academics and rights campaigners from 50+ countries.



Facts about QUAD Alliance



THE QUAD

The first in-person meeting of Quad leaders on September 24 will be the highlight of PM Narendra Modi's three-day trip to the US. What is the Quad, and how does it work?



What Is The Quad?

The Quad, officially the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD), is not a formal alliance. It is an informal strategic forum comprising four maritime democracies:

India, Japan, Australia and the United States



THE FIRST IN-PERSON MEETING

Date: Sep 24

Participants



US President
Joe Biden (host)

Indian PM
Narendra Modi

Australian PM
Scott Morrison

Japanese PM
Yoshihide Suga

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

Maritime security, addressing climate change, combating Covid-19 pandemic, among others.

The Quad is also seen as an attempt to counter the growing might of China

On the agenda



Covid-19 crisis



Climate change



Cyberspace



Security in the Indo-Pacific

Facts about QUAD Alliance



RISE, FALL, AND RISE OF THE QUAD

Quad 1.0 - Creation

2004
Quad's origins can be traced back to the Indian Ocean tsunami when India, along with Japan, the US and Australia, **conducted relief and rescue operations in the region**

The group was disbanded after the 2004-05 operation

2006
Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe proposed a group of **"like-minded countries in the Asia-Pacific region on themes of mutual interest"**



RISE, FALL, AND RISE OF THE QUAD

2007
May: The first informal meeting between the four countries took place

Sep: Malabar military exercise held at an unprecedented scale involving India, Japan, Australia, US, and Singapore

The fall

2007
Sep: Shinzo Abe resigned as Japanese PM

Nov: Quad critic Kevin Rudd became PM of Australia; gradually the country backed out of the arrangement (presumably due to pressure from China)

2008
The alliance **gradually fell apart**



RISE, FALL, AND RISE OF THE QUAD

Quad 2.0: Revival

2017
Japan officially proposed a revival of the Quad
The first working-level meeting under the Quad took place in Manila



2020
Australia joined the trilateral India-US-Japan Malabar naval exercise after more than a decade

2021
Mar: Quad leaders met virtually
Sep: The first in-person meeting of the Quad countries announced



Where Dreams Come True



US-India Defense Agreements



Key Points



Economic Rivalries



Belt and Road Initiative- BRI

MOTHER COUNTRY: CHINA

Total Investment: \$1 trillion to \$8 trillion

Purpose: effort to develop an expanded, interdependent market for China, grow China's economic and political power, and create the right conditions for China to build a high technology economy.

Build Back Better World- B3W

MOTHER COUNTRY: G7

Total Investment: \$41 trillion (proposed)

Purpose: to plug the infrastructure gap in low-and middle-income countries exacerbated by the Covid-19 crisis, and a key part of the US plan to counter China's BRI and its growing global influence.

Global Gateway

MOTHER COUNTRY: EUROPEAN UNION

Total Investment: €300 billion (\$340 billion)

Purpose: alternative to China's Belt and Road initiative-and to help global recovery by mobilizing investments in digital, clean energy and transport networks across the world.



EU-CHINA COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON INVESTMENT (CAI)



BIT includes

- Pre-establishment national treatment
- Negative list management
- Competitive-neutrality of state-owned enterprises
- Opening-up of high-end services industry

Advantages to China

- Improves the Chinese economy's opening-up
- China became the largest trading partner to the EU in 2020 and the signing of BIT will consolidate this
- The signing of BIT will push forward the negotiations of the China-EU free trade agreement to facilitate investment and realize free trade

Advantages to EU

- BIT will ensure EU enterprises have better access to China's market and receive fair competition
- BIT will allow EU enterprises to take part in China's economic growth more easily



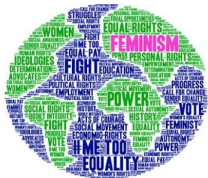
ABOUT THE DEAL

Finalized on **December 30, 2020**

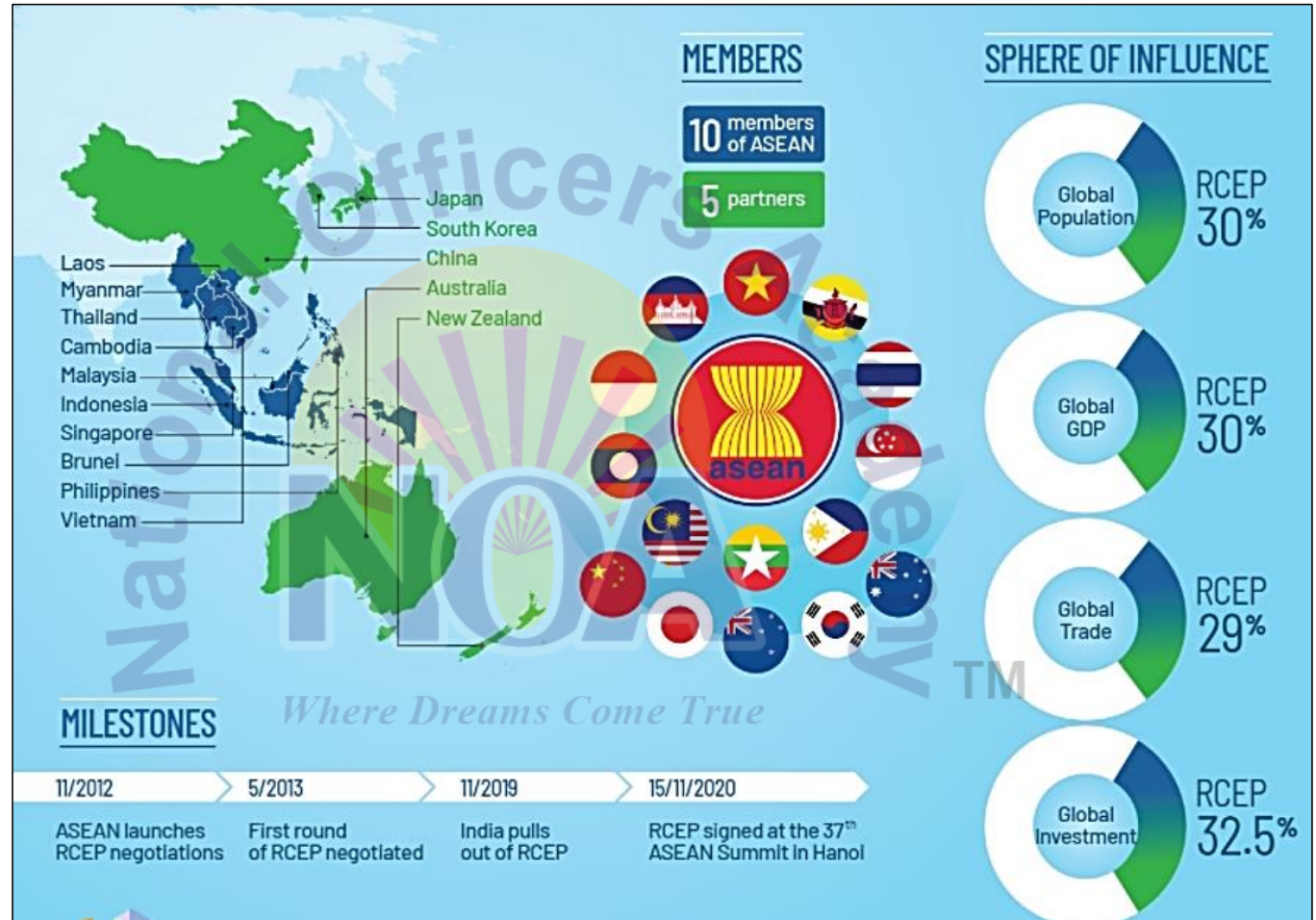
- 7 years** of negotiations
- Improve EU access to China, a domestic market of **1.4 billion consumers**
- Bilateral trade volume between China and the EU: **>US\$650 billion** (2019)



Economic Issues (Global)



RCEP



World Environment Day



Big news 📰

Pakistan 🇵🇰 will be the global host of #WorldEnvironmentDay **2021**!

The theme for World Environment Day this year will be ecosystem restoration and will focus on resetting our relationship with nature 🌱
#GenerationRestoration

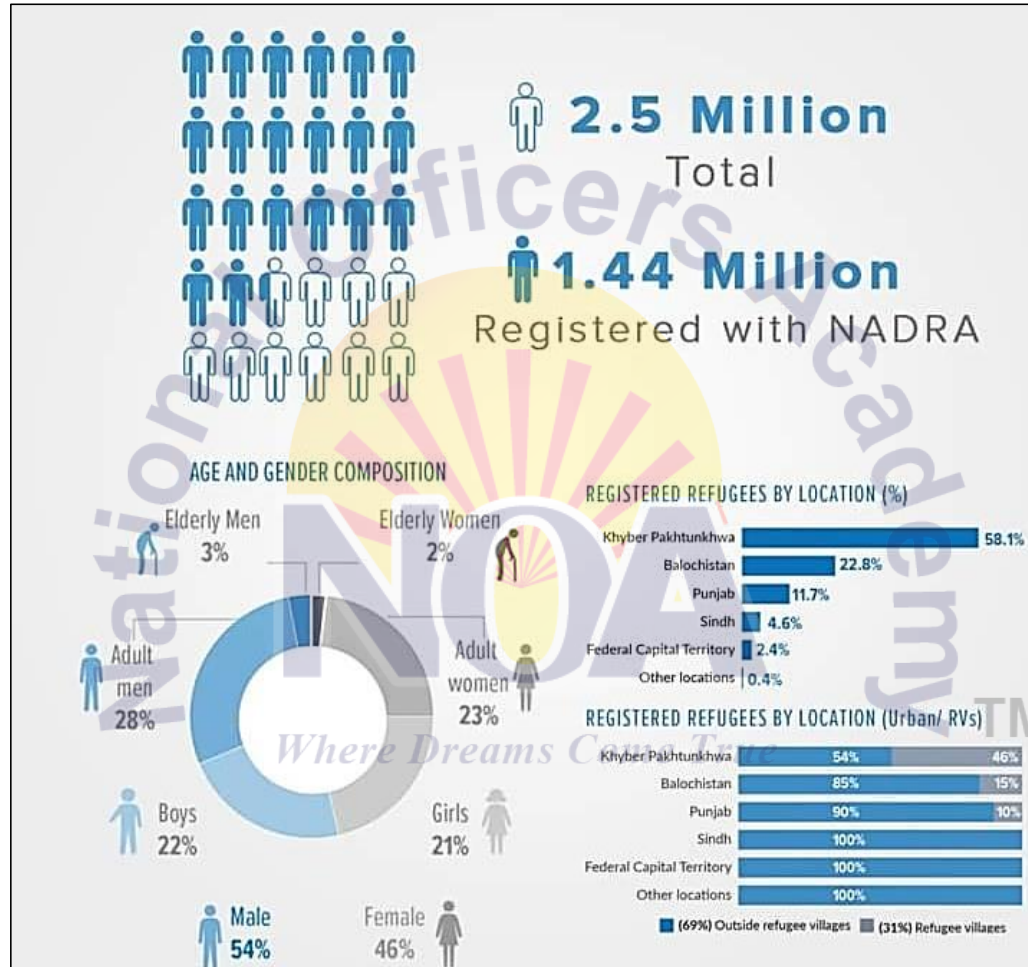
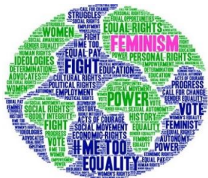


Pakistan to host World Environment Day 2021

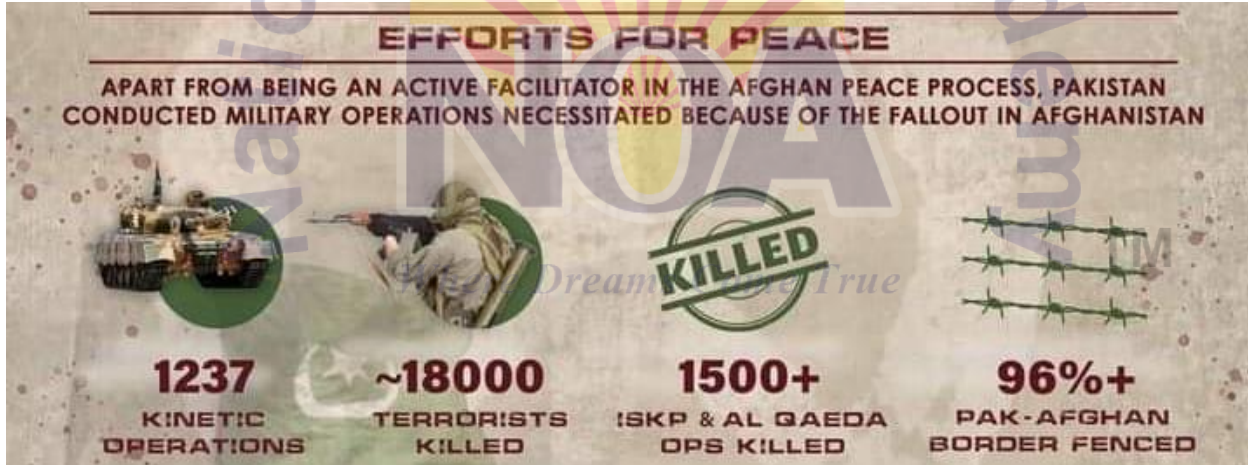
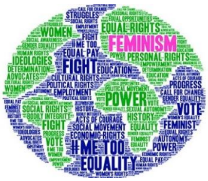
2021-2030 UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration



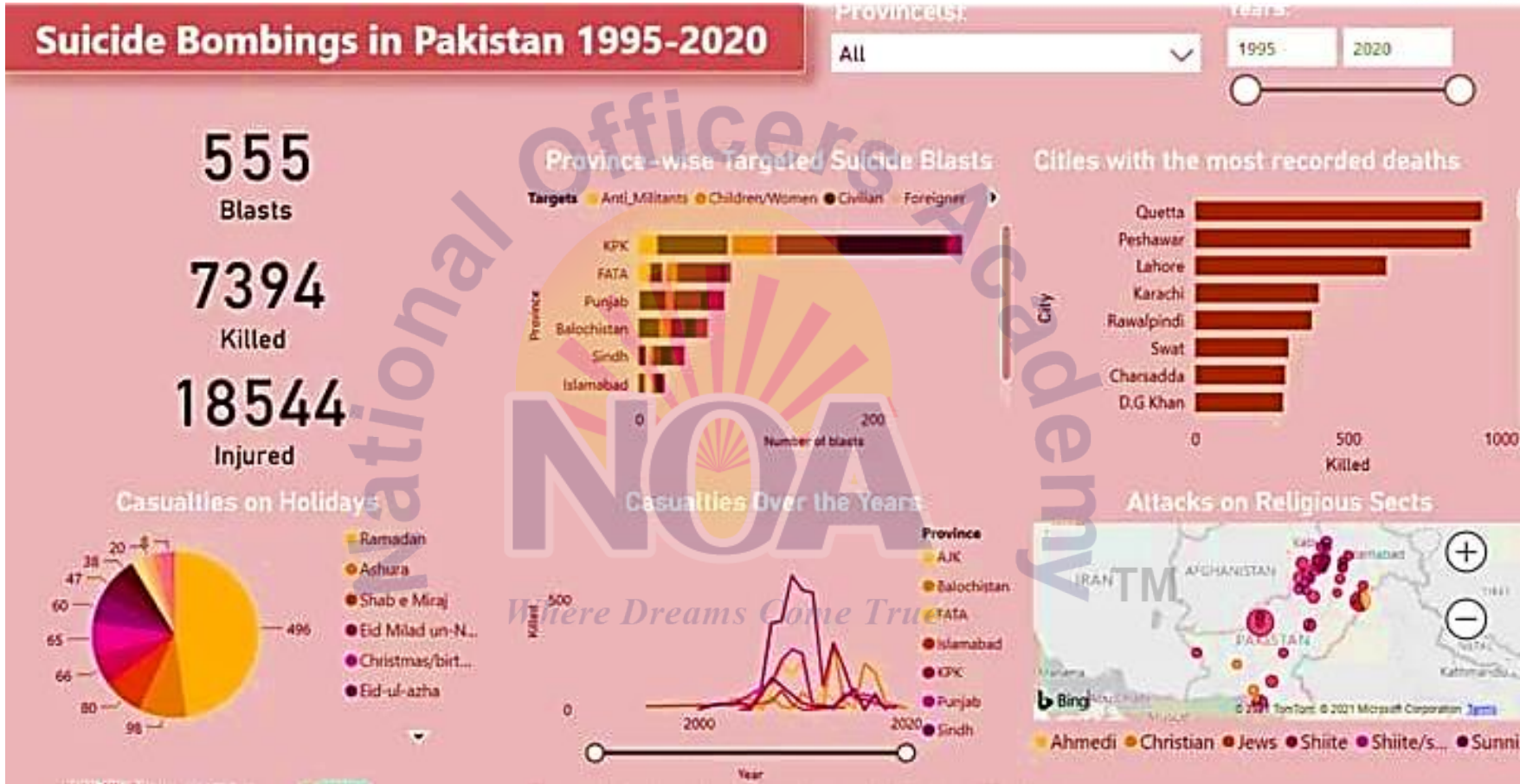
Afghan Refugees in Pakistan



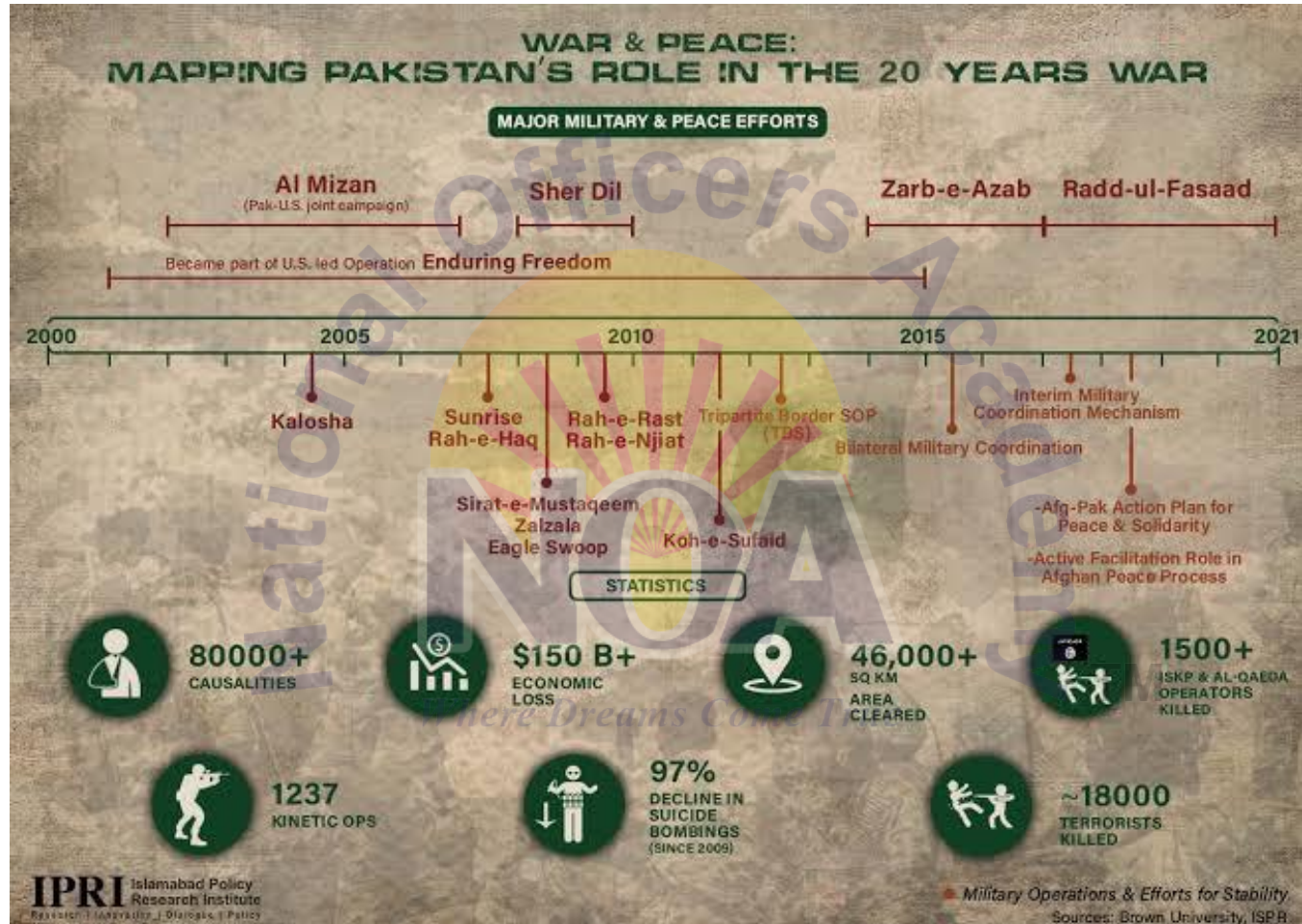
War and Piece (Statistics)



Terrorism



War on Terror & Pakistan Role



Facts about AUKUS Agreement



Defence pact to counter China

The U.S., UK and Australia have launched AUKUS – a new Indo-Pacific defence alliance to counter China's influence. The pact will enable Australia to build nuclear-powered submarines

Pacific region security treaties

AUKUS: Australia-UK-U.S.
Pact scuppers \$40 billion deal with France to build diesel-powered submarines

Australia will receive Tomahawk Cruise Missiles, AGM-158 JASSM standoff air-launched cruise missiles and anti-ship missiles

Countries to collaborate in cyber, quantum technologies and artificial intelligence

ANZUS Treaty: Australia-New Zealand-U.S.
Treaty to protect security of Pacific emerged in 1951 during Cold War

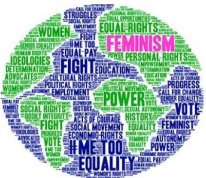
QUAD: U.S., Japan-Australia-India. Quadrilateral Security Dialogue established in 2007 to contain China's territorial claims in Indo-Pacific

Five-Eyes: U.S.-UK-Canada-Australia-New Zealand
Cold War-era anti-Soviet intelligence-sharing partnership. Four members oppose China's vow to "take back" Taiwan by 2049 – New Zealand has opted out of confronting China, its largest trading partner

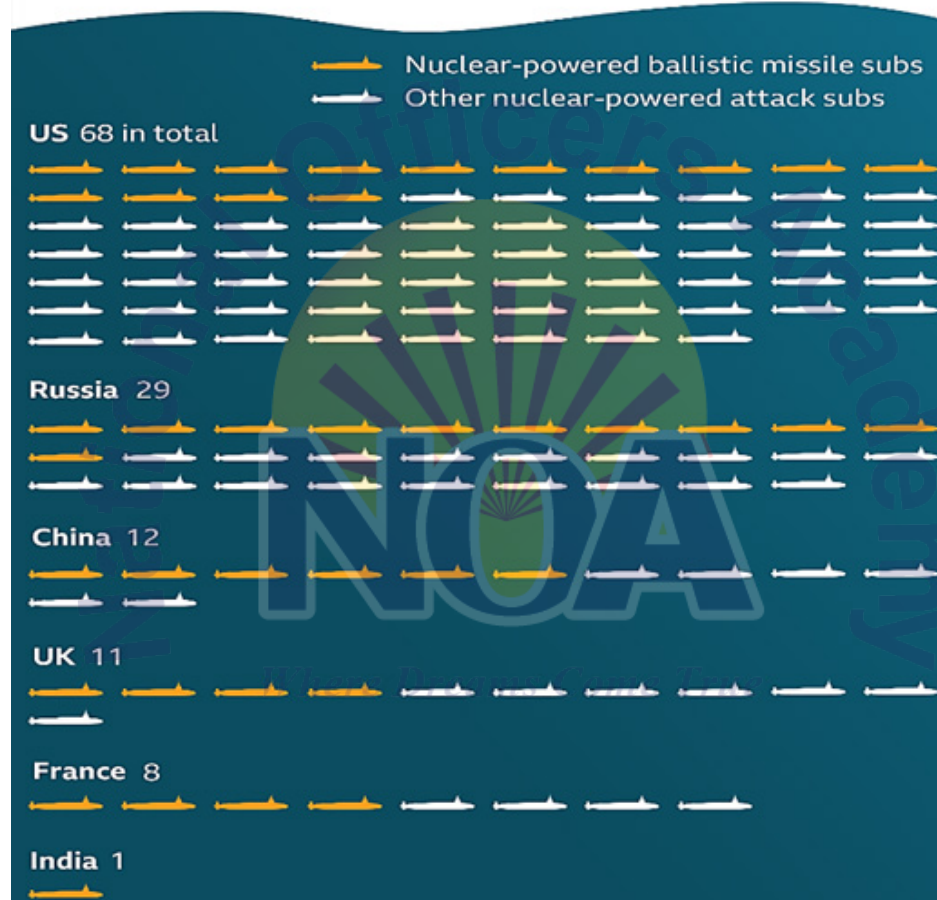
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Nuclear Submarines Data



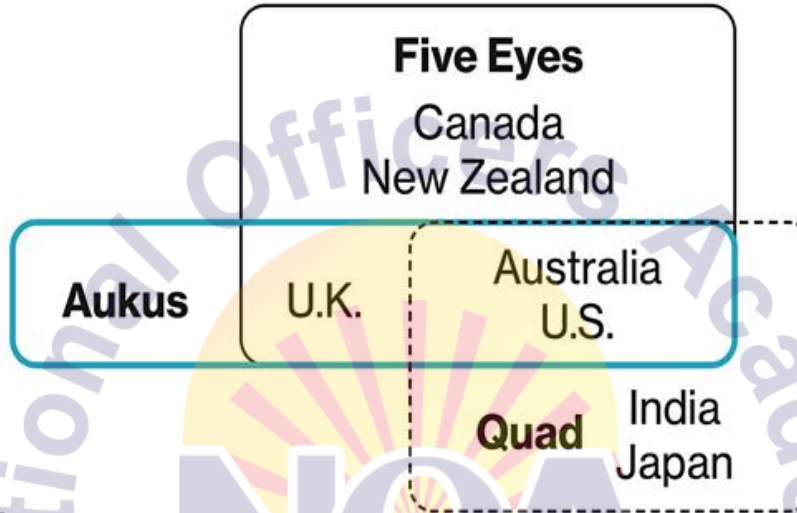
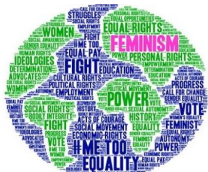
Who has nuclear submarines?



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Military Blocs in Pacific

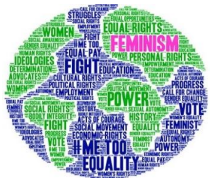


Aukus
Security pact announced Sept. 15 with initial goal of helping Australia acquire nuclear-powered submarines

The Quad
Informal alliance that began with joint relief and rescue efforts following 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami



Oil Producing Countries



ENERGY

Which countries have the most oil?

Venezuela, Saudi Arabia and Iran possess half of the world's 1.55 trillion barrels of proven oil reserves. In 2019, the world consumed 99.7 million barrels of oil per day according to the IEA.

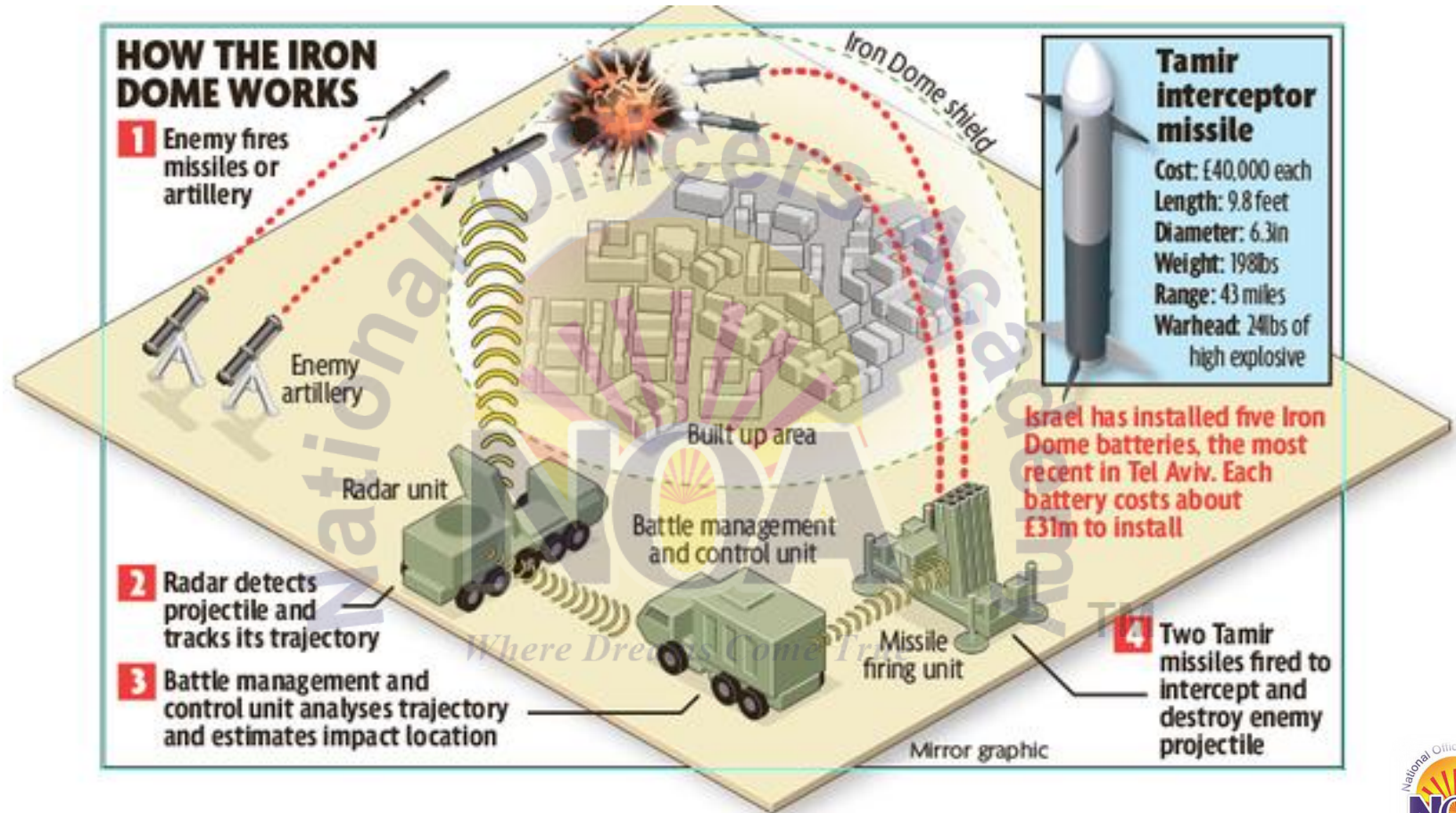
Proven crude oil reserves (million barrels)
1 barrel = 42 gallons = 159 litres



TOP OIL CONSUMERS (MILLION BARRELS PER DAY)



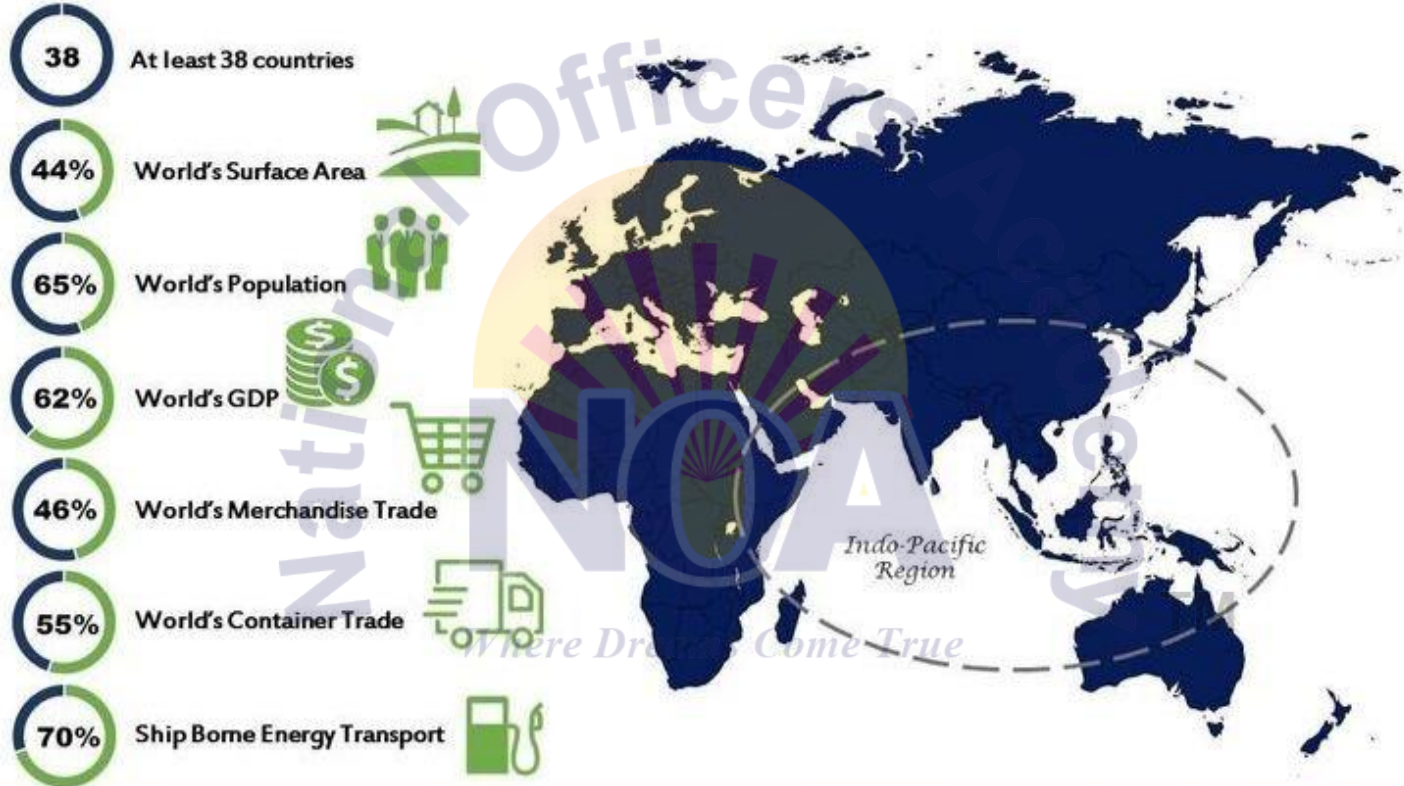
Israel's Iron Dome Defense System



Facts about Indo-Pacific Region



THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION

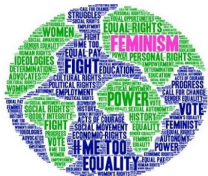


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Facts about Indian Ocean Region



HOW IMPORTANT IS THE INDIAN OCEAN?

2017 IN NUMBERS



11% of World Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



13% of World Trade



35% of Global Population



Hosts 23 of World's Top 100 Ports



Share of Global Fish Capture*



Share of World's Total Water



Share of World Land Area



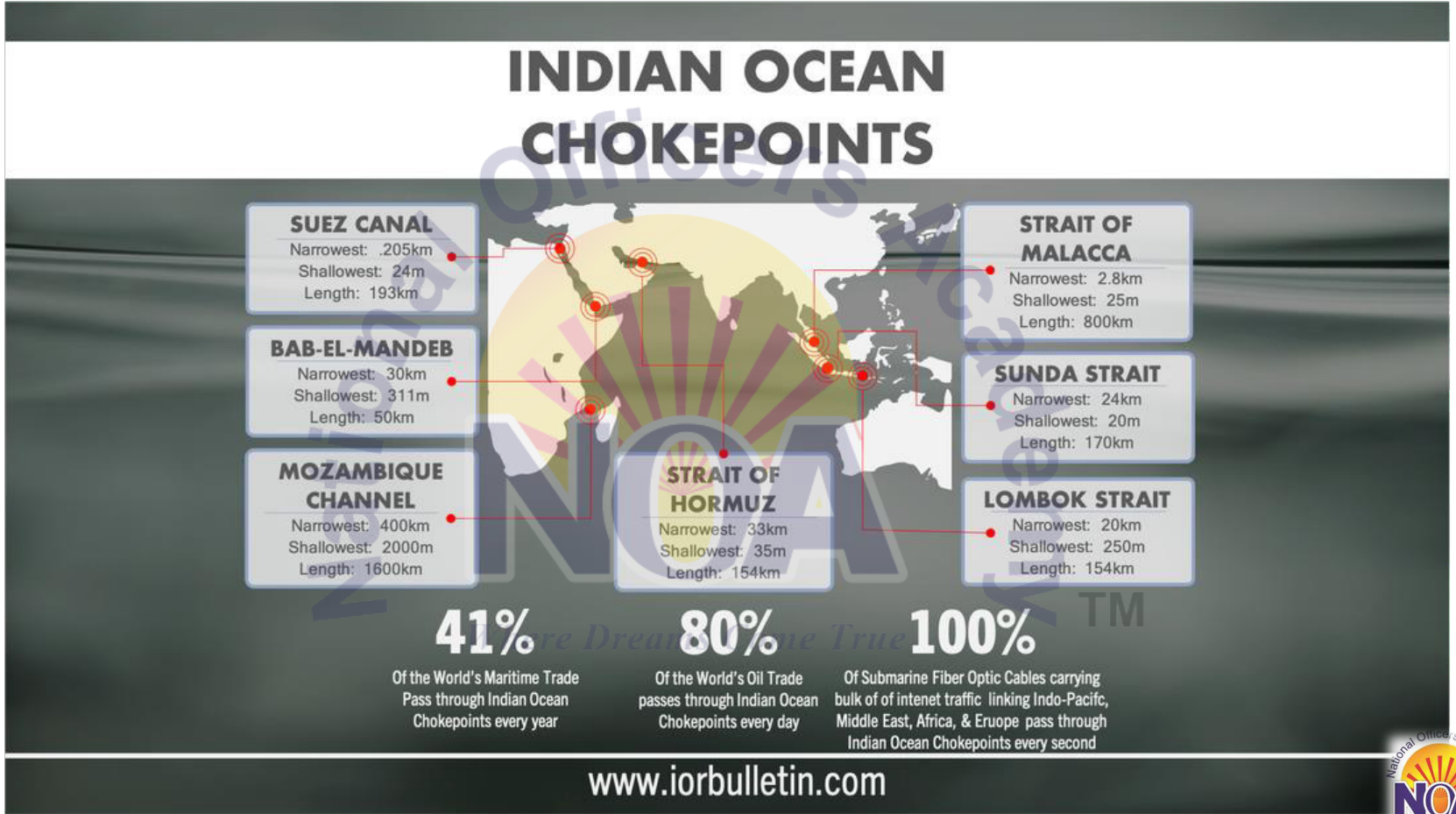
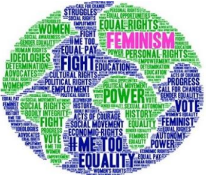
Share of Global Proven Gas Reserves



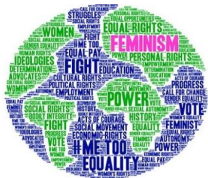
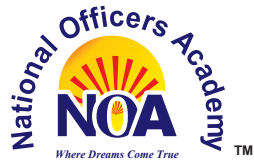
Share of Global Iron Production



Facts about Indian Ocean Region



Facts about South China Sea Dispute



DISPUTE IN SOUTH CHINA SEA

Despite being major trade shipping route, South China Sea becomes longstanding source of tension among coastal states, particularly between China and the Philippines.

DASH-LINE:

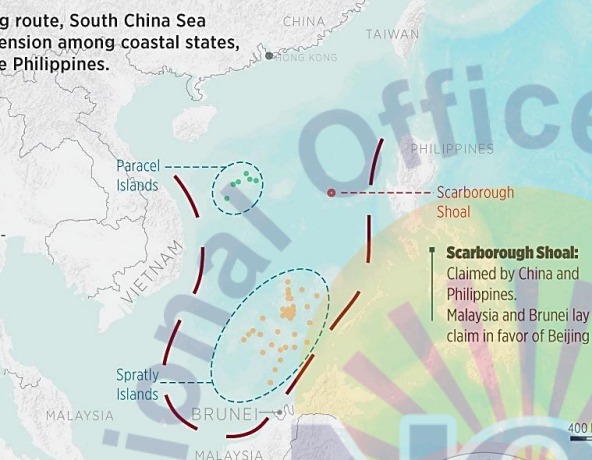
Beijing claims roughly 90% of the total area defined by a map with an ambiguous "dash-line" -- a U-shaped demarcation line -- published in 1947

Spratly Islands:

Some 230 features. Claimed by China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Philippines and Malaysia

Paracel Islands:

Claimed by China, Vietnam and Taiwan. Completely controlled by China since 1974



Scarborough Shoal:
Claimed by China and Philippines. Malaysia and Brunei lay claim in favor of Beijing

UNCLOS AND EEZ

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), concluded in 1982, came into force in 1994

It said **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)** enshrines a 200-nautical mile area for coastal nations marine resources not security zone.

AREA: 3.5 MILLION SQUARE KILOMETERS

SHIPPING



Trade cruise:
Around **\$5.3 trillion** worth of trade cruise pass through the sea



Natural resources:
11 billion barrels of oil, **190 trillion** cubic feet of natural gas

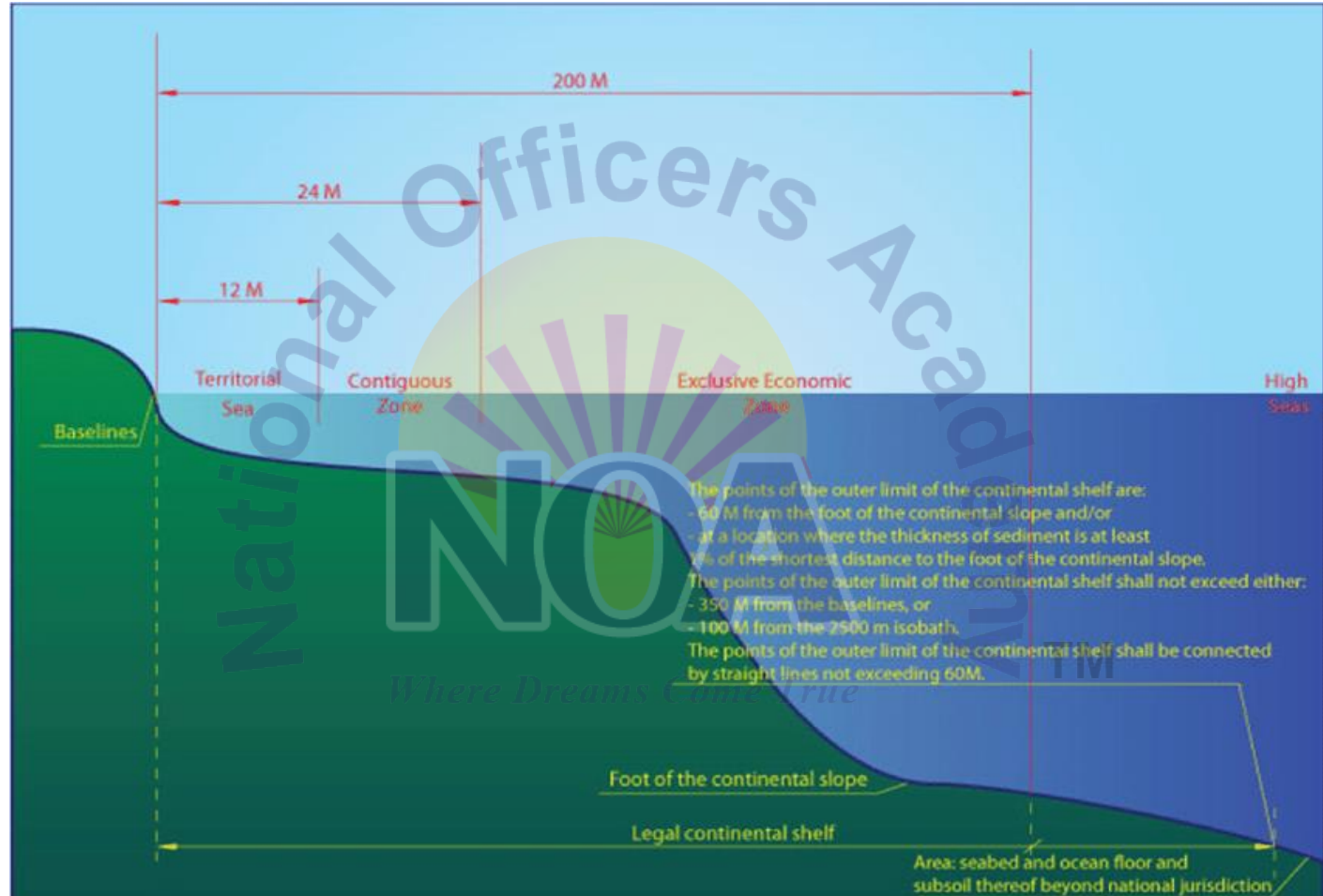
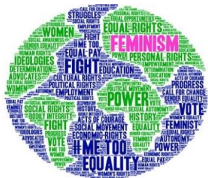


Fisheries:
10% of the world's fisheries



Annual trade shipping
Nearly **1/3** of the world's shipping
Estimated **\$11.3 billion** worth of trade

Facts about UNCLOS-III 1982



Kashmir Issue



HISTORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

- 1846**
Maharaja Gulab Singh buys the region of J&K from East India Company
- 1947**
Upon infiltration from Pakistan; Maharaja Hari Singh signed Instrument of Accession in return for military help from India.
- Jan 1948**
India takes Kashmir issue to United Nations.
- Jan 1949**
UN mediates a ceasefire & Karachi Agreement was signed.
- 1950**
The Indian constitution comes into force. Article 1 defines J&K as a state of India Article 370 accords special status to J&K.
- 1954**
Article 35A introduced by Presidential Order
- 1962**
China gains control of Aksai Chin in J&K

- 1965 - 66**
War between India & Pakistan; Tashkent Declaration was signed
- 1971 - 72**
War between India & Pakistan; Simla Agreement was signed
- 1977 - 89**
J&K sees a steady rise of Militant insurgency. Kashmiri Pandits flee from Kashmir valley.
- Jun 1999**
War erupts over Pakistan's infiltration in Kargil.
- Nov 2008**
Terrorists affiliated to Lashkar-e-Taiba attack various public places & hotels in Mumbai.
- Sept 2016**
Militants attack Indian Army base in Uri, J&K Indian Army retaliates with surgical strikes across the Line Of Control.
- Dec 2018**
Central rule declared in J&K
- Feb 2019**
40 Indian paramilitary personnel killed in militant attack. India carries out retributive strikes on terror camps across the LoC in Pakistan's Balakot region.
- 5th Aug 2019**
Home minister Amit Shah proposes a presidential order to repeal Article 370 & 35A. J&K is bifurcated as two union territories of Ladakh & J&K

27th October Black Day



October 27 is observed as black day.

To mark protests and resentment by Kashmiri's around the world in commemorating the forced occupation by Indian security forces of the Jammu and Kashmir valley.

Since then the Indian forces have used all kinds of violence of Kashmiris including

-  the use of **banned** chemicals weapons
-  the children are **orphaned**
-  the men are either killed, displaced or **tortured for life**
-  the women are **widowed**.

KASHMIR MARTYR'S DAY

13 July 1931 Kashmir martyr's day. 22 Kashmiri's were martyred by the troops of Dogra maharaja rule for protesting in front of Srinagar Central jail. In support of Abdul Qadeer who was charged for propelling people to defy Dogra rule.

Each year Kashmir Martyrs Day is commemorated in the memory of the sacrifice of 22 Kashmiris. However, hundreds of Kashmiris are martyred every year but plight of Kashmiri's remain same.



Facts about Kashmir Issue



2019 Indian Aggression

The 2019 **Balakot airstrike** was conducted by India on 26 February when Indian warplanes crossed the de facto border in the disputed region of Kashmir and dropped bombs in the vicinity of the town of Balakot in KPK province in Pakistan.

In a tit-for-tat airstrike, Pakistan retaliated, causing an Indian warplane to be shot down and its pilot to be taken prisoner by the Pakistan military before being returned on 1 March.

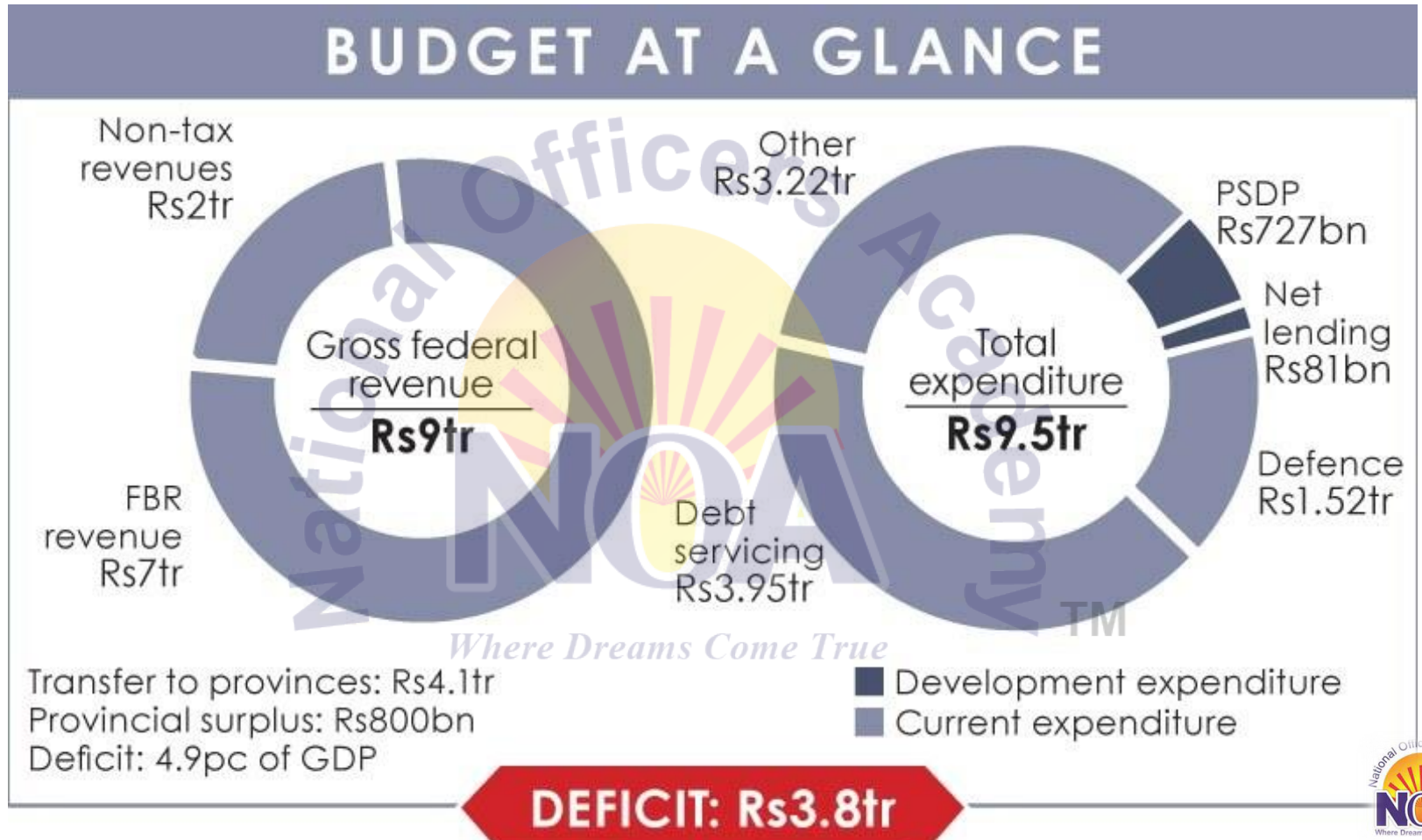
The article allowed the state a certain amount of autonomy - its own constitution, a separate flag and freedom to make laws

Abrogation of Article 370 and 35A

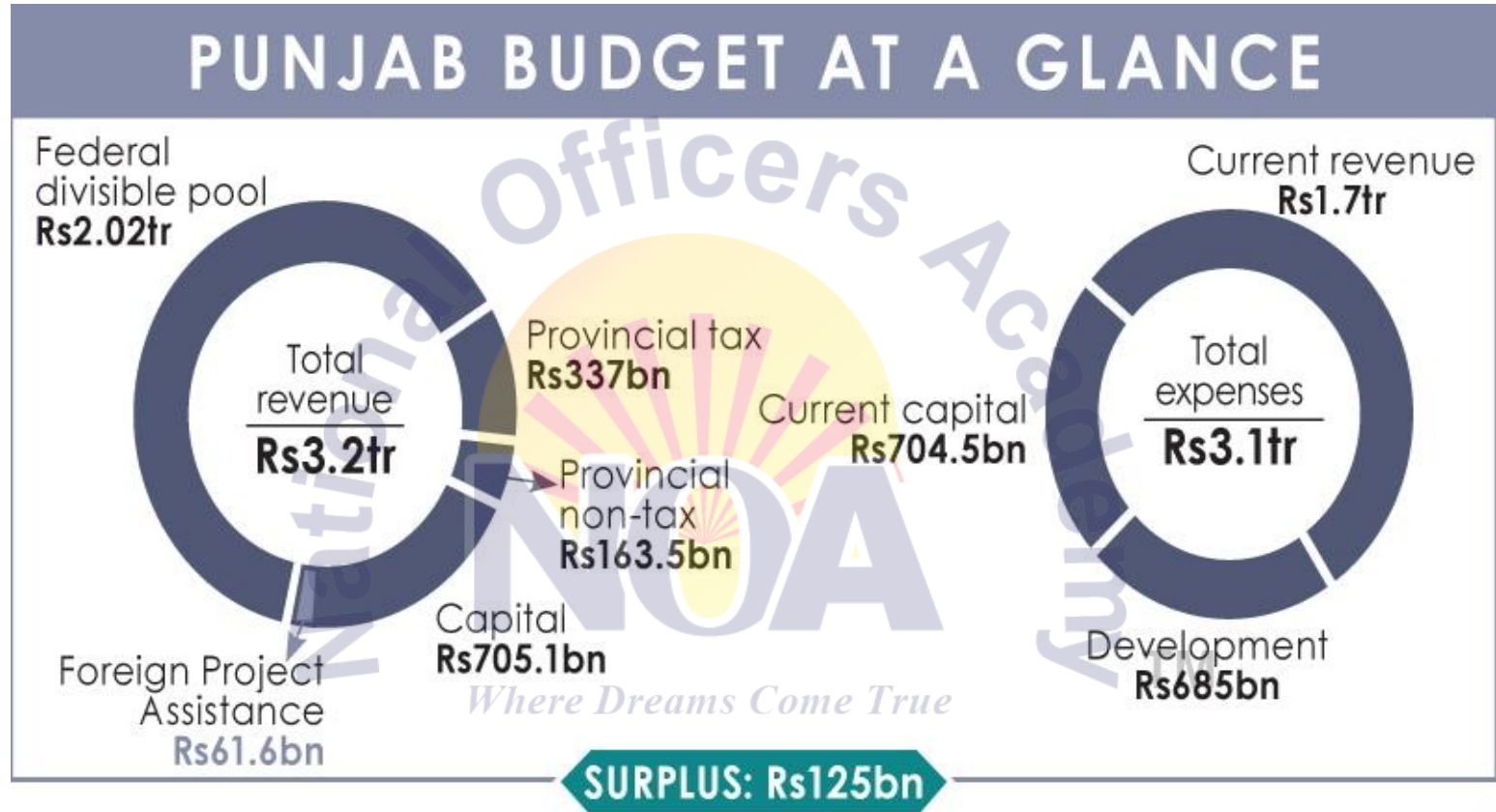
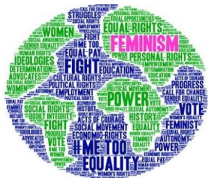
The popular Article 370 was declared null and void based on a presidential order on August 5th 2019. Hundreds of troops were called in. the internet was turned off, the Kashmiri politicians were placed under house arrest, the people were locked up inside their houses. And the government took this decision without the apprising the Kashmiris about it.



Federal Budget 2022-23



Punjab Budget 2022-23

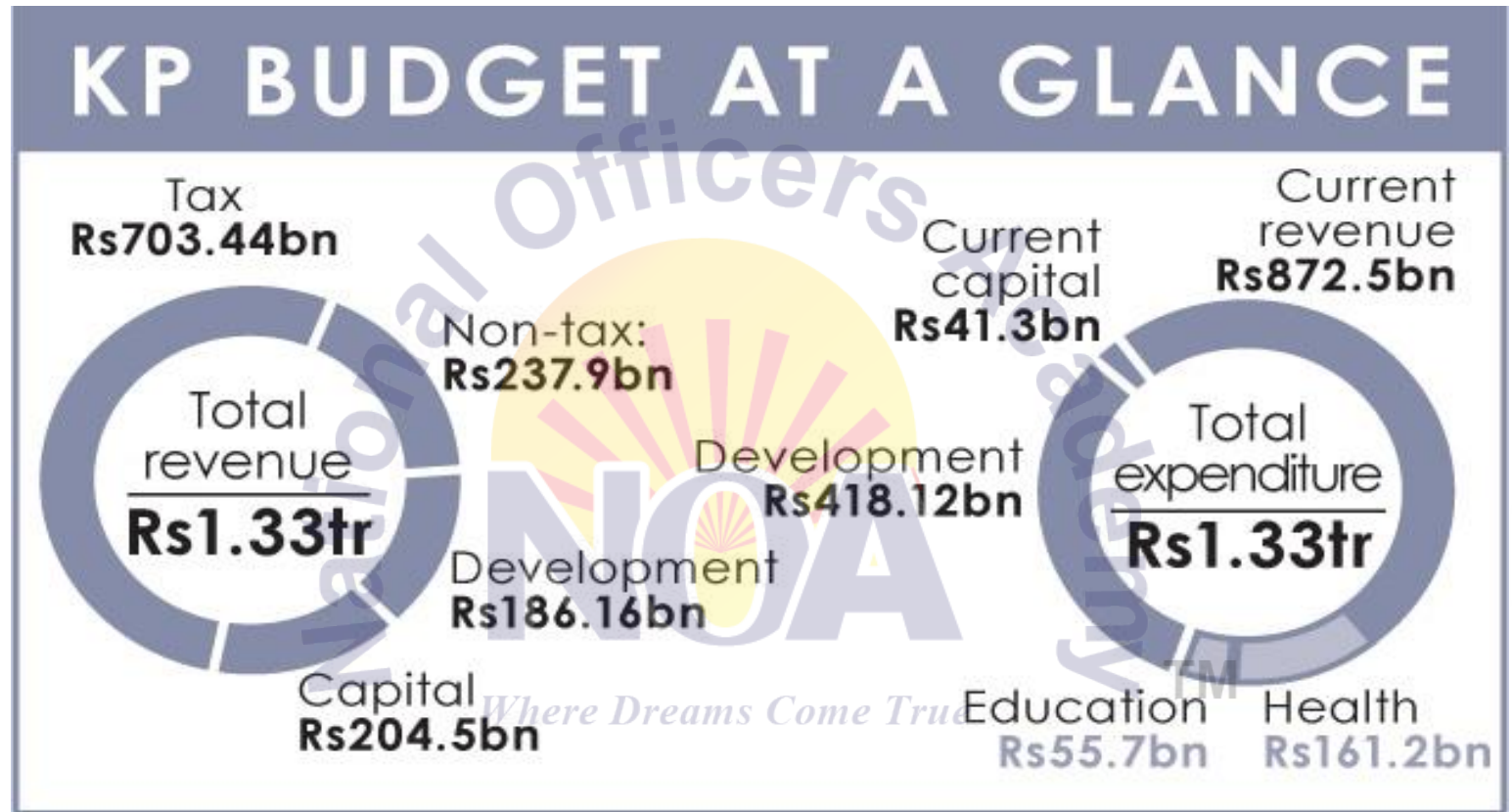
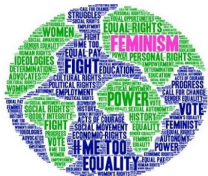


Awais Leghari on 15th June, 2022



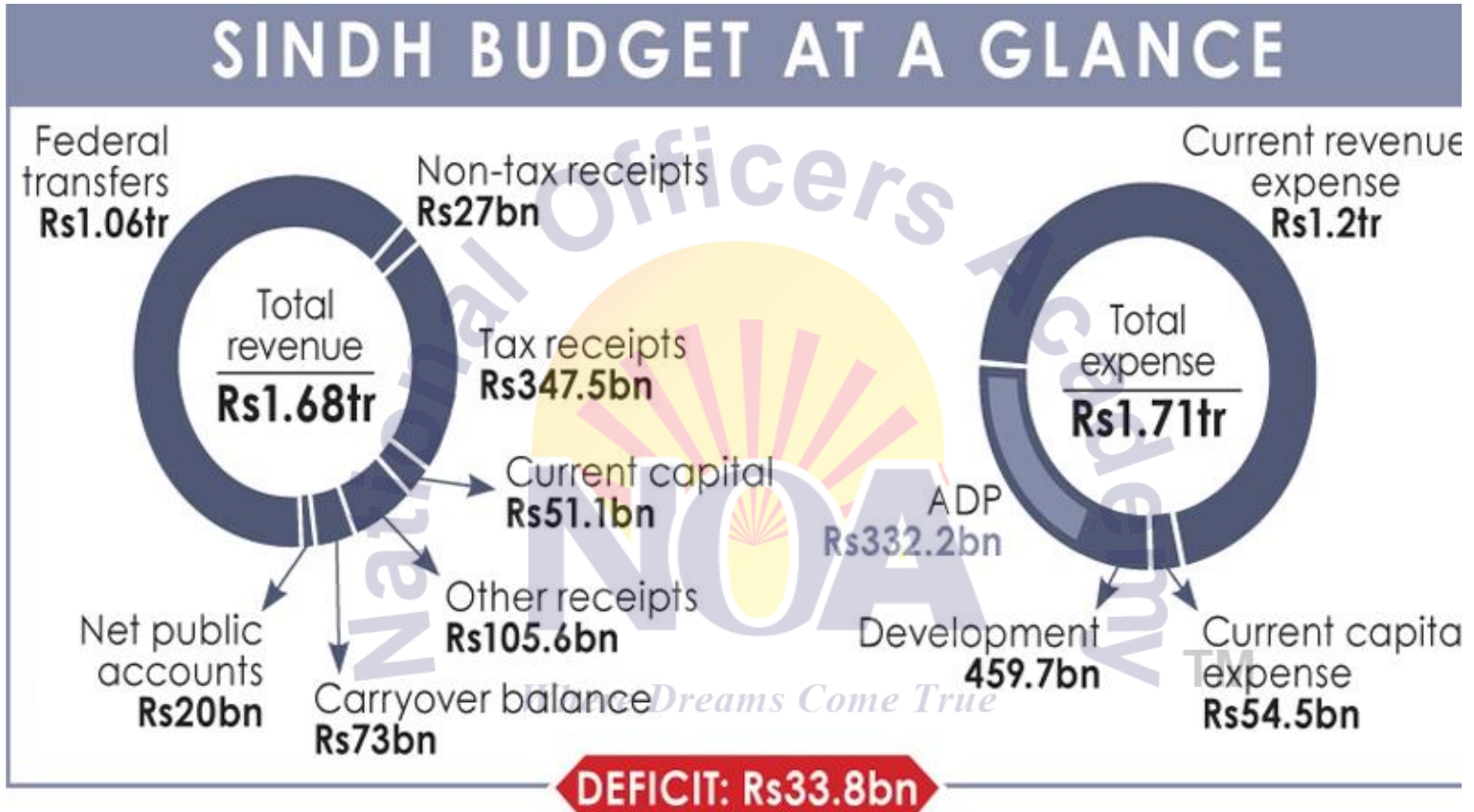
Hassan Ali Gondal @ National Officers Academy, Islamabad

KPK Budget 2022-23



KP Finance Minister Taimur Saleem Jhagra on 13th June, 2022

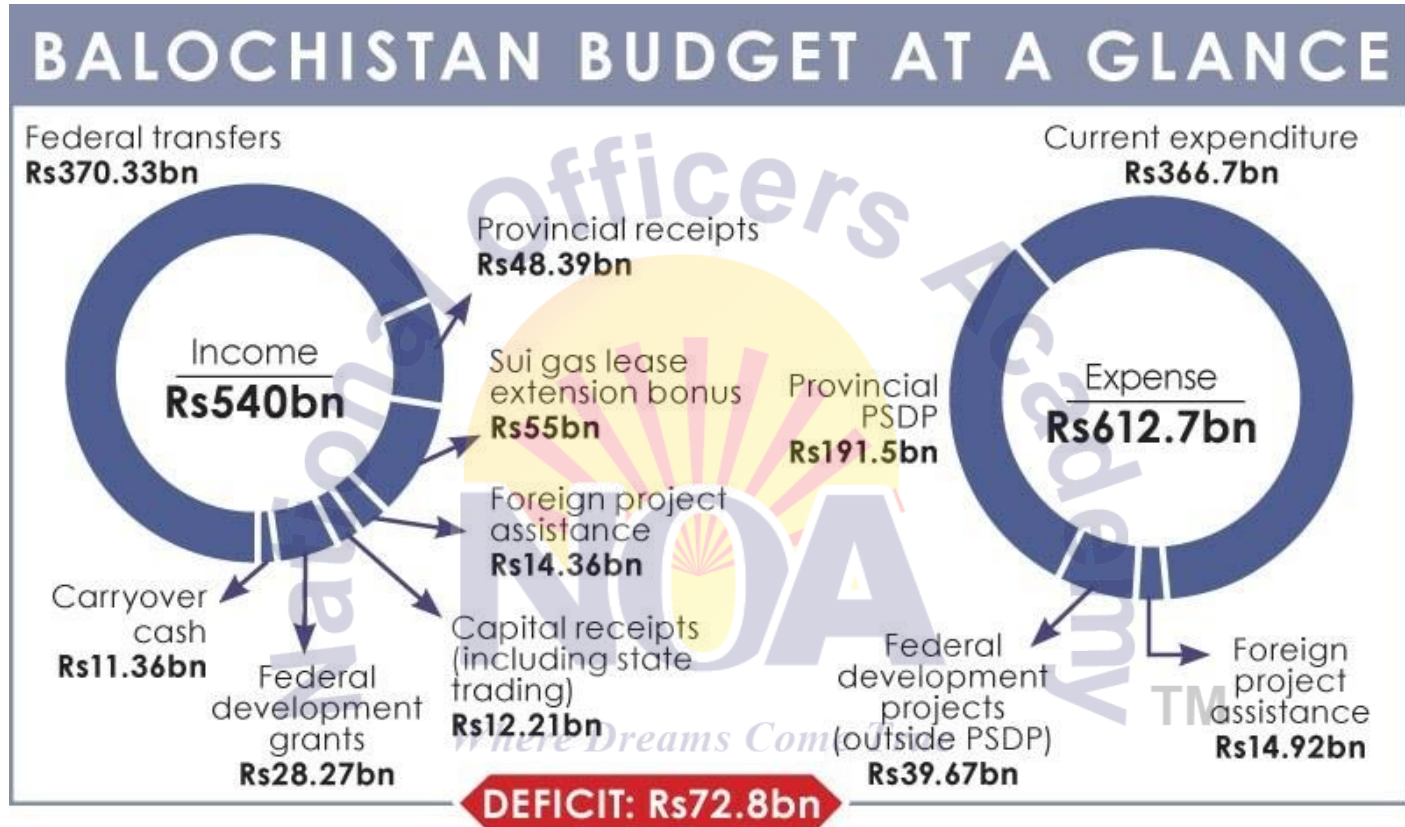
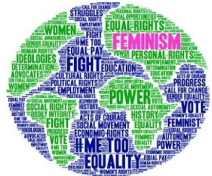
Sindh Budget 2022-23



Sindh Chief Minister Sved Murad Ali Shah on 14th June, 2022

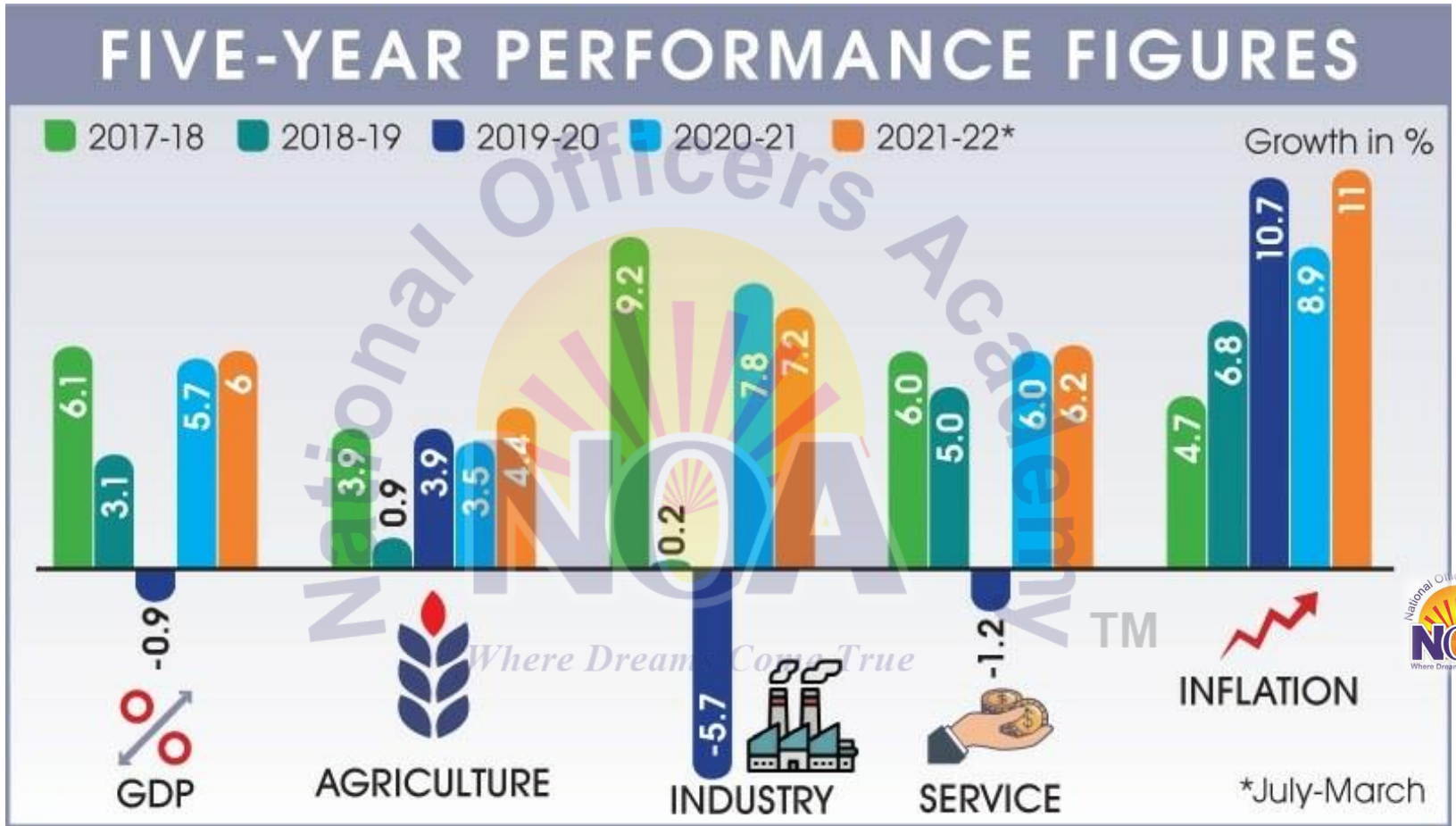


Balochistan Budget 2022-23

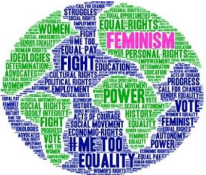


Balochistan Finance Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran (21 Jun)

Economic Survey of Pakistan 2021-22



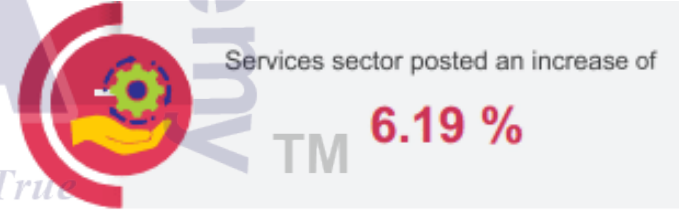
National Assembly Seats:



Growth Indicators



GDP in FY2022
RS. 66,950 BILLION



New Delimitation by ECP



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SEATS: NOW VS AFTER NEXT POLLS

Province	General		Women		Total	
	Current NA	Next NA	Current NA	Next NA	Current NA	Next NA
	Balochistan	16	16	4	4	20
KP	51	45	9	10	60	55
Punjab	141	141	33	32	174	173
Sindh	61	61	14	14	75	75
ICT	3	3	—	—	3	3
Total	272	266	60	60	332	326



Asia Cup Hockey 2022

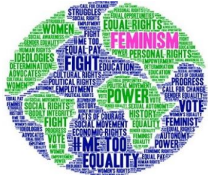


Host country	Indonesia
City	Jakarta
Dates	23 May – 1 June
Teams	8 (from 1 confederation)
Venue(s)	GBK Sports Complex
Final positions	
Champions	South Korea (5th title)
Runner-up	Malaysia
Third place	India
Tournament statistics	
Matches played	24
Goals scored	150 (6.25 per match)
Top scorer(s)	Razie Rahim (13 goals)
Best player	Jang Jong-hyun
Best young player	Uttam Singh
Best goalkeeper	Takashi Yoshikawa

Rank	Team
1	South Korea
2	Malaysia
3	India
4	Japan
5	Pakistan
6	Bangladesh
7	Oman
8	Indonesia



Asia Cup Cricket 2022

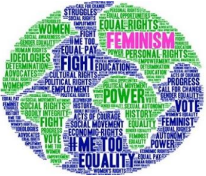


Dates	27 August – 11 September 2022
Administrator(s)	Asian Cricket Council
Cricket format	Twenty20 International
Tournament format(s)	Round-robin and knockout
Host(s)	UAE ^[a]
Champions	Sri Lanka (6th title)
Runners-up	Pakistan
Participants	6
Matches	13
Player of the series	Wanindu Hasaranga
Most runs	Mohammad Rizwan (281)
Most wickets	Bhuvneshwar Kumar (11)

Player	Innings	NO	Runs	Average	SR	HS	100	50	4s	6s
Mohammad Rizwan	6	1	281	56.20	117.57	78*	0	3	21	6
Virat Kohli	5	2	276	92.00	147.59	122*	1	2	20	11
Ibrahim Zadran	5	2	196	65.33	104.25	64*	0	1	14	4
Bhanuka Rajapaksa	6	2	191	47.75	149.21	71*	0	1	15	9
Pathum Nissanka	5	1	173	34.60	115.33	55*	0	2	15	5

Player	Innings	Wickets	Runs	Overs	BBI	Econ.	Ave.	5WI
Bhuvneshwar Kumar	5	11	115	19.0	5/4	6.05	10.45	1
Wanindu Hasaranga	6	9	170	23.0	3/21	7.39	18.88	0
Mohammad Nawaz	6	8	110	18.4	3/5	5.89	13.75	0
Shadab Khan	5	8	113	18.4	4/8	6.05	14.12	0
Haris Rauf	6	8	153	20.0	3/29	7.65	19.12	0

5th Islamic Solidarity Games 2021 (2022)



**KONYA
2021**

5. İSLAMİ DAYANIŞMA OYUNLARI
5th ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES



Host city	Konya
Country	Turkey
Nations participating	55
Athletes participating	4200
Events	380 in 19 Sports
Opening ceremony	9 August 2022
Closing ceremony	18 August 2022
Officially opened by	President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
Officially closed by	TBA
Athlete's Oath	Öznur Cüre
Judge's Oath	Serkan Karademir
Main venue	Konya Metropolitan Stadium

Rank	Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
01	(TÜR) Türkiye	145	107	89	341
02	(UZB) Uzbekistan	51	42	56	158
03	(IRN) Iran	39	44	50	133
04	(AZE) Azerbaijan	29	36	34	99
05	(KAZ) Kazakhstan	27	23	39	89

Competitors 79

Flag bearers Nooh Dastgir Butt

Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
	1	0	1	2

Islamic Solidarity Games appearances

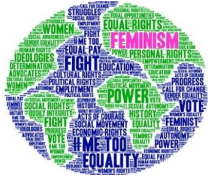
2005 · 2013 · 2017 · 2021 · 2025

Where Dreams Come True

- **Pakistan 28th Position**
- **Arshad Nadeem ~ Men's Javelin Throw ~ 88.55 m**



Senate Elections in Pakistan



SENATE of PAKISTAN 2021-2024



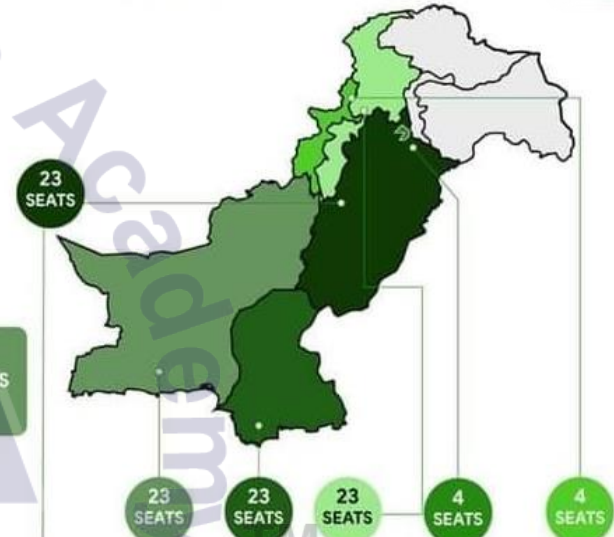
Party	Total in 2018	Seats won in 2021	Senate of Pakistan (2021 - 2024)	+/-
PTI	12	18	25	+13
PPP	21	8	21	-
BAP	10	6	13	+3
PML N	29	5	18	-9
JUI F	4	3	5	+1
OTHERS	28	8	18	

- Held on 3 March 2021
- 52 of the 104 Senators retired on 7 February
- 8 seats of FATA abolished
- 8 votes rejected in Chairman Senate Elections
- Chairman Senate Election on 12 March 2021

Candidate	Contesting for	Party	Votes Obtained
Sadiq Sanjrani	Chairmanship	BAP	48 ✓
Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Deputy Chairmanship	PTI	54 ✓
Yousaf Raza Gillani	Chairmanship	PPP	42 ✗
Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Deputy Chairmanship	JUI-F	44 ✗

SENATE OF PAKISTAN THE COMPOSITION

TERM OF 6 YEARS
STAGGERED ELECTIONS
EVERY 3 YEARS



PROVINCES	PUNJAB	BALUCHISTAN	SINDH	KPK	FEDERAL CAPITAL	FATA	TOTAL
GENERAL	14	14	14	14	01	4	62
TECHNOCRATS & ULEMA	04	04	04	04	01	-	17
WOMEN	04	04	04	04	01	-	17
MINORITIES	01	01	01	01	-	-	4
TOTAL SEATS	23	23	23	23	4	4	100

FATA Reforms



FATA reforms was a part of 20 points agenda of ---

National Action Plan (NAP)

Relevant constitutional amendment

25th

Frontier Crimes Regulation (FCR) 1901

Abolished

Articles of Constitution amended

247

New Seats in KP Assembly

**21 (16 – General, 4 – women,
1 = minority)**

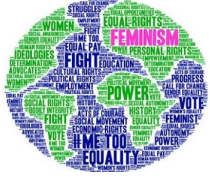
Share in divisible pool under National Finance Commission

**3% for next 10 years (100
billion additional)**

Local Government Share

**25 Tehsil Municipalities
702 Village Councils**

Changes in KPK Parliament Composition after 25th Amendment



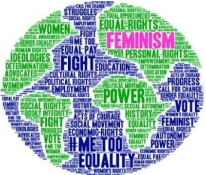
Type	Before 25 th Amendment	Added in 25 th Amendment	Total after 25 th Amendment
General Seats	99	16	115
Women Seats	22	4	26
Minorities Seats	3	1	4
Total Seats	124	21	145



Sanctions against Russia



Ukraine-Russia War Timeline



2021

- 10 Nov** » US reports unusual Russian troop movements near the Ukrainian border. 
- 07 Dec** » US threatens Russia with "strong economic and other measures" if it invades Ukraine.
- 17 Jan** » Russian soldiers start arriving in ex-Soviet Belarus for military drills. 
- 19 Jan** » US announces an extra \$200 million in security aid to Ukraine.
- 24 Jan** » NATO asks soldiers to be on standby, sends ships and fighter jets to eastern Europe.
- 25 Jan** » Russia starts military exercises near Ukraine and in Moscow-annexed Crimea.



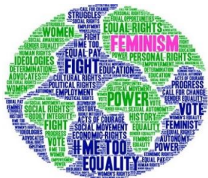
2022

- 26 Jan** » US refuses to close the NATO door on Ukraine.
- 02 Feb** » US sends 3,000 soldiers to bolster NATO forces in eastern Europe. 
- 10 Feb** » Russia and Belarus start 10-day military manoeuvres.
- 17 Feb** » Shell fire escalates along Russia-Ukraine frontline.
- 22 Feb** » Russia recognises independence of two separatist regions in eastern Ukraine.
- 24 Feb** » Russia declares war on Ukraine. President Vladimir Putin warns other nations not to interfere. Explosions heard in Ukraine. 

Where Dreams Come True



National Security Policy



NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

The new national vade mecum

On January 14, Prime Minister Imran Khan unveiled a public version of the country's first-ever National Security Policy (NSP) which defines the direction the country should take in the coming years. Prepared by the National Security Division, led by National Security Advisor Dr Moed Yusuf, the report has not only broadened the traditional concept and included economic stability as a key component, but also provides a comprehensive framework for looking at national security by making it more holistic and inclusive. By bringing geo-economics into the centre of the concept, the NSP also charts a clear vision for policymaking at the national level.



Important Military Exercises



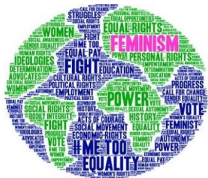
1. Druzhba-VI (SCO RATS) ~ Russia (Molkino, Kransnodar) ~ 2 Weeks ~ 28 Sep ~ 09 Oct



2. Aman-VII (Naval) ~ 7 Feb ~ 15 Feb, Arabian Sea, Pakistan ~ Co-Host Russia ~ Russia ~ 45 ~ 2 Years ~ 7th Version



3. Shaheen-IX (Dec, 2020) Pak-China ~ Airforce ~ 8th Dec - 17th Dec



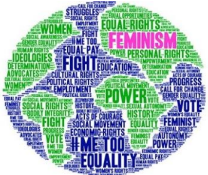
4. Three Brothers Military Exercise ~ Pakistan Turkey and Azerbaijan ~ Sep 12 to Sep 20 Baku



5. Pakistan Egypt ~ Guardian of the Ski-I ~ Air Defense ~ Cairo



Indians Farmers Protests



EVENTFUL ONE YEAR OF STIR

The farm protests on Delhi's borders have run for almost an year. The agitation by thousands of farmers was marked by several key events that also included the R-Day tractor march

September 27, 2020: Farm bills notified by the Centre

November 26-27: Protesting farmers arrive at Delhi as a part of their 'Dilli chalo' campaign

December - January 2021: Farmer leaders hold eleven rounds of talk with government officials; no headway



Where Dreams Come True

January 12: Supreme Court stays implementation of farm laws

January 26: Farmers bring out a tractor rally to mark the Republic Day, promised to follow routes designated by the Delhi Police

- Chaos breaks out as farmers breach police barricades and enter the city at various points in west, north and east Delhi

- From Ghazipur, farmer protesters reach ITO and clash with the police at the main intersection where one

farmer dies in an accident

- From ITO, the protesters reach the Red Fort where they again clash with the police, vandalise the monument and unfurl religious flags at the ramparts

- Hundreds of farmers named in multiple FIRs



June 26, 2021: Farmers organise march to Delhi to mark seven months of protest

July 22, 2021: 200 protesting farmers allowed to hold "Kisan Sansad" at Jantar Mantar

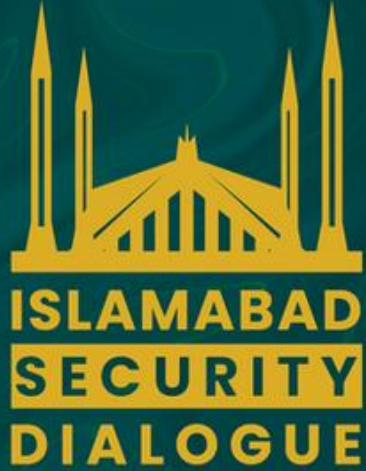
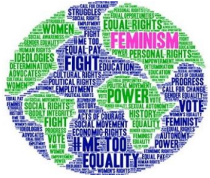
15 October 2021: A man killed at Singhu border by Nihangs allegedly for sacrilege

October 28-29, 2021: The Delhi Police start removing barricades from the Ghazipur border and Tikri border

Nov 19, 2021

PM Narendra Modi announces the repeal of the farm laws

Islamabad Security Dialogue, 2022



ISLAMABAD SECURITY DIALOGUE

Comprehensive Security: Reimagining International Cooperation

Pak – China Center, Islamabad
1st – 2nd April, 2022

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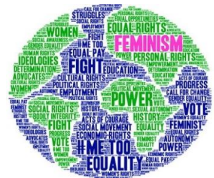
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UN Climate Change Conference, 2021 (COP 26)



CLIMATE CRISIS

What are the goals at COP26?

The UK is hosting the 26th Conference of the Parties, with four goals to be discussed during the annual climate change summit in Glasgow.



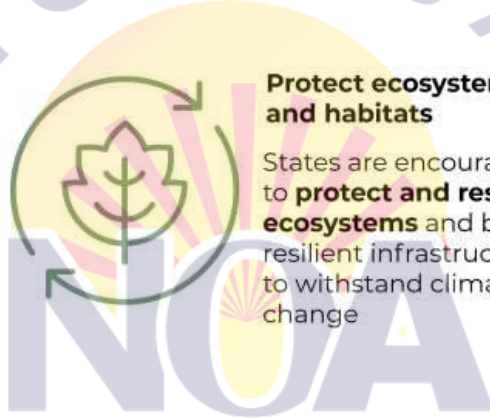
Net zero and 1.5 degrees

Countries are called on to reach **net-zero carbon emissions by 2050** and to keep global temperatures **below 1.5C**



Mobilise finance

Developed nations are asked to mobilise **\$100bn in climate finance** per year for poorer nations to tackle climate change



Protect ecosystems and habitats

States are encouraged to **protect and restore ecosystems** and build resilient infrastructures to withstand climate change



Collaboration

Parties at COP26 will need to **collaborate** to finalise the **Paris Rulebook**, which sets out the rules of the Paris Agreement

01-12 NOV 2021
GLASGOW

COP26



JOE BIDEN CABINET



IT HAS STARTED TO 'LOOK LIKE AMERICA'

President-elect Joe Biden promised during the campaign that his administration would 'look like America' and it is turning out to be the most diverse and gender-balanced



Kamala Harris
First woman vice-president of the US



Antony Blinken
Secretary of state

Jake Sullivan
National security adviser



Ron Klain
White House chief of staff

John Kerry
Former secretary of state and one of the leading architects of the Paris climate agreement to be special presidential envoy on climate



Linda Thomas-Greenfield
African-American diplomat set to be US ambassador to the United Nations

Janet Yellen
Tipped to be first woman to oversee the treasury department (there have been 77 treasury secretaries, all white men)



Alejandro Mayorkas
Set to be first Latino and immigrant to run the department of homeland security

Michele Flournoy
Likely to be first woman defence secretary (Pentagon has seen 27 defence secretaries, all white men)



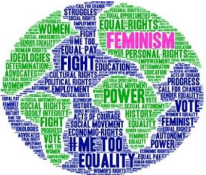
Avril Haines
Tipped to be first female director of National Intelligence (estd. in 2004 after 9/11, it has had 6 white men heading it across 16 years)

Pakistani's in Biden Team

- **Salman Ahmed ~ National Security & Foreign Policy Adviser**
- **Ali Zaidi ~ Deputy White House National Climate Adviser**
- **Syed Dilawar Deputy Admin SBA Government**
- **Khizaer Us Commission Religious freedom**
- **Lina Khan Commissioner FTC**



Pak-Russia Relations



MAJOR EXPORTS



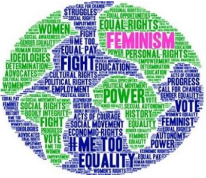
MAJOR IMPORTS



ENERGY COOPERATION

- ⚡ Pakistan and Russia Signed Inter-Governmental Agreement on the Construction of North-South Gas Pipeline from Karachi to Lahore in October 2015.
- ⚡ MoU signed in September 2018 for conducting feasibility study on offshore gas pipeline project.
- ⚡ MoU signed on feasibility study regarding gas supplies from Middle East to South Asia in February 2019.
- ⚡ Pakistan and Russia Signed agreement of around \$3 billion Gas pipeline between Karachi and Lahore on terms and conditions agreed in May-June 2021.

Taiwan Strait Crisis



1

Dec 1954
The US government signed the "Joint Defense Treaty" with Taiwan authorities and put Taiwan island under US "protection."

Jan 18 1955
PLA launched an operation on Yijiangshan Island where Kuomintang troops were stationed and liberated the island within one day.

2

Aug 1958
The second Taiwan Straits Crisis is also known as the Artillery Action against Kinmen.

Aug 23 to Oct 5 1958
The PLA launched artillery actions against Kinmen. The battle lasted till Oct 5, 1958 and the shelling did not end until Dec 31, 1978.

3

Jun 1995
The US allowed then regional leader of Taiwan Lee Teng-hui to visit the US, where Lee made secessionist remarks.

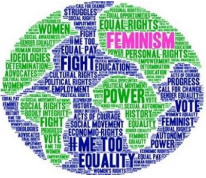
Jul 1995 and Mar 1996
China conducted two large-scale live-fire drills and postponed the second round of Wang-Koo Talks.

4

Aug 2 to 3, 2022
US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited the island of Taiwan in blatant disregard of China's solemn representations, violating one-China principle.

From Aug 2, 2022
The PLA commenced joint military exercises right after Pelosi landed on Taiwan island and launched live-fire drills surrounding the island from Aug 4 to 7, on a scale believed to be larger than the one in the 1996 Taiwan Straits crisis.

Sri Lankan Economic Crisis

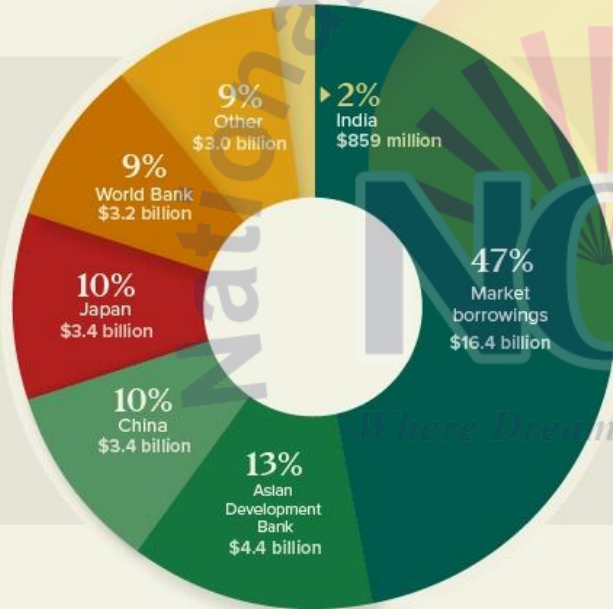


The Crisis at a Glance

\$51B
Current debt

39%
Current consumer
inflation

\$50M
Foreign currency
reserve levels

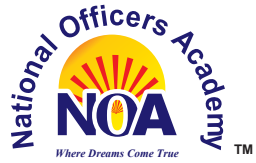


Sri Lanka: Foreign Debt Summary as of end April'21

The country's recent defaults on its debt payments will discourage lenders to provide funds and with little foreign currency to buy even food and fuel imports, it will be a long time before the debts can be paid.

Source: Department of External Resources, Sri Lanka

Sri Lankan Economic Crisis



2009
The country's civil war ended and the government turned its focus inwards to economic development, stressing local production and sales over exports.

2019
Significant tax cuts were introduced draining government revenues.

2020
The COVID-19 pandemic hit, severely hurting Sri Lanka's tourism industry.

2021
A ban on imported fertilizers was implemented to counter the depletion of the country's foreign currency reserves. But a reliance on local, organic fertilizers led to a crop failure and further reliance on food imports.

Apr 2022
Protests began in Colombo demanding President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's resignation.

May 2022
Pro-government supporters attacked protesters resulting in Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa stepping down. Food inflation increased over 57%.

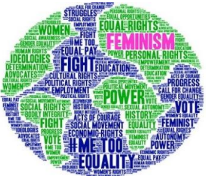
June 2022
The IMF arrived in Sri Lanka to discuss a potential bailout.

3 Key Causes of the Crisis:

- A significant reliance on imports
- Foreign currency reserves near empty (Down 99% from 2019 until now)
- Defaults on massive debt payments

Population: 22 million
GDP: \$80.7 billion USD (2020)

Sri Lankan Economic Crisis






28TH JANUARY
The thousands of people in the capital Colombo started to protest the economic problems.

31ST MARCH
Protesters attacked the house of the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
In the brawl between the protesters and the police, 24 police officers and many civilians were injured. 54 people were also detained.
The curfew was declared in the capital Colombo.

1ST APRIL
The President Rajapaksa who describes the protests as "terrorist action" and hold "extremist forces" responsible for what happened, declared state of emergency.
Social media platforms were blocked to prevent protests.

5TH APRIL
State of emergency measures was repealed.
The protest continued across the country.



12TH APRIL
The government announced that it was in default.

19TH APRIL
The government applied to IMF for the bailout package.


6TH MAY
A state of emergency was declared for the second time due to anti-government protests.

9TH MAY
The Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned because of the violent conflicts.
The government deployed troops to the streets.

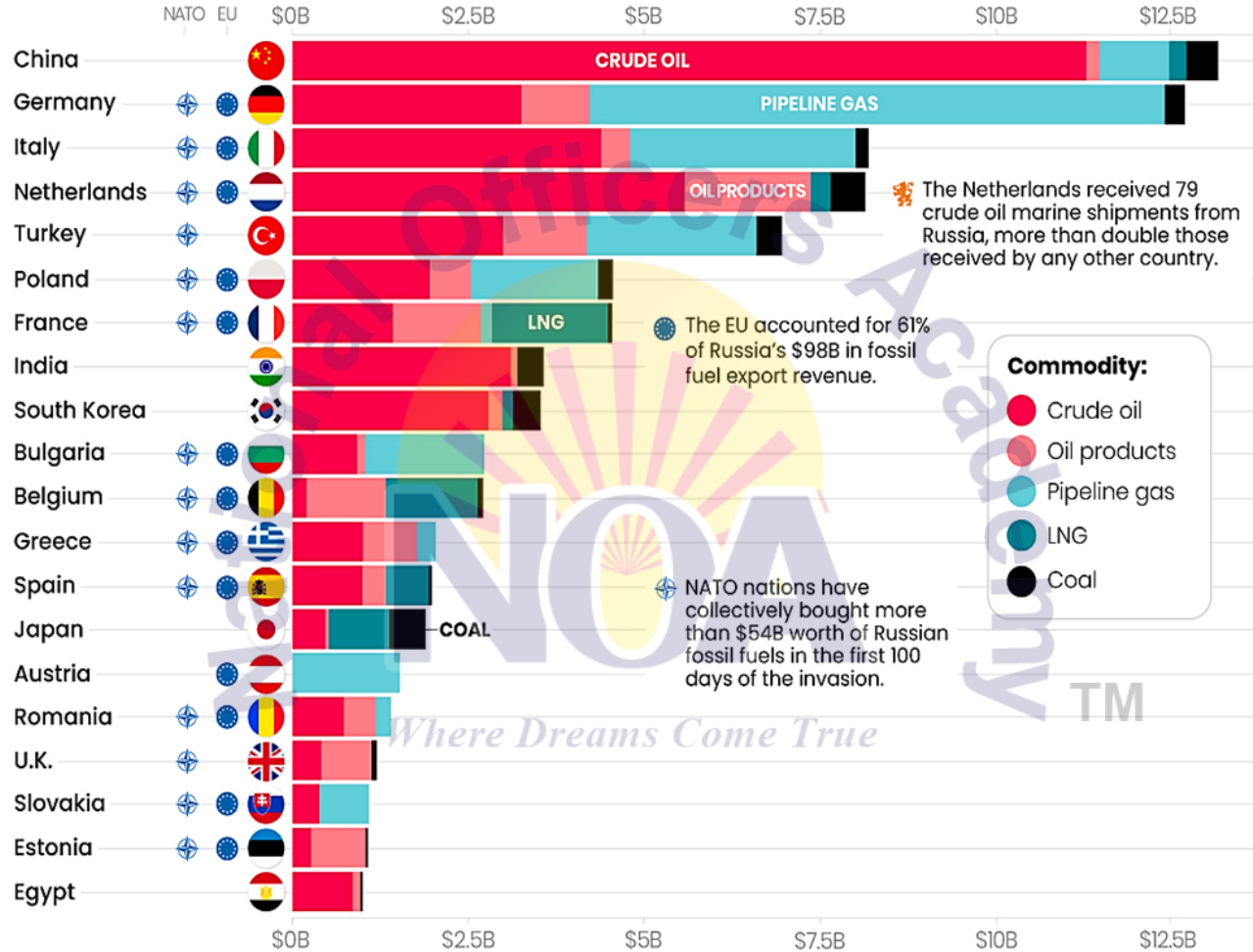
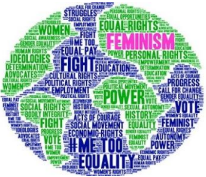
10TH MAY
The house of Prime Minister Rajapaksa and the houses of some MPs were set on fire.
At least 7 people died in the protests. About 200 people were injured.
The Ministry of Defense ordered the army to open fire on the protesters.

11TH MAY
The UN urged the authorities to restrain themselves.

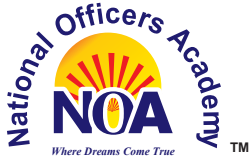
12TH MAY
United National Party (UNP) leader Ranil Wickremesinghe became the country's 26th Prime Minister.



Russian Energy Buyers (Post Ukrainian Invasion)



War & Terror & Pakistan Losses

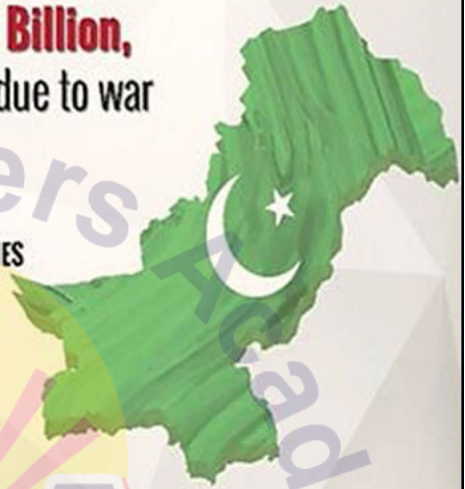
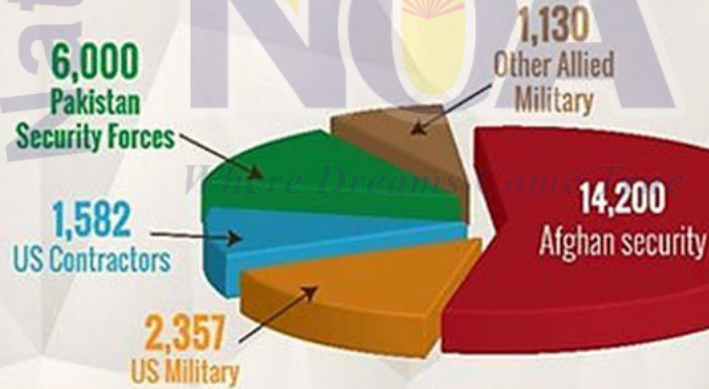


PAKISTAN Suffered loss of **\$123 Billion**, **50,000 Casualites** of Civilians due to war against terrorism

Pakistan LIES AT NUMBER **2** AMONG COUNTRIES WORST HIT BY TERRORISM (9.05 SCORE)

62,421 FATALITIES SINCE **2003 - 2017**

ALLIED COMBAT DEATHS SOURCE (WATSON INSTITUTE)



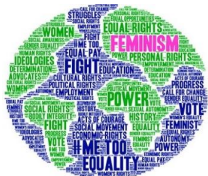
Issue Tracker (Important Facts & MCQs)



<i>Kyoto Protocol</i>	1997
<i>Cancun Protocol</i>	2010
<i>Paris Agreement</i>	2015
<i>Montreal Protocol</i>	1987
<i>UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)</i>	1992
<i>Project Global Warming by 2100 (Business as Usual Policies)</i>	2.9 oC
<i>Project Global Warming by 2100 (By meeting current pledges)</i>	2.4 oC

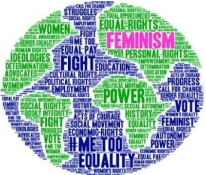


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<p><i>Project Global Warming by 2100 (Commitment in Paris agreement)</i></p>	<p>1.5 oC</p>
<p><i>Earth has already warmed w.r.t. Pre-Industrial temperatures</i></p>	<p>1.1 oC</p>
<p><i>Water Consumption in Pakistan (Agriculture)</i></p>	<p>90%</p>
<p><i>Water Consumption in Pakistan (Industrial)</i></p>	<p>5%</p>
<p><i>Water Consumption in Pakistan (Domestic)</i></p>	<p>5%</p>
<p><i>Indus Water Treaty signed on</i></p>	<p>Sep 19, 1960</p>
<p><i>Signatories of IWT</i></p>	<p>Nehru & Ayub Khan (Mediation of World Bank)</p>

Issue Tracker (Important Facts & MCQs)



Indian Rivers	Beas, Ravi, Sutlej
Pakistani Rivers	Indus, Chenab and Jhelum
River Indus originates from	China (Not part of treaty)
Pakistan Forest Institute – Pakistan Forest Cover	5.01%
Forest Areas being lost on annual basis	27000 hectares
Most Over-Stressed Aquifer in the World	Indus Water Basin
By 2025 – Projected Water Demand in Pakistan	274 MAF



Issue Tracker (Important Facts & MCQs)



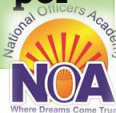
<p><i>By 2025 – Projected Water Supply in Pakistan</i></p>	<p>Fix at 191 MAF (83% supply-demand gap)</p>
<p><i>Pakistan 1st Water National Policy</i></p>	<p>24 April, 2018</p>
<p><i>Falkenmark Water Stress Indicator “Water Scarcity”</i></p>	<p>Below 1000 cubic meter per person per annum</p>
<p><i>Falkenmark Water Stress Indicator “Absolute Water Scarcity”</i></p>	<p>Below 500 cubic meter per person per annum</p>
<p><i>Pakistanis having access to safe drinking water</i></p>	<p>36 million</p>
<p><i>Pakistan having to travel long for safe drinking water</i></p>	<p>21 million</p>
<p><i>Standard for forest cover</i></p>	<p>25 %</p>



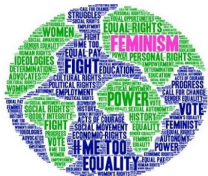
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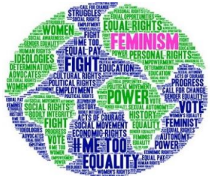
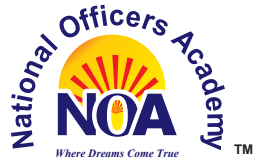
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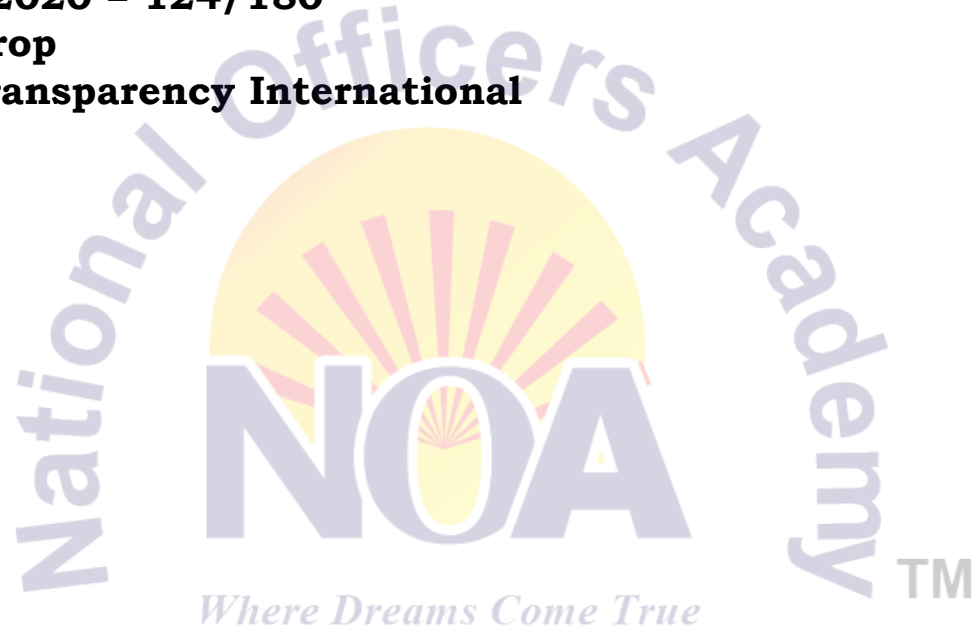


- **Corruption Perception Index, 2022**
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 - Topper of this Year Ranking =
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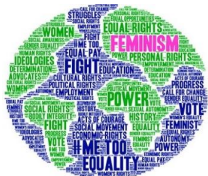


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Economy Profiles

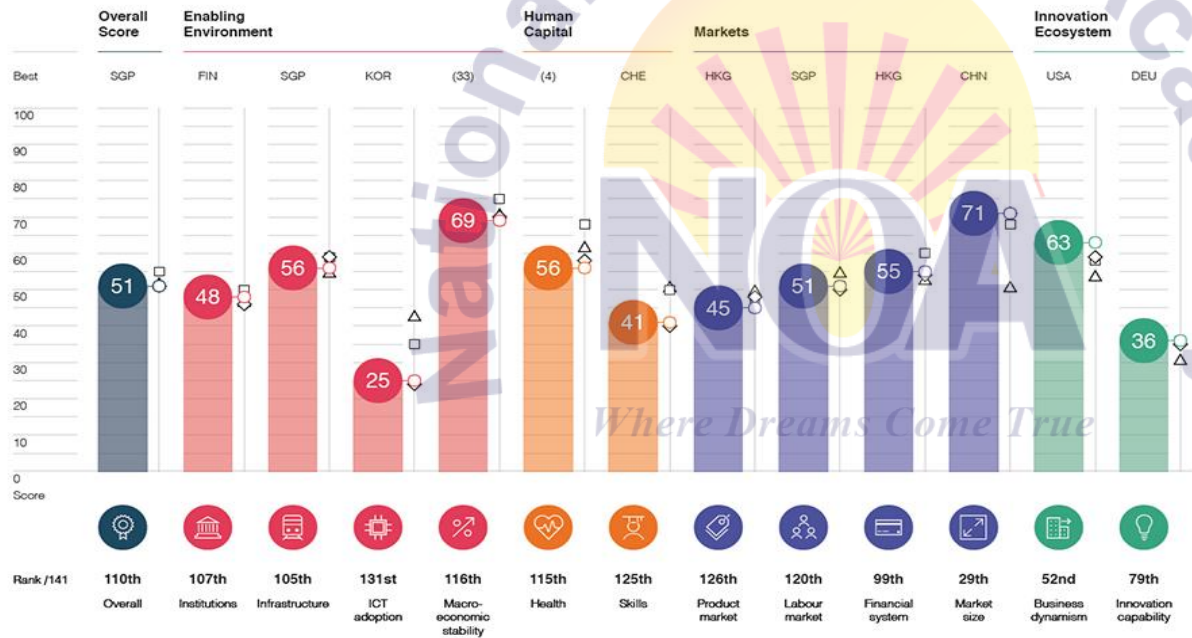
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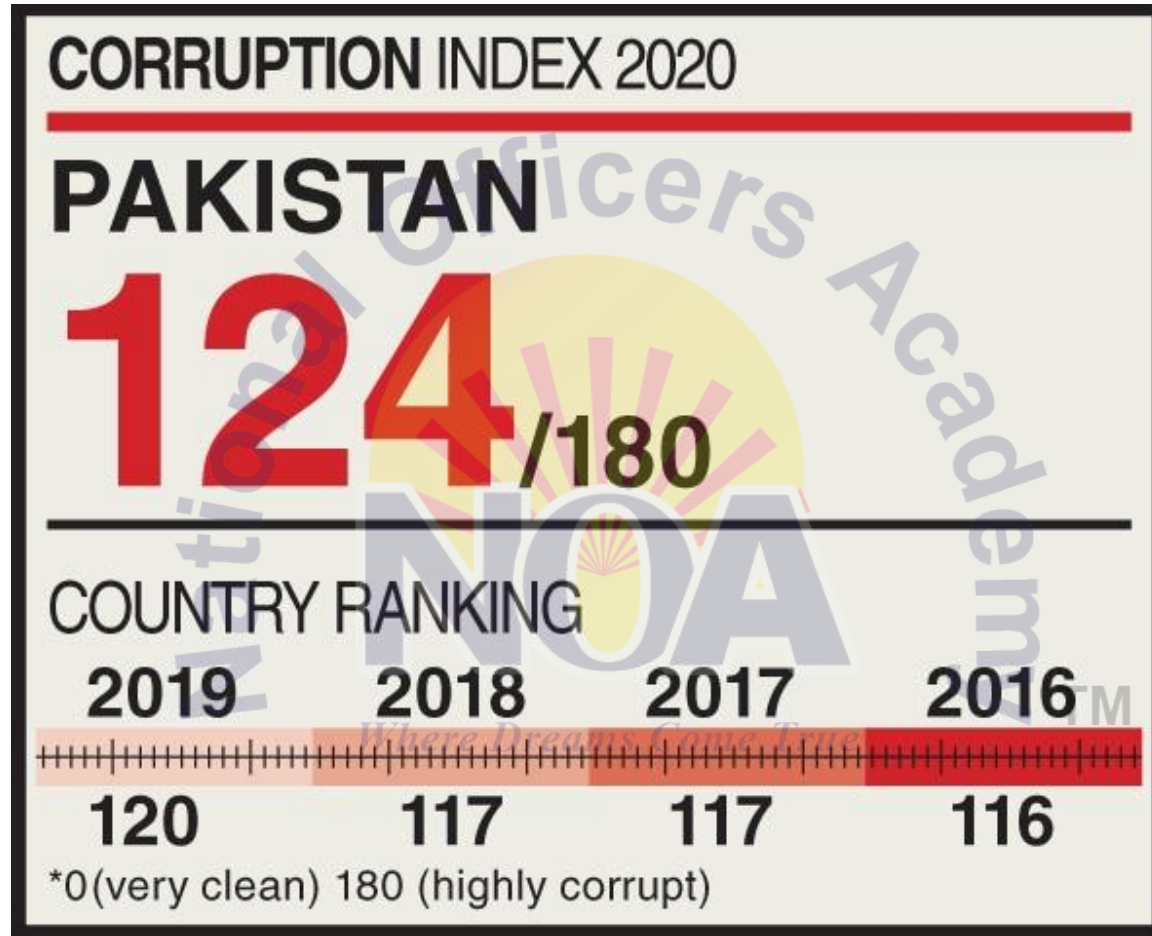
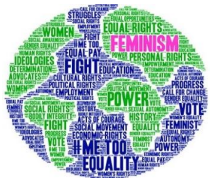
Global Competitiveness Index 4.0 2019 edition

Rank in 2018 edition: 107th/140

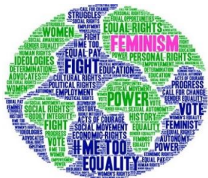
Performance Overview 2019 Key ◇ Previous edition ▲ Lower-middle-income group average □ South Asia average



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The Inclusive Internet Index

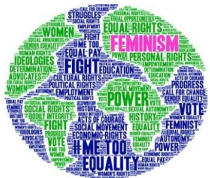
2021	Overall
Overall rankings	
87th	Guatemala
88th	Laos
89th	Ghana
90th	Pakistan
91st	Honduras
92nd	Nicaragua
93rd	Uganda

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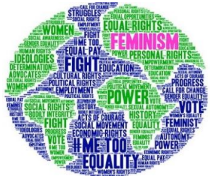
GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2020

**Global Innovation Index 2020:
Pakistan's Rank Declines To 107th**

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The State Of World Press Freedom

Countries ranked by level of press freedom in 2020

- Good situation
- Satisfactory situation
- Noticeable problems
- Difficult situation
- Very serious situation



Highest ranked

- 1 🇳🇴 Norway
- 2 🇫🇮 Finland
- 3 🇩🇰 Denmark

Lowest ranked

- 178 🇪🇷 Eritrea
- 179 🇹🇲 Turkmenistan
- 180 🇰🇵 North Korea

145

in the 2020 World Press Freedom Index

RANKING

↓ **-3**
142 in 2019

GLOBAL SCORE

↑ **-0.31**
45.83 in 2019

🕒 Ranking since 2013

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World Justice Project Rule of Law Index® 2020

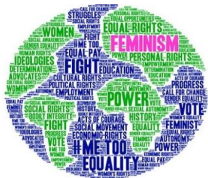
Top Performers

Country/Jurisdiction	Overall Score	Score Change	% Score Change	Global Rank	Global Rank Change
Denmark	0.90	0.00	0.0%	1	0
Norway	0.89	0.00	0.1%	2	0
Finland	0.87	0.00	-0.1%	3	0
Sweden	0.86	0.00	0.2%	4	0
Netherlands	0.84	0.00	-0.5%	5	0
Germany	0.84	0.00	0.1%	6	0
New Zealand	0.83	0.00	0.3%	7	1 ▲
Austria	0.82	-0.01	-0.6%	8	1 ▼
Canada	0.81	0.00	-0.2%	9	0
Estonia	0.81	0.00	0.0%	10	0

Bottom Performers

Country/Jurisdiction	Overall Score	Score Change	% Score Change	Global Rank	Global Rank Change
Zimbabwe	0.39	-0.01	-1.5%	119	1 ▼
Pakistan	0.39	0.00	-0.7%	120	1 ▼
Bolivia	0.38	0.00	0.3%	121	0
Afghanistan	0.36	0.02	4.3%	122	3 ▲
Mauritania	0.36	0.01	4.0%	123	1 ▲
Cameroon	0.36	-0.02	-4.4%	124	2 ▼
Egypt	0.36	0.00	0.1%	125	2 ▼
Congo, Dem. Rep.	0.34	0.01	2.6%	126	0
Cambodia	0.33	0.00	0.7%	127	0
Venezuela, RB	0.27	-0.01	-2.6%	128	0

Different Rankings of Pakistan



Global Gender Gap Index — 2020

Pakistan ranked 151 out of 153 countries on the Global Gender Gap Index Report 2020 index, published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), only managing to surpass Iraq and Yemen. The scorecard for the country places Pakistan at 150 in economic participation and opportunity, 143 in educational attainment, 149 in health and survival and 93 in political empowerment. A comparison of previous rankings shows that the overall ranking for Pakistan has drastically slipped from 112 in 2006 to 151 in 2020. Likewise, the country slipped from 112 to 150 in economic participation and opportunity, from 110 to 143 in educational attainment, from 112 to 149 in health and survival and from 37 to 93 in political empowerment during the same period. The report highlights that economic opportunities for women in Pakistan are limited with the country only managing to bridge 32.7 per cent of the gap between men and women in the workplace. In health and survival, the gap widened to 94.6pc, which means that women in the country do not have the same access to healthcare as men. Among the seven South Asian countries included in the index, Pakistan charted at the very bottom. Bangladesh ranked 50, followed by Nepal, 101, Sri Lanka, 102, India, 112, Maldives, 123, and Bhutan, 131. South Asia has closed two-thirds of its gender gap. The region is home to 860 million women, three-fourths of whom live in India.

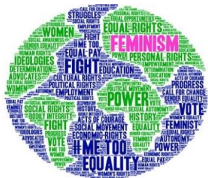
Democracy Index — 2020

In the Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Democracy Index report, Norway has taken the top spot, while Iceland, Sweden, New Zealand and Canada have made it to the top five. The report, which is titled "Democracy in sickness and in health?", looks to provide a snapshot of the current state of democracy worldwide for 167 countries. Out of 167 countries, the Democracy Index has classified 23 countries as full democracies, 52 as flawed democracies, 35 as hybrid regimes and 57 as authoritarian regimes. Afghanistan has been ranked 139th and classified as an 'authoritarian regime' in the index. Pakistan jumped three places to 105th position on the index that is classified in the 'hybrid regime' category. Pakistan was assigned a score of 4.31, 0.6 points higher as compared to 4.25 in the last year in which the country had been ranked 108 in 2019.

Human Development Index (HDI) — 2020

Pakistan's ranking on Human Development Index (HDI) fell two notches and stood at 154th position in accordance with the 2020 report out of total 189 countries. Pakistan's ranking stood at 152nd position last year. In other South Asian countries, India ranked at 131 on the Planetary pressures-adjusted HD index; Bangladesh: 133; Sri Lanka: 72; Maldives: 95; Nepal: 142, and Bhutan 129. Oil-rich Norway, Ireland, Hong Kong (China), Iceland/Iceland, Germany led the rankings, while Niger, the Central African Republic, Chad, South Sudan and Burundi have the lowest scores in the HDI measurements. The HDI rankings are measured by combining indicators of health, education, and standards of living but this year included two more elements: a nation's carbon dioxide emissions and material footprint that put enormous strain on the planet. The report is 30th in a series which began in 1990. The first UNDP Human Development Report (HDR) was prepared and launched under the leadership of the late Dr Mahbubul Haq, a former Pakistan finance minister.

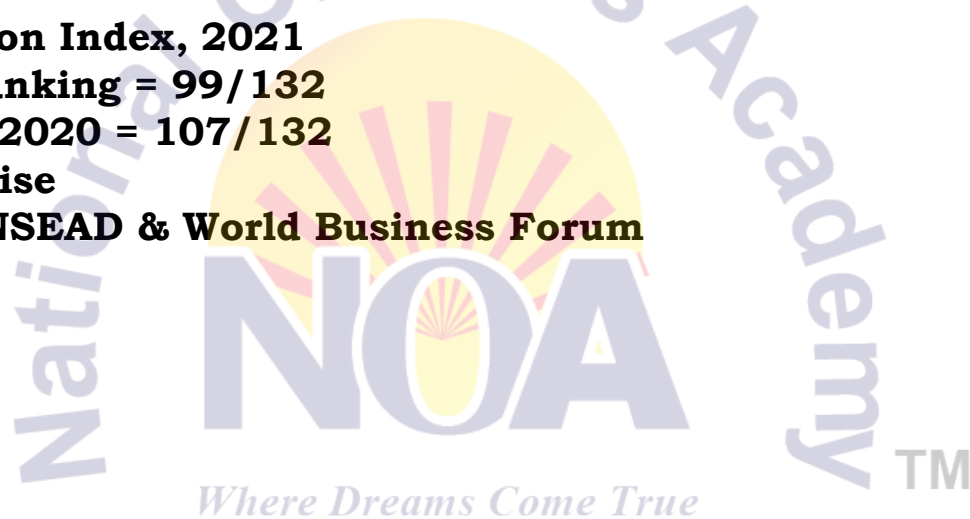
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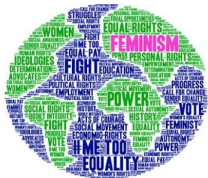
Global Climate Risk Index — 2021

A recent German Watch Report of the Long-term Global Climate Risk Index 2020, a global think-tank working on climate change, had rated Pakistan number 8th most affected country due to adverse impacts of climate change. Last year, it was ranked on 5th number. The data was reckoned from 2000 to 2019 that mentioned the country facing 0.3 per cent life losses per 100,000 inhabitants and \$3.8 billion economic losses due to recurrent phenomenon of floods and climate change induced catastrophes.

- **Global Innovation Index, 2021**
 - **Pakistan Ranking = 99/132**
 - **Ranking in 2020 = 107/132**
 - **08 Points Rise**
 - **Issued by INSEAD & World Business Forum**



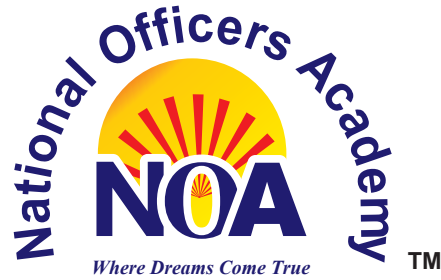
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Sustainable Development Goal Report — 2020

The Sustainable Development Goal Report 2020, the annual stocktaking exercise on progress across 17 goals, finds that for the first time since 1998 global poverty will increase in 2020 as 71m people may fall back into poverty. Lost income, inflation and scant social cover mean survival risks have escalated for previously secure families. About half of the world workforce (1.6 billion workers) will be significantly affected. The relevant data shows a 60 per cent fall in their earnings in the first month of the crisis. Pakistan ranked 134th on the Global SDG Index this year, from 130th in 2019, out of the 193 countries. The said report traces, tracks and reports the nation's performance on 17 goals. Pakistan was graded the worst performer in South Asia with Sri Lanka ranking 94th, Nepal 96th, Bangladesh 109th and India 117th. Tangible progress could be made in six out of 17 goals during the year, with climate change being the only goal where progress is said to be perfectly on track.



Section-II ~ Leading Leads

***Key News & Developments
(1st Jan ~ 15 Aug, 22)***

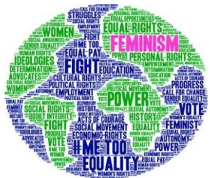
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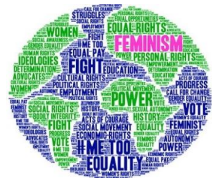
- Official Exit of UK from EU 1st Jan, 2022
- Israeli Forces Strike on Gaza 2nd Jan, 2022
- 03rd Jan ~ Revival of ECO Freight Train ~ Istanbul to Islamabad via Lahore, Tehran, Taftan & Zahedan
- US War Expenditure (20 Years) \$14 Trillion
 - Wall Street Journal
- Putin & Erdogan Meeting 2nd Jan, 2022
- Houthi's seize UAE ship off Yemen's coast 3rd Jan, 2022
 - In Red Sea
 - "Military Supplies" ~ "Piracy".
 - Coast of Hodeidah
 - Rwabee (Name of Vessel)
- North Korea tested a hypersonic missile 6th Jan, 2022
 - Second alleged test by the Kim Jong Un regime.
- Taliban foreign minister in first trip to Iran 8th Jan, 2022
 - Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi
 - Iran shares a 900-kilometre border with Afghanistan

Key Extracts from Global & Local Leading News Reports



- US announced \$308m additional aid for Afghanistan (11th Jan, 2022)
- Russia tanks drills on Ukraine Border 11th Jan, 2022
- World bank projected that Pakistan's economy will grow 3.4% in FY22
- US Sanctions on North Korea & Russia for Missile Test (12 Jan, 2022)
- India Targets Minorities ~ Human Rights Watch Report (13th Jan, 2022)
- 2022 ~ 6th Warmest Global Year on Record (13th Jan, 2022)
- Policy of Nationality to Foreign Investors (14th Jan, 2022)
- 21st Jan ~ Highest Single Day COVID Positive Cases Reported
- Iranian president meets Putin ~ 19th Jan, 2022
 - Iranian President ~ Ebrahim Raisi
- Saudi-led coalition air raid on Yemen prison ~ 70 Died ~ 21 Jan, 2022
- Oslo Talks ~ Taliban FM & Afghan Civil Society (23 Jan, 2022)
- Two US aircraft carriers enter South China Sea (24th Jan, 2022)
 - US Navy Carrier Strike Groups
 - USS Carl Vinson and USS Abraham Lincoln
- Corruption Perception Index: Transparency International
 - Pakistan ranked 140/180 countries
- 2022 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup

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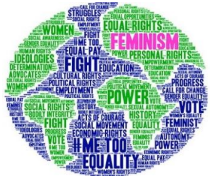


- World largest trade deal, RCEP, entered into force on 1st Jan, 2022.
- Zahid Quraishi ~ 1st Muslim Federal Judge in US History
- Jan 6 ~ Japan & Australia signed LANDMARK TREATY ~ Defense Agreement
- Jan 17 ~ PMIK ~ Pakistan Digital City Special Economic Zone ~ Haripur ~ Inaugurated
- Pakistan Navy assumed the Command of Maritime Combined Task Force (CTF-150) for 12th term ~ Jan, 20
- 25 Jan ~ MOU between Pakistan - KSA ~ Assistance in plantation of 10 billion trees across KSA
- Jan 18 ~ Robert Metsola from Malta ~ New Head of EU parliament
- Jan 21 ~ US SOS Antony Blinken & Russian FM Sergei Lavrov met in GENEVA.
- Jan 31 ~ Canada appointed Special Representative to Combat Islamophobia.






Feb, 2022

- Feb 01 ~ Amnesty International designated Israel as “APARTHEID STATE”
- Feb 03 ~ Israel signed 1st defense deal with Bahrain (1st such deal with Gulf countries)
- Feb 05 ~ a New Body was established ~ “THE FORUM OF ISLAM ~ by French Government
- Feb 07 ~ NATO Military Exercise ~ “WINTER CAMP” ~ Estonia ~ 62 KMs away from Russia
- Feb 07 ~ Senegal won 1st African Cup ~ Football
- Feb 08 ~ Gautam Adani ~ Richest Person of Asia
- Luc Montagnier ~ Won Noble Prize for Medicine ~ Discovery of HIV

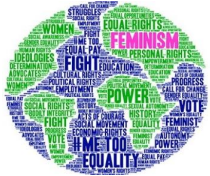
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- Current Prime Minister of Israel ~ Naftali Bennett
- Winter Olympics, 2022
 - The 2022 Winter Olympics
 - XXIV Olympic Winter Games
 - Beijing 2022
 - 4 and 20 February 2022
 - 109 Events
 - Paris, France ~ 2024 – Paris, France
 - Athletes 2834
 - Teams 91

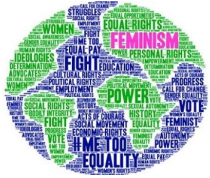
	Norway	16	8	13	37
	ROC	6	12	14	32
	Germany	12	10	5	27
	Canada	4	8	14	26
	United States of America	8	10	7	25

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- Rise-II is the name of 2nd Phase of WB Loan for Pakistan approved in 2019 ~ 8th Feb 2022 (Meeting)
- Russia drills in Belarus ~ 10 Feb, 2022
 - Foreign Minister Sergey V. Lavrov
 - Largest Deployment after Cold War
 - 10 Days Military Drills
- Biden releases half of \$7Bn frozen Afghan assets ~ 11th Feb, 2022
- Quad- 4 Foreign Ministers Meeting ~ 11th Feb
 - Melbourne Australia
- One Ocean Summit
 - France
 - 11th Feb, 2022
 - French President Emmanuel Macron initiated the three-day summit in the port city of Brest
- Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt
 - The 27th session of the Conference of the Parties
 - (COP 27) to the UNFCCC will take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
 - COP 27 was originally expected to take place from 8-20 November 2021. Now 2022

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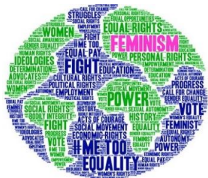
- While Islamophobia was growing in the West too, the situation was even worse in India: 12 Feb, 2022 **Noam Chomsky**
- Erdogan visits UAE to revive long-strained ties ~ 14th Feb, 2022
- Ravi the most polluted river in the world: **York University**
- Israeli President Rabin Visit to Turkey ~ 15th Feb, 2022
 - Israeli President Isaac Herzog
- Israeli navy joins US-led exercise with KSA and Pakistan
 - International Maritime Exercise (IMX), which kicked off on Jan 31.
 - The participants included Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Comoros, Djibouti, Somalia and Yemen who do not have diplomatic ties with Israel.
- ITFC approves \$1.2Bn for Pakistan ~ 22nd Feb, 2022
 - The International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), a member of the Islamic Development Bank
- Russia launches full scale invasion on Ukraine
 - 24th Feb, 2022
 - EU imposes severe sanctions on Russia (25th Feb, 2022)
 - India turns down US persuasion to vote against Russia (26th Feb, 2022)
- IK & President Xi meeting in Great Hall of People ~ 6th Feb

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- Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index ~ Pakistan placed at 8th place in category of world's least democratic places.
- Winner of HBL PSL 7 ~ Lahore Qalandars ~ 27th Feb
- PMIK visit to Russia ~ 23rd Feb
- FIFA's men player of the year ~ Robert Lewandowski ~ Polich
- Nusantara ~ New Capital of Indonesia
- Zara Rutherford ~ 1st women to fly solo around world ~ British-Belgian
- Karnataka Court ~ HIJAB not an ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF ISLAM.
- 16 Feb ~ Punjab & California ~ "SISTER STATES"
- 17 Feb ~ Hilal-e-Imtiaz ~ Bill Gates ~ Polio
- Feb 18 ~ Rs. 70 Commemorative Coin ~ Germany
- James Fulkner ~ Banned for Life in PSL ~ Australian
- "Suisse Secrets" ~ "Credit Suisse" Sarajevo based Organized Crime and Corruption Report
- Rehman Malik ~ Former Interior Minister ~ Feb 22 ~ Died
- Zahir Jaffer ~ Noor Mukadam ~ Death ~ Feb 24 ~ Local Court
- 24 Feb ~ US Federal Reserve Board ~ Imposed Penalty on NBP
- 17 Feb ~ HAMAS Delisted as Terrorist organization by AUSTRALIA

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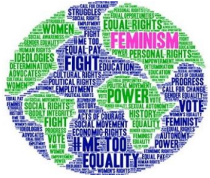


- G20 Meeting ~ Feb ~ Held in Jakarta
- 21 Feb ~ Khaled KHUBAB ~ 1st Israeli Muslim Supreme Court Judge
- Feb 21 ~ Donetsk & Luhansk ~ Recognized by Russia and Independent States
- MUSEUM OF THE FUTURE ~ Dubai ~ World's Most Beautiful Building ~ 22 Feb
- Climate Impact Report ~ 200 Nations ~ Approved on 27th Feb
- Feb 27 ~ JENS STOLTEN BERG ~ NATO Chief ~ 1st Time Deployed RAPD RESPONSEN FORCE
- EUROPE BIGGEST ECONOMY ~ GERMANY

Mar, 2022

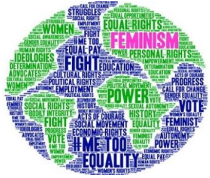
- 01 Mar ~ Pakistan Navy thwarted attempt of Indian Submarine ~ from entry in KALVARI
- 03 March ~ SHAVKAT MIRZIYPYEV ~ UZBEIK President ~ Visit to Pakistan
- Mar 3 ~ K3 Unit of 1100 MW Connected to National Grid
- PAK-USA Airforce Exercise ~ FALCON TOLON 2022 ~ IN USA ~ Concluded on 4th Feb
- Mar 07 ~ AHMED NAWAZ ~ 2nd Pakistani ~ PRESIDENT OF OXFORD UNION
- Mar 07 ~ Rafiq Tarar ~ 9th President of Pakistan ~ Died True
- 1st Ever NATIONAL GENDER POLICY FRAMEWORK (2021~26) ~ 8th March
- 11 March ~ Induction of J-10C
- Mar 03 ~ Donald Blome ~ Next US Ambassador to Pakistan
- Mar 04 ~ Shere Warsa Dead

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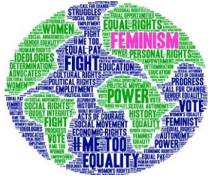
- Mar 04 ~ Winter Paraolympics ~ Beijing ~ Started
- Mar 04 ~ European Largest Nuclear Plant ~ Zaporizhzhia ~ Ukraine seized by Russian Forces
- Radwa Hemi ~ 1st Women Judge to Sit on Bench of Egypt's State Council
- Mar 05 ~ FATF placed UAE on Grey List
- Iran ~ Successfully placed military satellite ~ NOUR-2 ~ 8th March
- David Benneett ~ 1st Human with heart of a Pig ~ Died after 2 months of transplant ~ Mar-9
- Mar 10 ~ BJP gained majority in Uttar Pradesh ~ AAP gained majority in PUNJAB
- Mar 13 ~ ARBIL ~ Iraqi City ~ Iran Fired Missile
- Mar 15 ~ Karnataka Court ~ Ban on HIJAB
- Mar 15 ~ Russia announced sanctions against Joe Biden & Justin Trudeau.
- Turkmenistan ~ Gurbanguly Berdimuhmedow ~ Presidential Election Won ~ 15th Mar
- March 17 ~ Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan ~ Inaugurated Longest Hanging Bridge ~ on Dardanelles Strait (Canakkale Bridge) Distance between Asia and Europe only Six Minutes
- 18th March ~ Austria ~ Citizenship Act ~ Inequalities Correction because of Third Reich
- March 19 ~ \$42 billion Japanese Investment in India in next 5 years ~ Fumio Kishida
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- Fitch rating see Pakistan's economy expanding at 4.5pc (28th Feb, 2022)
- Pakistan remains neutral as UNGA censures Russia (28th Feb, 2022)

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- ICC Women World Cup 2022
 - Dates 4 March – 3 April 2022
 - Administrator(s) International Cricket Council
 - Cricket format One Day International
 - Tournament format(s) Round-robin and Knockout
 - Host(s) New Zealand
 - Champions Australia (7th title)
 - Runners-up England
 - Participants 8
 - Matches 31
 - Player of the series Australia Alyssa Healy
 - Most runs Australia Alyssa Healy (509)
 - Most wickets England Sophie Ecclestone (21)
- Javed Miandad ~ Included in PCB Hall of Fame ~ 19 March
- 20 March ~ Barrick Gold ~ Canadian Company ~ Reko Diq
- Waqar Younis ~ Included in PCB Hall of Fame ~ 23 March
- Pakistan Debt to DGP Ratio as per ADB ~ 88% (2021)
- Closure of COVID NCOC ~ 31st March

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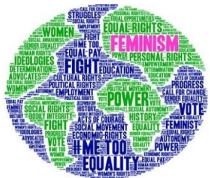
- Pakistan remains on the grey list as UAE also joins the club ~ 4th March, 2022
- Indian missile flew inside 100km inside Pakistan :ISPR (10th Feb, 2022)
- Finland the happiest nation, Afghanistan the unhappiest

Finland crowned world's happiest nation for fifth year



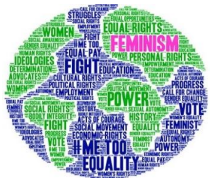
- India has been ranked 136 even below Pakistan (121), out of 149 countries in the list of UN World
- Assad's visit to ally UAE 19 Mar, 2022
- Thousands take to streets against Tunisian President
 - President Kais Saied
 - Country's independence day (20th March, 2022)
- Houthis unleash a barrage of drones, missiles strike on Saudi Arabia
 - 20th March, 2022
- The Islamic Development Bank approves \$180m for Mohmand Dam (20th March, 2022)

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- Egypt hosts UAE and Israeli leader for historic summit (22nd March, 2022)
 - Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh
 - Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi
 - Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett
 - UAE's de facto ruler, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed.
- OIC adopts 70 points Islamabad declaration (23rd March, 2022)
- Houthi attack on Jeddah oil depot triggers massive fire (25th March, 2022)
 - Saudi Aramco's key oil facility in Jeddah
- Pandemic pushes 90m in Asia-pacific into extreme poverty: UN-ESCAP Report
- Historic summit with Arab states to deter Iran: Israel (28th March, 2022)
 - US Secretary of State Antony Blinken
 - Talks bring together FMs of UAE, Bahrain, Morocco and Egypt on Israeli soil for the first time
 - Israel's Foreign Minister Yair Lapid
 - UAE Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan
 - Held in Sde Boker kibbutz in the Negev desert
- Istanbul Talks (29th Mar, 2022)
 - Russia-Ukraine talks in Istanbul

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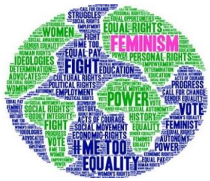
- US wants Pakistan to play its role in Afghanistan
 - Both attended Troika plus meeting on 31st march
- Assembly dissolved and crisis triggered in Pakistan (3rd March, 2022)
- Arooj Aftab became the first Grammy winner from Pakistan on 3rd May
 - Pakistani singer, composer, and producer based in the United States
 - "Mohabbat" at the 64th Annual Grammy Awards in April 2022.
 - She became the first-ever Pakistani artist to win a Grammy Award.
- 99pc of people around the globe breathe unhealthy air: WHO
- Moody estimates Pakistan's GDP growth rate to remain between 3-4 pc
- US aircraft carrier deploys off Korean peninsula
 - USS Abraham Lincoln strike group
 - Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group is conducting bilateral operations with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force in the Sea of Japan
 - 12th April, 2022
- Australia's Victoria state to host 2026 commonwealth games
- WB slashes Pakistan's growth forecast to 4.3pc (14th April)
- Mother of orphans, Bilquis Edhi died (15th April, 2022)
- Umer Gul ~ Afghanistan New Bowling Coach ~ 1st April

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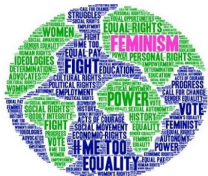
- Labour Force Survey 2021 ~ 1st April ~ PTI Govt ~ 5.5 Million Jobs in 03x Years
- Qasim Suri Rejected NCM on 3rd April, 2022
- Donald Lu (US Assistant SoS for South and Asian Affairs) ~ US Official ~ Alleged for Cipher Mantra
- Apr 7 ~ 5x members SC bench ~ declared Suri's ruling unconstitutional
- 9th April ~ 174 votes in NCM against IK (Ayaz Sadiq)
- 10th April ~ Shehbaz Sharif ~ 23rd PM of Pakistan
- Bilqis Edhi ~ Died on ~ 15th April
- 2nd April ~ India & Australia ~ Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement was signed
- Will Smith ~ Oscar Prize Winner ~ Slapped 'Chris Rock'
- April 7 ~ UN Human Rights Commission ~ Suspended Russian Membership
- Ketanji Brown Jackson ~ 1st Black Women US SC Judge
- 1st Paraolympics were held in UK
- April 16 ~ Raja Pervaiz Ashraf ~ Speaker NA
- April 16 ~ Hamza Shehbaz ~ CM Punjab (Oath NA Speaker)
- April 18 ~ sardar tanvir Ilyas ~ PM AJK
- Muslim US Congresswoman ~ Somaila born ~ Ilhan Abdullah Omar ~ Visited Pakistan ~ 14~17 April, 2022
- Lt. General Manoj Pande ~ Indian New Army Chief

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- April 20 ~ Russia ~ Sarmat ICBM
 - Kinzhal & Avangard Hypersonic Missiles
- Apr 20 ~ UK Court ~ Julian Assange ~ Wikileaks ~ Extradited to USA
- April 25 ~ Kane Tanaka ~ World's Oldest Person ~ Died at age of 119
- Siemens ~ 1st hydrogen powered train ~ 5th May
- The Kashmir Files ~ Controversial Indian Film ~ Banned in Singapore
- Saudi Aramco ~ May 12 ~ Became World Most valued Company ~ Overtaking Apple
- Andre Symonds ~ Died on May 15th
- Muhammad Zahid Akram Durrani ~ JUI-F ~ Deputy Speaker of National Assembly ~ 21st April
- Current Chief Justice of IHC ~ Athar Minallah
- Apr 22 ~ Dr Amjad Saqib ~ Akhwat ~ Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize
- Shari Baloch ~ Karachi University ~ Suicide Attack ~ 26th April
- Bilawal Bhutto ~ 37th FM ~ April 27 ~ Youngest
- PM Visit to KSA ~ 28~30 April
- Federal Shariat Court ~ Riba Judgement ~ 28 April
- World Press Freedom index, 2022 ~ Pakistan ~ 157 out of 180 countries
- Russia tests intercontinental nuclear-capable missiles (20th April, 2022)
 - Sarmat missile -- which is known in the west as the Satan II -- has a range of 11,000 km.

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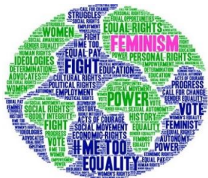


- Israeli warplanes strike Gaza after rocket attack
 - Rocket attack on 15th April, 2022
 - Warplanes counter strike on 21st April, 2022
- Bilawal becomes the youngest FM on 27th, April
- A female suicide bomber targeted a vehicle (26th April, 2022)
 - Karachi University's Confucius Institute
 - Killing three Chinese nationals and their local driver
- Riyadh and Ankara reset relations after Khashoggi killing- Erdogan's first visit after 2018
 - 2-day visit at Ankara
 - MBS arrived in Turkey on 22nd June to normalize ties after Khashoggi murder
- PM visit to Riyadh (28th April, 2022)

May 2022

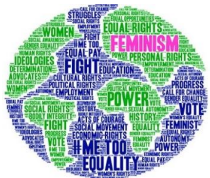
- PM visit to Riyadh (30th April, 2022) – 03x days trip
- Abdul Joshi ~ Mount Everest ~ 8849 meters ~ raised Pakistan Flag
- Former Foreign Minister ~ Sardar Asif Ahmed Ali ~ Passed Away on 18th May
- Current US Ambassador to Pakistan ~ Donald Bloom
- Salman Butt ~ Coach Singapore's National Cricket Team
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- May 29 ~ Muhammad Inam ~ Won Beach Wrestling Bronze
- Muhammad Balighur Rehman ~ Governor ~ Punjab ~ 39th
- National Assembly Delimitation ~ 342 to 336 Seats
- Climate Change ministry said that around **30 glaciers** are at risk of sudden flooding
- US secretary of state invites Bilawal to a food security meeting in UN headquarters on May 18th
- Sirbaz Khan on 7th may become the first Pakistani to climb 10 of the 14 highest peaks
- 10th May ~ restoration of NCOC
- May 14 ~ Global Land Outlook Report ~ UNCCD ~ Pakistan among 23 countries facing drought challenge
- Reforming the Government in Pakistan ~ Dr Ishrat Hussain Book
- May 17 ~ Finland parliament ~ Voted in Favor of Joining NATO
- May 18 ~ Finland and Sweden Officially Applied for Membership of NATO
- May 22 ~ Anthony Albanese ~ New Prime Minister of Australia
- May 22 ~ WHO Annual Assembly in Geneva
- May 23 ~ Joe Biden ~ Indo-Pacific Economic Framework in Tokyo
- May 25 ~ Yasin Malik ~ Life Imprisonment ~ Terro Funding Case
- May 28 ~ Russia Tested their Hypersonic Missile ~ Zircon
- May 31 ~ Israel Signed their 1st Free Trade Agreement with an Arab Country ~ UAE

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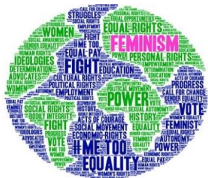


- Half of Afghanistan facing acute hunger: UN report
- Record \$3.1 billion remittances sent in April
- UN lists Pakistan among 'drought hit' countries: Global land outlook report by UN
- Muhammad bin Zayyad becomes UAE's new president on 15th May, 2022
- Biden heads to Seoul on 19th May, 2022
- Biden arrived in Japan on 22nd May, 2022
- UNESCAP puts Pakistan in a list of countries affected by War in Ukraine
- Biden vows to defend Taiwan if attacked by China (23rd May)
- Taliban sign pact with UAE on running Afghan airports (24th May)
- ADB announced projects worth \$2 Bn for Pakistan (27th May, 2022)
- Moscow carried out hypersonic missile test on 28th may
 - Northern Fleet in the White Sea
 - Zircon cruise missile in the Barents Sea
 - Successfully hitting a practice target in the White Sea
 - 1,000 kilometers (540 nautical miles) away.
- Indus water talks began in Delhi on 30th May, 2022.

June 2022

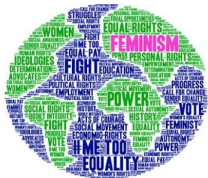
- 1st June ~ Pakistan 5th in Asia Hockey Cup

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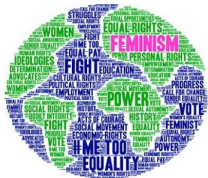
- 2nd June ~ 1st Plenary Meeting of the Stokhol+50 meetings on Behalf of G77 and China ~ Hosted by Islamabad
- Trophy of FIFA World Cup 2022 ~ Arrived in Pakistan on June 07 ~ Pakistan Qatar ~ Security + Football Manufacturer
- June 02 ~ Russian Plan was Seized in Srilanka
- June 17 ~ FATAF ~ Berlin Meeting ~ Pakistan Compliant on all 34 Points
- Fujina ~ Chinese biggest Aircraft Carrier ~ 17 June
- June 19 ~ Gustavo Petro ~ Colombia President ~ Member of M-19 Guerrilla Movement
- Most Livable City ~ Vienna ~ Economist Intelligence Unit
- 30th June ~ NATO Annual Summit ~ Madrid
- Israel and UAE signed a free trade treaty on 31st of May
- FIFA world cup to be held in Qatar from 21 Nov- 18 Dec
- North Korea takes over as UN disarmament president
- Moody's investor service downgraded Pakistan's outlook from stable to negative on June 2nd
- N. Korea fired 8 short range ballistic missile on June 5, just day after S Korea and US ended joint military drill
- US, Britain, France, and Germany submit a censure motion against Tehran to IAEA on 8th June
- Federal budget with an outlay of Rs. 9.5tr presented on 10th June, 2022

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- Under US sanctions, oil producers Iran and Venezuela sign 20 year cooperation plan on 11th June, 2022
- EU signs gas deal with Egypt, and Israel to end dependency on Russia on 15 June
- June 21 ~ Pakistan and Iran Agreement ~ 100 MW Electricity for Baluchistan
- June 24 ~ 10% Super Tax ~ On 13 LSMs
- June 26 ~ COAS ~ KSA Medal 'King Abdul Aziz Medal of Excellent Class'
- Ahmad Nawaz ~ APS Survivor ~ Became President of Oxford's Debating Society
- June 27 ~ Pakistan Signed \$107 million debt service suspension agreement with France (G-20 DSSI)
- June 28 ~ Country 1st Ever Hazardous Waste Management Policy
- June 30 ~ FIFA Lifted its ban on PFF
- First International Day to counter hate speech observed on 18th June
- Lifeline IMF deal secured on 21st June: revival of extended fund facility
- 6.1 magnitude earthquake hit Afghanistan on 22nd, June
- Modi to attend BRICS summit hosted by Xi Xing on 23th and 24th June
- South Africa to hold first hockey Men's Nations Cup (Nov 28- Dec 4)
- SBP gets \$2.3bn Chinese loan on 23rd June, 2022.
- EU grants Ukraine candidate status on the 23rd of June
- \$7.5 million Chinese assistance to reach Afghanistan on the 27th of June

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- Taliban seek more aid for earthquake victims, pledge noninterference with distribution
- Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa was conferred with the **King Abdul Aziz Medal** — the highest award of Saudi Arabia. On 26 June, 2022
- US unveils \$600 Bn G7 plan for global infrastructure to rival China's BRI. Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) on 26 June, 2022.
- India obstructed Pakistan's participation in 'High Level Dialogue on Global Development' hosted by China on the sidelines of BRICS summit on 27th June, 2022.
- Pakistan signed \$108m debt suspension with France on 27th of June under the G20 debt service suspension initiative
- Conference on how to restore the faltering health of global oceans kicked off in **Lisbon on 27th**, June 2022.
- Climate change will cost Islamabad \$26bn annually: UN (29th June Report)
- NATO meeting on 29th in Madrid declares Russia as the most significant and direct threat to allies and to peace and stability in Euro-Atlantic area.

July 2022

- Shaheen Sahn Afridi ~ Goodwill Ambassador ~ KP Police
- World Population Prospects 2022 ~ Un Report ~ By 2050 Pakistan Population shall increase by 56% ~ 366 Million

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- Global Gender Gap Report ~ WEF ~ Pakistan 145-146 in terms of gender Parity
- Sea Guardians 2022 ~ Pakistan and China Navies ~ July 15 ~ Shanghai
- Hamid Khan ~ “Comparative Constitutional Law: A Study on Principles of Constitutional Law”
- US-Taliban agree to stay engaged: two day meeting held on 29 and 30 June (Doha, Qatar)
- July 07 ~ Boris Johnson ~ Resigned as Leader of Conservative Party
- July 07 ~ G20 Ministerial Meeting ~ Bali Indonesia
- July 08 ~ Shinzo Abe ~ Japanese Ex PM ~ Died
- July 13-16 ~ Biden Visit to Middle East ~ Started from Israel
- July 15 ~ AIIB ~ Opened its Branch ~ Abu Dhabi
- July 17 ~ By-Polls in Punjab ~ PTI Won 15 out of 20 seats
- July 18 ~ Moin ul Haque appointed as new Ambassador in Pakistan
- July 18 ~ Israel’s Army Chief ~ Aviv Kohavi ~ 1st Visit to Morocco
- July 19 ~ Trilateral Summit ~ Putin + Erdogan + Bashar ul Assad (Russia + Turkey + Syria) ----
Summit on Syrian War
- July 19 ~ Sheikh Sabah al Salem Al Sabah ~ Appointed as New Prime Minister of Kuwait
- July 20 ~ 6-times Prime Minister of Sri-Lanka ~ Ranil Wickremesinghe ~ Won Parliamentary Vote to
become Sri Lankan President.
- July 21 ~ Droupadi Murmu ~ Woman from Indian Tribal Minority ~ 15th Indian President

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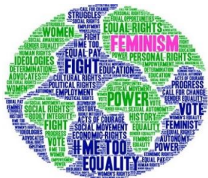
- July 23 ~ WHO declared Monkeypox ~ Global Emergency
- July 25 ~ POPE FRANCIS apologized on “EVILS” inflicted on indigenous people of CANADA.
- Henley Passport Index, 2022 ~ Pakistan Passport ~ 4th Worst ~ 196/199 Passports (Japan Topped the Ranking)
- July 21 ~ Aftab Sultan ~ Chairman NAB
- July 21 ~ Single National Curriculum Renamed as National Curriculum of Pakistan
- July 27 ~ New DG FIA Appointed ~ Mohsin Butt
- July 27 ~ ASIA Cup Shifted to UAE from Srilanka
- Europana Court of Justice is Located in Luxembourg
- July 29 ~ England’s Alex Yee Won 1st Gold of Commonwealth Games
- Elysee palace ~ Official Residence of President of France
- India shall groupon all Russian Mig-21s ~ By 2025
- July 29 ~ New Chairman HEC ~ Dr Mukhtar Ahmad
- \$48.66Bn gap between imports and exports in FY22 leads to massive trade deficit
- World’s Justice Project’s report on rule of law index 2021 ranked Pakistan at 130 out of 139 in adherence to rule of law
- Finland and Sweden sign to join NATO but need ratification (5th July, 2022)
- 85000 Climate refugees as Syrian floods (5th July, 2022)

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- EU freezes \$13.8bn Russian assets on 12th July
- Pakistan is second worst country for women: world economic forum -the global gender gap report 145/146
- Biden visited Israel on 13th of July
- Pakistan seals IMF deal as government eyes \$1.18bn tranche to begin recovery
- Pakistan is among a dozen countries in the 'danger zone': the big economic default
- Tokyo to host 2025 world athletics
- Fitch (Intl. rating agency) downgrades Pakistan`s economic outlook to negative on 19th July.
- China to host Asian Games 2023
- South Asian games to be held in Pakistan are moved to 2024
- Pakistan's passport is 4th worst in the world: Henely Passport Index for 2022
- Pakistan removed from child soldiers list (was placed in child soldier prevention list SCPA 2021) on 20th July.
- Education ministry renames single national curriculum as National Curriculum of Pakistan
- James Webb space telescope finds the oldest known galaxy that existed 13.5 bn years ago on 21st July.
- Records smashed as over a 100 climbers leave a mark on K-2 on 22nd July, 2022.

Key Extracts from Global & Local Leading News Reports



- Arshad Nadeem becomes first Pakistani to reach the javelin final at the world athletics championship on 23rd July, 2022.
- British climber went missing on K2 ~ 23rd July ~ Tom Ballard ~ mother died on K2
- British climber whose missing on Pakistan mountain Nanga Parbat
- UNHCR Report: 1.5 million Afghans chose to stay in Pakistan after US pullout
- Asia Cup shifted out of Sri Lanka to UAE on 28th July, 2022.
- US restoring Pakistan's category 1 safety ranking

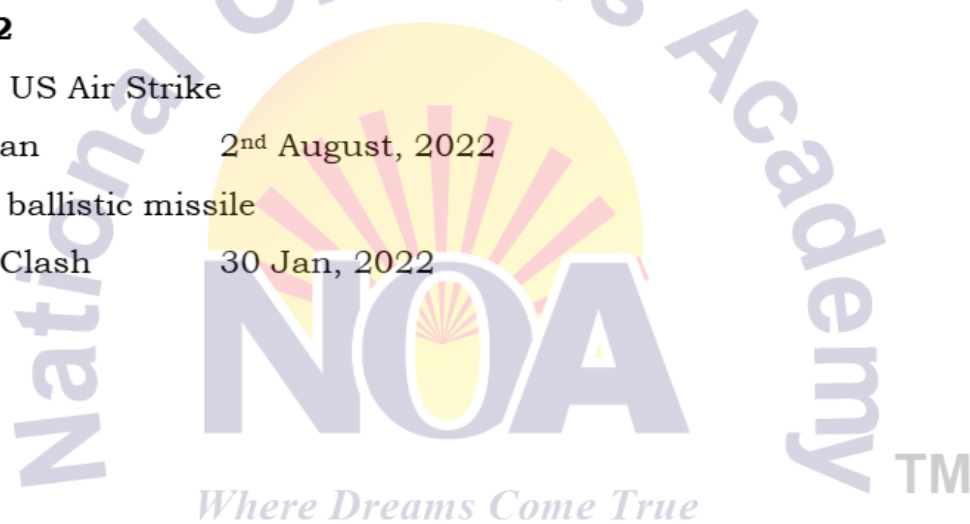
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- Aug 01 ~ Aug 2 ~ Heli Incidence ~ Lt general Sarfraz Ali ~ Core Commander 12 Corps ~ Quetta Core
- Aug 3 ~ China Rolled Over a Loan of \$2 billion
- Pakistan 1st Medal in Commonwealth Games 2022 ~ Shah Hussain
- Pakistan 1st Gold in Commonwealth Games ~ Nooh Butt
- 12 Corps new CC ~ Lt Gen. Asif Ghafoor
- Aug 07 ~ Gustavo Petro ~ Colombian President ~ Ex-Guerilla
- Aug 08 ~ TTP Commander Maulvi Abdul Wali aka Khalid Khurasani ~ Killed in Birmal Area of Afghan Province PAKTIKA.
- Aug 12 ~ COAS Chief Guest ~ Commissioning Course 213 ~ Royal Military Academy ~ Sandhurst.
- 12 Aug ~ Lt. General R Saijad Ghani appointed as 23rd Chairman of WAPDA.

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- Aug 15 ~ Syed Mehdi Shah ~ New Governor of GB.
- Aug 15 ~ Aung San Suu Kyi ~ 6-years imprisonment sentence on corruption grounds
- Aug 01 ~ 10th review Meeting of NPT ~ New York
- Ayman al-Zawahiri: Al-Qaeda leader killed in US drone strike
 - **31 Jul, 2022**
 - CIA Claim ~ US Air Strike
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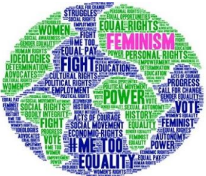
***Extracts from Recent Published
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Economic Reports Extracts

- Fitch Ratings has affirmed Pakistan's long-term rating at 'B-' with a stable outlook and economic growth rate at 4.5 percent in 2022.
- Pakistan is the 46th largest country in terms of economy.
- Pakistan receives approximately \$29 billion per year in remittances sent by non-resident Pakistanis.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank (WB) have estimated that Pakistan has to face \$3.8 billion loss yearly due to climate change.
- According to Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), 24 percent educated people are jobless countrywide.
- Pakistan ranks 110 out of 141 countries on the Global Competitiveness index.
- The report projects that Pakistan's economy will grow by 4 percent in 2022-23.
- The 'Global Risks Report 2022' has listed five risks facing Pakistan with top risk of debt crisis, followed by extreme weather events, failure to stabilize price trajectories, failure of cyber security measures and human-made environmental damage

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- In 2021, there were around 150,000 Pakistanis who are enjoying job opportunities in Doha, Qatar.
- Pakistan's growth expected to ease to 3.4 percent: WB
- The Economist has placed Pakistan at the fourth place among 43 countries with seriously high inflation rates.
- The size of Pakistan's informal economy is estimated to be as much as 56 percent of the country's GDP.
- Agriculture represents 21 percent of Pakistan's GDP and around 68 percent of the population is engaged in farming directly or indirectly.
- Since 1990, Pakistan's real GDP growth has averaged 4.2 percent. By comparison, South Asia has averaged economic growth of 6 percent over the same period.
- Structural vulnerabilities can impede growth in FY22: SBP
- According to a World Bank report, one-fifth of electricity is lost due to theft and poor infrastructure while other efficiency issues may be costing Pakistan about \$4.5 billion per annum.

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- Agriculture provides livelihood to two-thirds of Pakistanis and employs 39 percent of the total national labor force.
- Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector plays a key role in Pakistan's economy by contributing 40 percent to the nation's GDP and 25 percent to its annual export earnings.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) forecast Pakistan's economic growth rate at four percent for the current fiscal year (FY22).
- The public sector accounts for more than 90 percent of financing for sustainable development in Pakistan.
- In 2021, Pakistan gets 64 percent of its electricity from fossil fuels, with another 27 percent from hydro-power, 5 percent from nuclear power and just 4 percent from renewables such as solar and wind.
- Power generation capacity of Pakistan increased by 8.3% in year 2021-22.
- Local mobile phone production exceeds imports.
- By 2030, generation capacity of 57,204 MW will be needed by Pakistan to satisfy its power needs. Currently Pakistan is producing around 34,501 MW.

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- Government debt goes up by 11.5pc to Rs. 39.7tr.
- The Dasu hydropower project (DHP) includes the construction of a 4,320MW hydropower plant on the Indus River near Dasu town in Kohistan District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- The World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have jointly prepared a climate risk profile of Pakistan, which projects an increase in the number of people affected by flooding, with a likely increase of around 5 million people exposed to extreme river floods by 2035-44.
- Pakistan has declined to commit to net-zero emissions targets by arguing that the energy transition alone would require \$101 billion by 2030 and an additional \$65 billion by 2040 on account of completing the in-progress RE projects.

Reports on Political Affairs

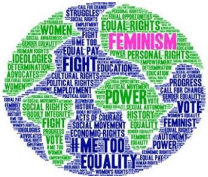
- National Renewable Energy Policy of 2019 aims to acquire a 30pc share of renewables in the energy mix by 2030.

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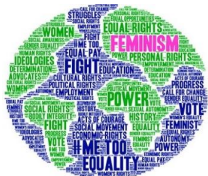
- 'Rule of Law Index: ranked Pakistan at an embarrassing 124th position out of 139 countries.
- The Pakistani passport has been ranked the fourth worst in the world for international travel for the third continuous year, with visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 31 destinations around the world, according to the Henley Passport Index 2022.
- Pakistan stifles dissent, India targets minorities: Human Rights Watch
- Mobile phone is the major source of information with 90.62pc of Pakistan's housing units having access to it, says Gallup big data analysis.
- In 2021, Pakistan has been ranked 153rd out of 156 countries on the Global Gender Gap Index, only one spot higher than Afghanistan in all the eight countries of South Asia.
- Pakistan is ranked 29 out of 150 countries for e-sport earnings, with 278 local players earning a combined total of \$4.78m.

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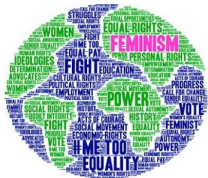
- According to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund's (UNICEF) estimates, of the 8.6 million girls enrolled at primary level in Pakistani schools, only 2.8m go on to acquire secondary education. The remaining 5.8m girls do not continue their education because of various domestic problems.
- Public opinion surveys, conducted by Transparency International Pakistan, have revealed that most of the respondents - over 90pc - think that inflation has been the highest under the PTI compared to the tenures of the opposition PML-N and PPP.
- According to latest reports, the Federal Investigating Agency (FIA) received a total of 102,356 complaints related to cybercrime in the year 2021.
- The government has chosen 84 out of a total of 212 state-owned enterprises for privatization, liquidation or retention in the public sector to meet a structural benchmark of the IMF as it moves towards revival of the suspended \$6bn loan programme.

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- According to reports, Pakistan plans that 30 percent of all new cars, trucks, buses, vans and jeeps, and 50 percent of all two- three- and four-wheelers will be electric vehicles by 2030. By 2040, 90 percent of vehicles on the road are envisioned as electric.
- Over 76 percent children in Pakistan receive full course of vaccinations under EPI: survey
- Around 69 percent of employees say corruption is widespread within businesses located in their country, according to a survey by Gallup.
- Argentina is planning to buy 12 JF-17A Block-III fighter jets from Pakistan, according to reports in the international media.
- Pakistan is maintaining a regular engagement with the Afghan Taliban for safeguarding the country's security interests: ISPR
- A recent report by Freedom House, the US-based watchdog that assesses democratic trends around the world, has placed Pakistan among the top 10 countries where digital freedoms are being curtailed

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- Increasing rural access from the current 61 percent to 75 percent will require \$76 billion by 2030.
- According to the leaked Pandora papers, Pakistanis are the fifth largest investors in property in London's most expensive neighborhoods. More than 700 Pakistanis have been named in the offshore affair.
- Pakistan, Nigeria and Indonesia will be among the biggest recipients of free Covid-19 vaccines before June - more than 10 million doses each - under the Covax scheme.
- As the number of registered voters climbs to 119 million, as many as 81 of the total 133 districts across Pakistan, have a gender gap of over 10 per cent.

Reports on Social Affairs

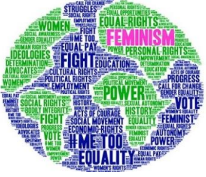
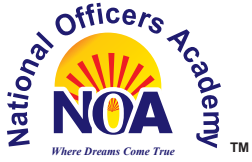
- According to the latest Gender Parity Index, at the current rate it will take 136 years to close the gender gap in Pakistan.

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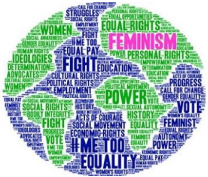
- According to the Pakistan National Human Development Report, Pakistan has one of the largest youth populations in the world, with 68 per cent of the population under the age of 30, and around 27pc between the ages of 15 and 29. Almost 30pc of youngsters are illiterate, while of the four million youth who enter the workforce each year, only 39pc find jobs.
- Pakistan is ranked 107 out of 118 developing countries on the Global Hunger Index.
- The current literacy rate of Pakistan is officially 62.3 per cent, which means that an estimated population of 60 million is illiterate in the country.
- In Pakistan, there are reportedly only 130,000 doctors for a population of more than 220m.
- Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) has reported that Pakistan is likely to approach absolute water scarcity by 2025.
- In urban areas, the availability of tap water inside housing units has decreased from 60pc in 1998 to 42pc in 2017, according to Gallup Pakistan's big data analysis.

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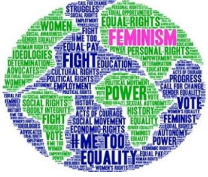
- Statistics show that Pakistan's per capita annual water availability has dropped to 1,017 cubic metres from 1,500 cubic metres in 2009, close to reaching the scarcity threshold of 1,000 cubic metres.
- According to the World Health Organization, nearly 20,000 people die by suicide every year in Pakistan.
- Pakistan is the fifth largest country in terms of population.
- The literacy rate is around 59 per cent in Pakistan; one of the lowest in the world. One third of the population lives in abject poverty.
- Pakistan is 154th among 195 countries in providing proper healthcare to our People.
- A 2020 UNDP report estimates that half Pakistan's youth is languishing, and not in any form of education, employment or training.
- Pakistan is among 36 water-stressed countries in the world since its gross water withdrawal is 74.4 per cent of the total renewable water resources.
- In Pakistan, tobacco claims over 170,000 lives every year.

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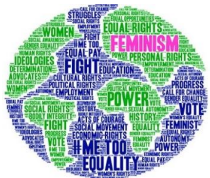
- It is estimated that about 50 million Pakistanis are suffering in silence from psychological issues, including depression.
- Various studies indicate that temperature in Pakistan has increased up to 0.76 degree Celsius during the last five decades, while it has risen up to 1.5°C in the mountainous areas during the same time period.
- According to a report by the Global Circulation Models, average temperature in Pakistan will increase from 2.5°C to 2.8°C by 2050, and it will rise more in the hilly areas.
- According to the Global Climate Risk Index, Pakistan is the fifth most vulnerable country to climate change.
- The Global Gender Gap Index 2021 has ranked Pakistan 153rd in terms of gender parity out of 156 countries.
- About 30 million tonnes of food is wasted in Pakistan every year, of which 50pc of edible food wasted is at consumers' level.
- According to the Global Climate Risk Index 2020, Pakistan is the fifth most vulnerable country.
- According-to global health rankings, Pakistan stands at 18 out of 183 countries in terms of deaths caused by heart attack.

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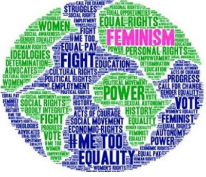
- According to a global report, 17 million deaths occur every year in the world, and 19pc of deaths in Pakistan are caused by heart attacks
- More than 21 per cent women of 20-24 years are married in Balochistan before reaching their 18th birthday whereas about 6pc are married before 15 years of age.
- South Asia Climate Change Action Plan 2021-25 states that the quality of life in Pakistan is set to decline by 4 percent to 5 percent by 2030.
- Pakistan faces 30-40 percent of water shortage currently.
- Gallup's big data analysis of Pakistan's 2017 census indicates that one in three males in Pakistan are illiterate.
- Pakistan is on the list of the 10 nations most affected by climate change in spite of its negligible contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.
- Over 50 million families survived during the pandemic under Ehsaas Programme.

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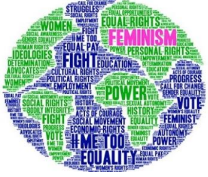
- According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), there are approximately 22.8 million 'out-of-school' children in the Pakistan.
- The temperature is apparently set to increase in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan region by 1.7°C to 6.3°C by the end of this century.
- Over 60 percent of the population in Pakistan is under 30, and 4.4m children are born every year, swelling the ranks of this demographic.
- The World Bank has said that climate change and natural disasters pose a major challenge to Pakistan's development, and an estimated 49 million people reside in areas that face the risk of a four-to-five percent decline in quality of life by 2030.
- According to UNICEF, around 22.8m children between five and 16 in Pakistan remain out of school. This is the world's second-largest out-of-school child population.
- The number of out-of-school children in Pakistan reached 18.7 million.
- Currently, 40 percent of the food in Pakistan goes to waste while 43 percent of our population is considered food insecure.

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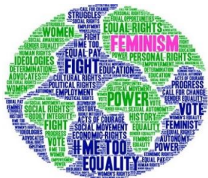
- The estimates for the number of premature deaths caused annually by pollution in Pakistan vary from 22,600 in the mid-2000s, to well over 300,000 as of 2015.
- According to the State of Global Air Report 2019, 47 percent of deaths from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are attributable to air pollution in Pakistan, in addition to 32 percent of deaths from lung cancer.
- In Pakistan, the number of females in the workforce is below 30 percent.
- Pakistan was ranked 80th on the Global Food Security Index of 2020 out of 113 countries as it lagged behind almost all South Asian nations barring Bangladesh, and several African countries.
- According to the World Food Programme, nearly 43 percent of Pakistanis are food-insecure. Of this number, 18 percent of people severely lack access to food.
- Pakistan has the lowest life expectancy in the region - 67.3 years. It has the highest infant mortality rate - 55.7 out of 1,000 live births in the region.

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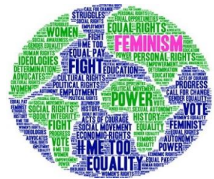
- Pakistan spends \$8.3 billion on food imports in FY 2020-21.
- The World Press Freedom Index listed by Reporters Sans Frontières (RSF) ranks Pakistan at an embarrassing 145 out of 180 countries and India at 142.
- According to media reports, around 14,600 healthcare workers have been affected by the coronavirus; 143 have lost their lives in the line of duty.
- With a population of 220 million and rising, Pakistan is currently the world's fifth most populated country.
- In Pakistan, according to Unesco, 22.8 million children, aged five to 16 years, do not attend school. The staggering figure equals 41 per cent of this age group in Pakistan.
- Around 40 percent of children under five years in Pakistan are stunted.
- Youth (aged between 10 between 24 years) constitute 30 percent of Pakistan's total population.
- In 1947, Pakistan had a population of around 36 million, today we are over 220 million, more than a six-fold increase. We have become the fifth largest country in the world, only after China, India, the US and Indonesia.

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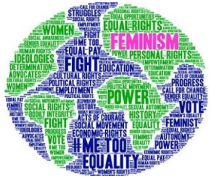


- Poverty incidence is estimated to have increased in 2019-20 from 4.4 to 5.4 percent in Pakistan.
- In 2020, 40 percent of the household suffer from moderate to severe food insecurity in Pakistan.
- Electricity consumption is expected to increase by 78 percent between 2019 and 2030, reflecting population growth and higher per capita consumption in Pakistan.
- According to the World Food Programme, nearly 43 percent of Pakistanis are food-insecure. Of this number, 18 percent of people severely lack access to food.
- About 16 percent of the uneducated population of Pakistan is unemployed while among the educated population, 24 percent of graduate are jobless out of whom 40 percent are female.
- Covid-19 and fiscal constraints have pushed the overall unemployment rate up to 9.56pc, according to the government's annual plan for 2020-21.

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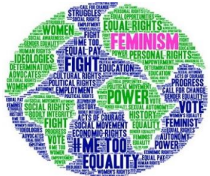
- Nearly 2.3 billion people live in water-stressed countries, which include India and Pakistan, says the latest UN report on the looming water crisis.
- Pakistan has become the third country in the world with highest number of diabetics as in the past two years the number of patients suffering from the medical condition has increased by more than 14 million, an international health body said.
- According to Human Rights Watch, around 1,000 women are killed on the pretext of 'honour' every year in Pakistan.
- The number of people worldwide with inadequate access to water stands currently at 2.3 billion, and will top 5 billion by the year 2050.
- 80 percent Pakistanis lack mental health facilities.
- The Asian Development Bank estimates that roughly a quarter of Pakistanis live below the poverty line.



Reports on Technology

- As per ITA, cellular mobile data usage in the Pakistan stood at 4,498 petabytes in 2019-20.
- Pakistan is among 15 countries where electronic e-waste dismantling and recycling is considered a major health hazard, says a UN report.
- Out of 205,40 universities equipped to teach online: HEC
- Despite Covid-19, Pakistani freelancers earned \$150 million in FY2019-20.
- PTA figures show that there are 186 million cellular, 105 million 3G/4G, 2 million basic telephony and 108 million broadband subscribers in Pakistan as in September, 2021.
- Pakistan has become exporter of 4G smartphones by sending first-ever shipment tagged 'Manufactured in Pakistan' to the United Arab Emirates.
- Pakistan needs more Nuclear-power plants to meet energy needs: CISS

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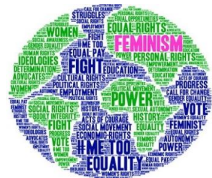
General Facts about Pakistan

- Sialkot, located in Pakistan, is the world's largest producer of hand-sewn footballs. Local factories in the region produce 40-60 million footballs a year, which is roughly 50-70% of the world's total production. The football manufacturing industry now consists of more than 200 factories.
- Pakistan is the world's first Islamic country to attain nuclear power.
- Pakistan has the highest paved international road -Karakoram Highway (KKH).
- Pakistan has the largest canal-based irrigation system in the world.
- Pakistan has the world's largest ambulance network. Pakistan's Edhi Foundation, which is also listed in the Guinness World Records, operates the network.
- Pakistan's estimated population was 207,774,520 in August 2017, making it the world's sixth most populous country, behind Brazil and ahead of Nigeria.
- The name Pakistan means 'land of the pure' in Persian and Urdu.

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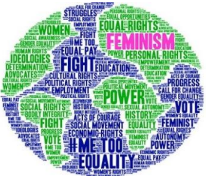
- Just two people have won the Nobel Prize from Pakistan. Malala Yousafzai for Peace in 2014 and Dr. Abdus Salam for Physics in 1979.
- Malala Yousafzai - defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls be allowed to receive an education. She was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012, but survived and went on to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Karachi, the largest city of Pakistan, is its financial hub as well as home to almost 17 million people. It also has a major seaport. Karachi was the first capital city of Pakistan post-independence and remained so until the capital was shifted to Rawalpindi in 1958.
- Sugarcane juice is the national drink of Pakistan. In Pakistan, it is also known as "roh."
- K-2 (Chagori) is the highest mountain peak in Pakistan and the second highest in the world.



INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY

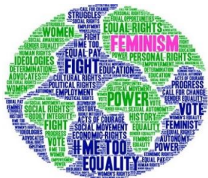
- The richest 10pc of the world control a whopping 76pc of the world's wealth.
- China's economy expanded at its fastest pace for 10 years in 2021, according to an AFP poll of analysts.
- According to the 2022 report, the world's least unequal place is Western Europe and the world's most unequal region is the Middle East.
- Oxfam's annual inequality report estimates that 21,000 people are dying every day owing to inequality - that is one death every four seconds.
- IMF predicts global economy to expand 5.9 percent in 2022.
- UN warns hunger is expected to rise in 23 global hotspots.
- The global scientific output could be more than 40 percent higher if talented youth had equal opportunities to nurture their abilities, says the IMP.

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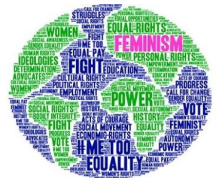
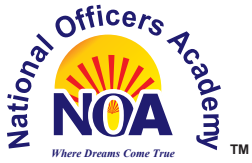
- The global debt hit a record level of \$281tr by the end of 2020, or more than 355 percent of global GDP and there is even more borrowing up ahead, states Bloomberg Business.
- The ILO's annual World Employment and Social Outlook report indicated that the planet would be 75 million jobs short at the end of this year compared to if the pandemic had not occurred.
- According to the data released by the Chinese state, 100 million people had now been lifted out of extreme poverty in China. This means that no one in China now lives under \$1.69 a day.
- In 2020, the inflation rate worldwide amounted to approximately 3.2 percent compared to the previous year. Statista
- Between 1988 and 2008, the poorest third of humanity saw their incomes rise by 40-70 percent, with those of the middle third rising by 80 percent.
- The proportion of people in extreme poverty declined by more than half between 1990 and 2015, as did the number of children dying before the age of five.
- Over the past 50 years, while the world population has almost tripled to more than 7 billion, global GDP has expanded six fold.

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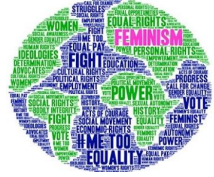
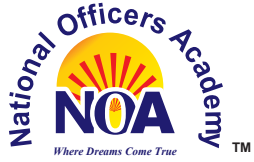
- More than 124 million children and young people are lacking access to schools.
- 263 million children and young people around the world are out of school.
- According to the IMF, the cost of bribery is roughly 2 percent of global GDP (roughly \$1.56 Trillion).
- The 60 fastest-growing sustainable market opportunities together could generate business revenues and savings worth more than US\$12 trillion by 2030.
- These 60 Global Goals opportunities could together create more than 380 million new jobs by 2030.
- There are 800 million undernourished people and 2 billion suffering from micronutrient deficiencies.
- Reducing food waste in the value chain could be worth US\$155-405 billion a year by 2030.
- Deforestation and forest degradation accounts for 17 percent of global emissions, more than transport.
- Forest ecosystem services could generate US\$140-365 billion a year by 2030.

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- Out-of-pocket healthcare payments push around 5 percent of households in low-income countries below the poverty line each year.
- Millennials are over 5x more likely to stay at a company where they feel a strong purpose.
- Nearly 20 billion devices are now connected to the internet.
- About 55 percent of children working in the Pakistan's agriculture are subject to forced labour.
- The total estimated infrastructure investment needs across the global economy amount to US\$90 trillion over the next 15 years, or approximately US\$6 trillion per year.
- Today 20-40 million workers are trapped in forms of modern slavery.
- Between 1988 and 2008, the poorest third of humanity saw their incomes rise by 40-70 percent, with those of the middle third rising by 80 percent.
- Over 750 million people still lived in extreme poverty.
- 168 million children are involved in child labour, half of whom are in hazardous work.

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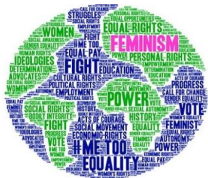
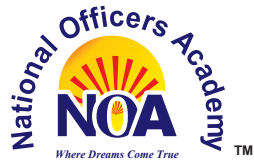


- Global unemployment today stands at 5.8 percent, or 200 million people worldwide.

REPORTS ON COVID-19 AND ITS GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS

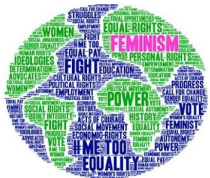
- Pandemic pushed 500 million people into poverty: WHO
- Pandemic led to spike in mental health problems: study
- In 2020, as the pandemic swept across the world, giving by individuals went up substantially, with Americans donating \$471bn, a 5pc increase from 2019 levels, notes MIT Sloan Management Review.
- The IMP has approved a fourth round of debt relief for 24 poor nations including new recipients Lesotho and Kyrgyzstan to help them weather the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The global death toll from Covid-19 topped five million, less than two years into a crisis that has not only devastated poor countries but also humbled wealthy ones with first-rate health care systems.
- Italy's life expectancy drops 1.2 years over COVID.

Fact Sheets



- School closure has badly hit learning process: UNICEF
- Covid-19 pandemic far from over, says WHO
- World Bank has forecast that in 2021, 150 million more people could fall into abject poverty worldwide owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The WHO recommends that governments spend at least 6 percent of their GDP on health.
- China disease expert says COVID-19 origins probe should shift to US Global Times.
- Amid pandemic, number of people forced to flee homes has risen, says UN.
- Over 3.25 billion COVID-19 vaccine shots administered worldwide.
- Delta spreads 'like wildfire' as variant's severity, baffles disease experts.
- With over 1.5 billion learners impacted worldwide due to school closures in 192 countries, due to the educational crisis caused by Covid-19.

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TECHNOLOGY

- As of January 2021, there were 4.66 billion active internet users worldwide - 59.5 percent of the global population. Of this total, 92.6 percent (4.32 billion) accessed the internet via mobile devices.
- There are over 570 websites created every minute adding up to a total almost 1.8 billion websites since 1991.
- Google gathers over 3.5 billion searches per day and up to 1.2 trillion searches per year.
- Over 90 percent of the world's data were created only in the last couple of years.
- The worldwide spending on technology has reached \$3.4 billion. This is based on every household and business spending money on new gadgets and tech, including phones, tablets, computers, and more.
- Because of COVID-19, 76 percent of businesses are planning on long-term IT changes. 34 percent of people map out their "to-do lists" on paper. Only 22 percent use online tools, 18 percent use a calendar on their phones, 17% use project management systems, and the last 9 percent use other methods.

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- 63 percent of the population has missed a message or important information that went into another colleague's inbox when that person was away on vacation or absent.
- 74 percent of potential or existing clients stop dealing with a company or firm because of disorganization. These customers tend to move to their direct competitors.
- 92 percent of the people had to repeat a piece of information to two or more people in an organization.
- In an organization, 85 percent of the people find it annoying when having to repeat information when working with other businesses.
- 95 percent of people think that those businesses they deal with could improve their communication and management.
- Leadership communication is the top internal communication factor that correlates to engaged employees statistically.
- Corporate employees spend 25 percent of their workday doing various email-related tasks.

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- 4 out of 5 employees believe that better internal business communications help their performance.
- One of the biggest challenges of working with remote employees is the language barrier.
- 60 percent of companies do not have any long-term plans and strategies for internal communication.
- Based on all the communications statistics on this list, good communication almost always leads to the betterment of the company and the performance of the employees.
- 61 percent of companies are planning to switch to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone systems in the next few years.
- An average internet user spends 6 hours and 42 minutes on the internet on a daily basis.
- 48 percent of internet browsing is spent on a mobile device like a smartphone or tablet.
- There are 3,511.41 secure internet servers in one million people globally. The average cost of a malware attack on companies is 2.4 million dollars.
- The average time to resolve a malicious attack is 50 days.

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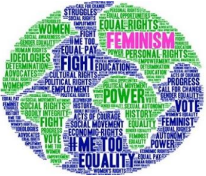


- Security breaches average at 130 each year.
- There are 615 million devices equipped with ad blockers globally, and 90 percent of those devices are from people in Asia, based on the reports.
- 80 percent of Americans use at least one ad-blocking method, whether it is an app or something on the phone settings. In North America, 50 percent of the entire adult population uses two ad blockers for their devices.
- People use ad blockers because of irrelevant and annoying ads, and the penetration rate is now at 27 percent in 2017 and projected to double in the following years.

FACTS ABOUT GLOBAL TOURISM INDUSTRY

- Global Tourism Industry is the largest industry with a global economic contribution of US\$ 7.6 trillion.
- China remains world's top tourism spender with US\$ 261 billion.

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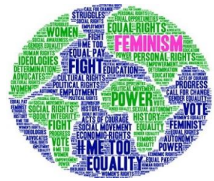
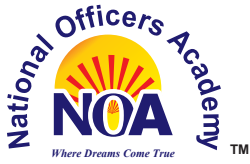


- One-tenth jobs are supported by Tourism industry across the world, i.e. 9.9 percent of global employment.
- Among all the cities of the world, Tourists splash highest amount of Cash of US\$ 28.50 billion in Dubai.
- Total International Tourist Arrivals in 2019 were 1535 million.
- Amongst emerging travel hotspots, Osaka in Japan is the world's fastest growing destination.
- In 2017, travel and tourism directly supported 118,454,000 jobs, i.e. 3.8 percent of total employment.
- Travel & Tourism investment in 2019 was US\$ 913.4 billion, or 4.5 percent of total investment.

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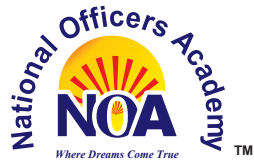
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- The percentage of remote workers in the United States jumped from 31 percent to 62 percent in just three weeks because of the Covid-19 pandemic. That is double the amount of the previous number.
- 6 out of 10 students have used a digital textbook.
- Over 44 million students or 96 percent of public schools have computers and access to the internet.
- Businesses will increase their cloud-based services and decrease their hardware spending in 2021.
- 44 percent of businesses are planning or already accelerated their digital transformation, due to COVID-19.
- 30 percent of businesses plan to develop training campaigns for hiring and training remote employees.

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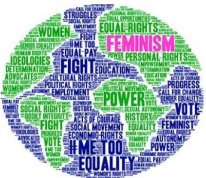


- 32 percent of businesses plan to connect their employees using secure, standardized, and easy-to-use platforms.
- As of 2020, an estimated 3.6 billion people are using social media in the entire world.
- It is projected that worldwide social media usage would increase to almost 4.41 billion by 2025.
- The Total amount of data has reached 59 zettabytes in 2020.
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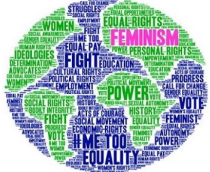
- TIP still active with up to 5,000 fighters: UN
- According to the UN, over 377,000 people have died due to the conflict in Yemen - 70pc of them children.
- 2,000 children recruited by Yemen's rebels died fighting: UN
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- In 2020, Afghanistan ranked first on the global terrorism index with a score of 9.59 points; making it the country most affected by terrorism on Earth. In conclusion, with the ranking, Afghanistan suffered from the most terrorist attacks in 2019, with 1,750 attacks and the most fatalities from terrorist attacks, with 9,681.
- The costs of war project's latest estimates hold that 897,000 to 929,000 people have been killed during the wars.
- In 2017, an estimated 26,445 people died from terrorism globally.
- Over the past decade, terrorists killed an average of 21,000 people worldwide each year.
- The global death toll from terrorism over the past decade ranged from 8,000 in 2010 to a high of 44,000 in 2014.
- In 2017, terrorism was responsible for 0.05 percent of global deaths.
- Terrorism tends to be very geographically-focused: 95 percent of deaths in 2017 occurred in the Middle East, Africa or South Asia.

Fact Sheets



- Between 1989 and 2008, more than 47,000 people were killed in separatist violence, according to the Indian government. Some human rights groups and nongovernmental organizations say the death toll is higher.
- The Line of Control separates Indian and Pakistani-controlled parts of Kashmir.
- India-controlled: One state, called Jammu and Kashmir, makes up the southern and eastern portions of the region. Srinagar is the summer capital city. Jammu (city) is the winter capital.
- China-controlled: One area called Aksai Chin in the northernmost part of the region.

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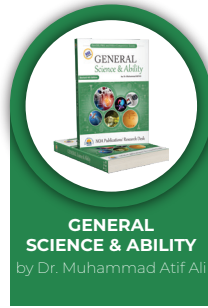
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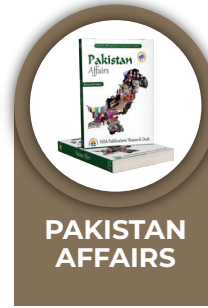
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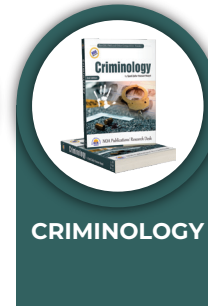
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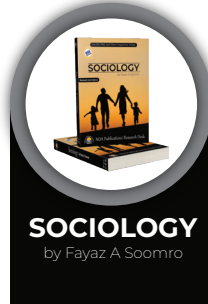
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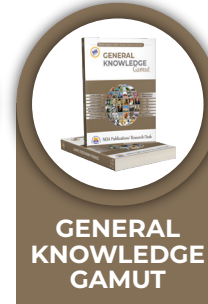
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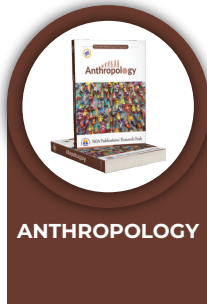
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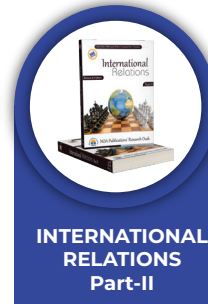
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