



# **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**FOR**

## **SCREENING TEST - 2023**

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# Course Introduction

**Nuts & Bolts of Screening Test (Current Affairs)**



## 1. Understanding Rules

**MPT will  
be a  
knowledge  
based test.**

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. Course Areas

### I. Pakistan's Domestic Affairs (20 marks)

- Political
- Economic
- Social

### II. Pakistan's External Affairs (40 marks)

- Pakistan's relations with its Neighbors (India, China, Afghanistan, Russia)
- Pakistan's relations with the Muslim World (Iran, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Turkey)
- Pakistan's relations with the United States
- Pakistan's relations with Regional and International Organizations (UN, SAARC, ECO, OIC, WTO, GCC)

### III. Global Issues (40 marks)

- International Security
- International Political Economy
- Human Rights
- Environment: Global Warming, Kyoto Protocol, Copenhagen Accord
- Population: world population trends, world population policies
- Terrorism and Counter Terrorism
- Global Energy Politics
- Nuclear Proliferation and Nuclear Security
- Nuclear Politics in South Asia
- International Trade (Doha Development Round and Bali Package)
- Cooperation and Competition in Arabian Sea, Indian and Pacific Oceans.
- Millennium Development Goals, Current Status
- Globalization
- Middle East Crisis
- Kashmir Issue
- Palestine Issue



### 3. Marked Areas

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

## 4. Course Structure

**Issue Based  
Prep**

**Leading  
Leads**  
(01 Jan~15 Aug,  
2022)

**Fact Check**

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## **Section-I ~ 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.



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# 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



Catalysing private sector investment



Good governance and transparency



Security focused



Equal partnerships



Green and clean infrastructures



## 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

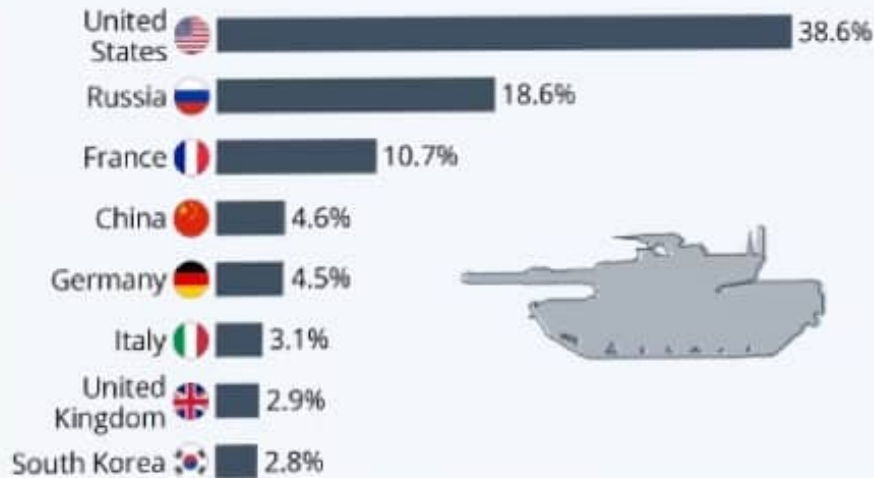


**Announced on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021**

# Global Arms Sales (Exporters vs. Importers)

## The World's Biggest Arms Exporters

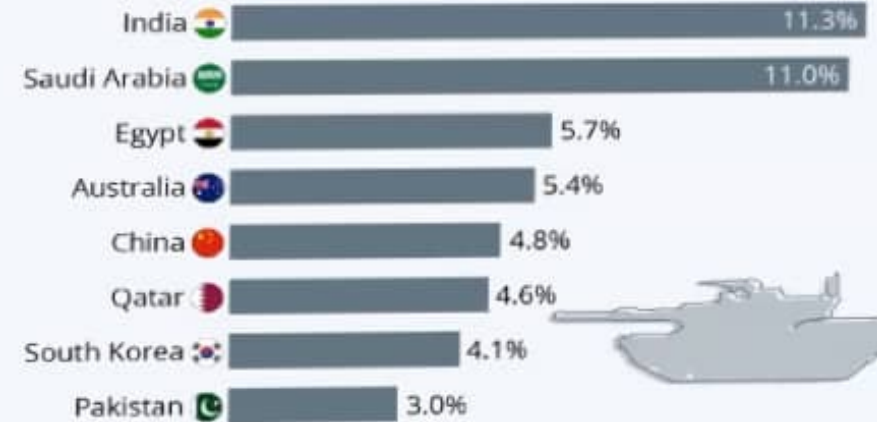
Countries responsible for the biggest shares of global arms exports from 2017 to 2021



Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

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# OIC Summit

OIC- Organization of the Islamic Cooperation

It was founded in **1969**

First OIC Charter Adopted in **1972**

Number of Member Countries **57**

Founding Members **30**

Key Bodies of OIC:

- 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.

**50<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## 2 Summits

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**22~23 March 2022 ~48th Session of council of FMs**

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Al-Quds Committee

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# COP 26



**UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE UK 2021**

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The world's most important gathering of 2021



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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 3,885 Media). The most attended of any COP



4

117 Parties Attending



5

120 World Leaders attended the World Leaders' Summit



6



7 main Glasgow venues used

7

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



8

233k hits to Get Ready Glasgow website



9

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



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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 @ Anderson Station mural, Create4Glasgow.com and the Weir Forest



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12004 volunteer applications 895 people accepted a volunteer role



13

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



13

COP26 achieved ISO 20121: 2012 sustainability certification



14

COP26 was carbon neutral - it was the first event to achieve validation via the PAS 2090 international standard



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



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



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



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



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



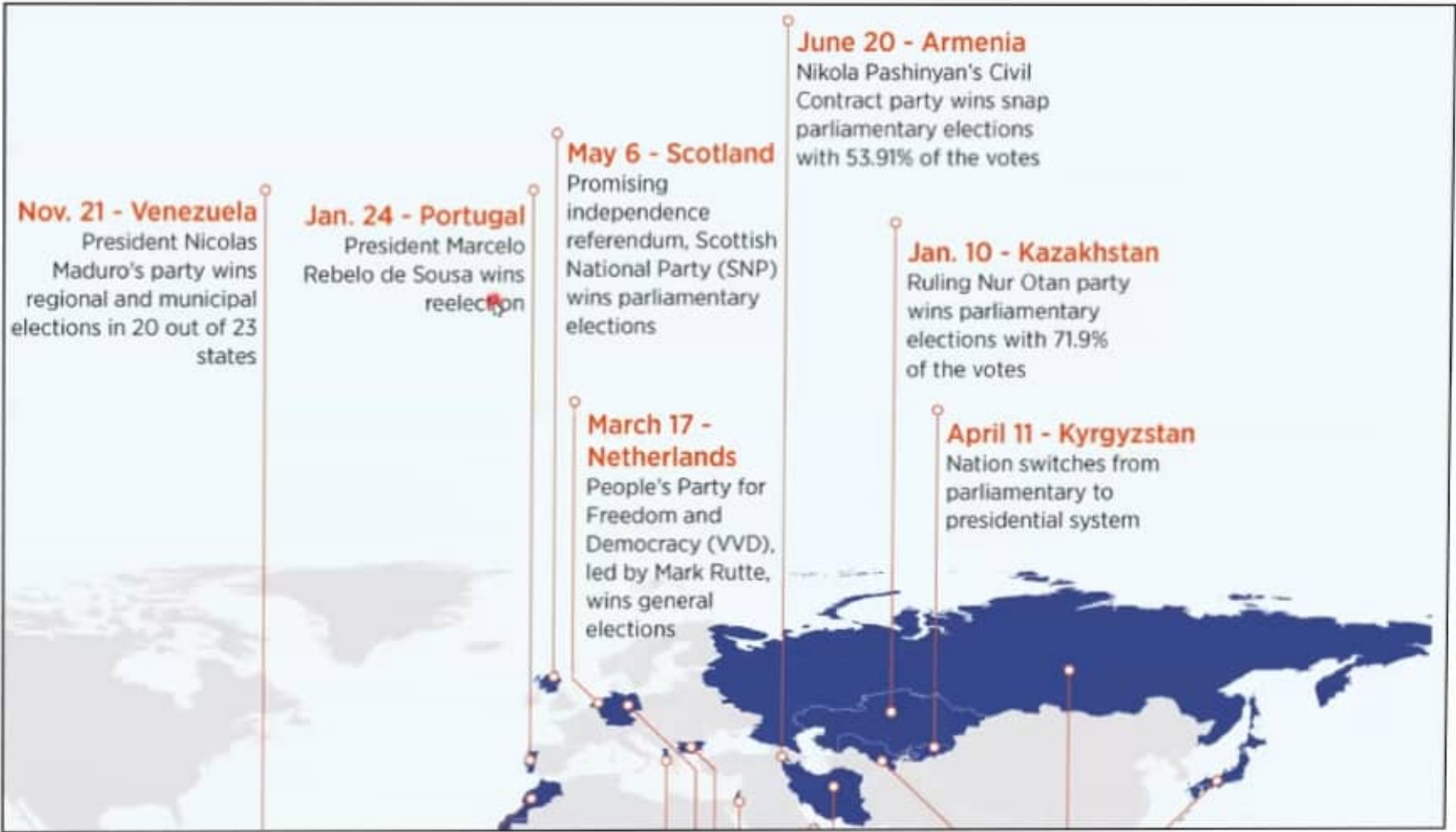
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1 Glasgow Climate Pact agreed



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# 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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

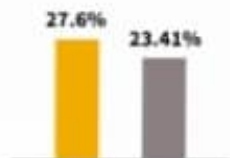
Lower VAT to 5.5% on electricity, gas and fuel

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



**7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**



# Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change Report

- Feb 28
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment
- “Irreversible Losses”

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

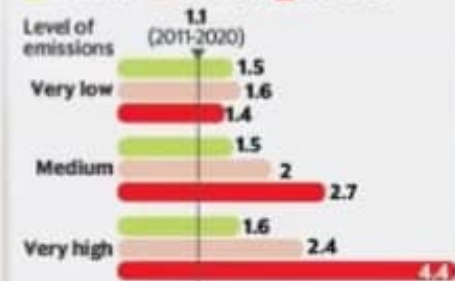
### Target zero

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



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



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



**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



### 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.

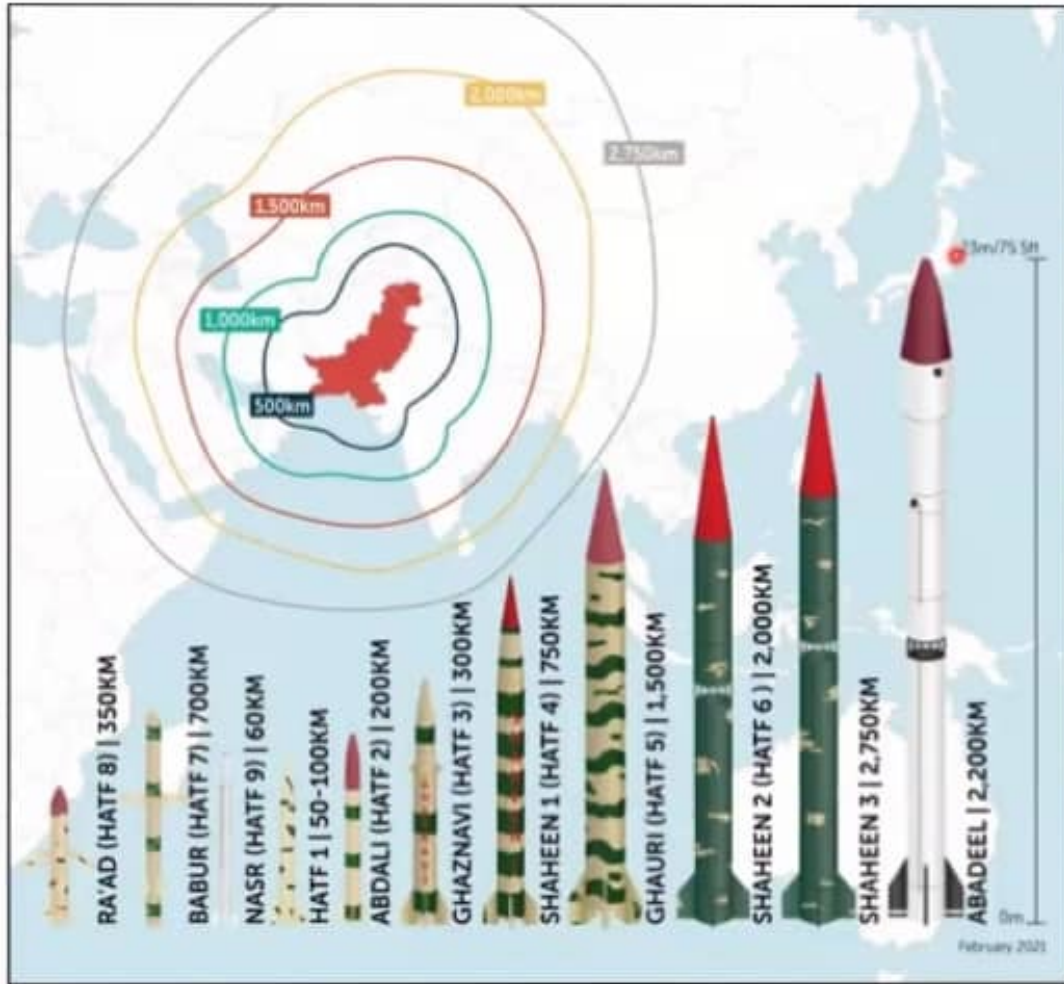


### Weather and Climate Extremes

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.**



# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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



 <b>SHAHEEN SHAH AFRIDI</b> SIR GARFIELD SOBERS TROPHY FOR ICC MEN'S CRICKETER OF THE YEAR	 <b>SMRITI MANDHANA</b> RACHAEL HEYHOE TROPHY FOR ICC WOMEN'S CRICKETER OF THE YEAR			
 <b>JOE ROOT</b> ICC MEN'S TEST CRICKETER OF THE YEAR	 <b>BABAR AZAM</b> ICC MEN'S ODI CRICKETER OF THE YEAR	 <b>LIZELLE LEE</b> ICC WOMEN'S ODI CRICKETER OF THE YEAR	 <b>MOHAMMAD RIZWAN</b> ICC MEN'S T20 CRICKETER OF THE YEAR	 <b>TAMMY BEAUMONT</b> ICC WOMEN'S T20 CRICKETER OF THE YEAR
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## 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 1OJK.**
- **“Weaponized Rape” by the Indian Occupation Forces**





# 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



Passenger train  
Passenger service will be launched after the freight train

## 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

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## PNS Tughril



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

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## US Competes Act

# The House Passes the America COMPETES Act

February 4, 2022



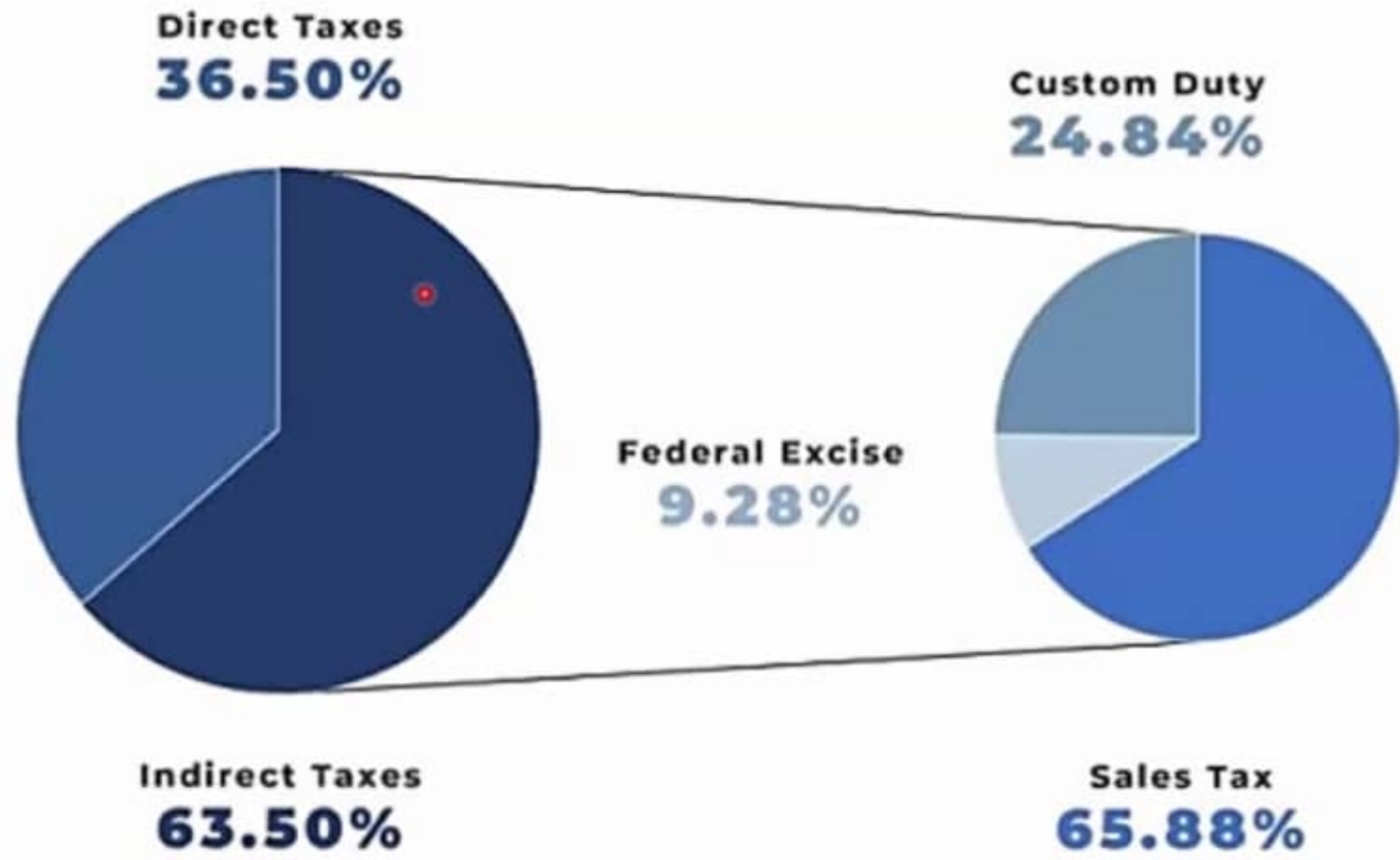
WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the America Creating Opportunities for Manufacturing Pre-Eminence in Technology and Economic Strength (America COMPETES) Act. This bipartisan legislation will increase U.S. production of semiconductor chips, strengthen the supply chain to make 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 *Combatting 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.

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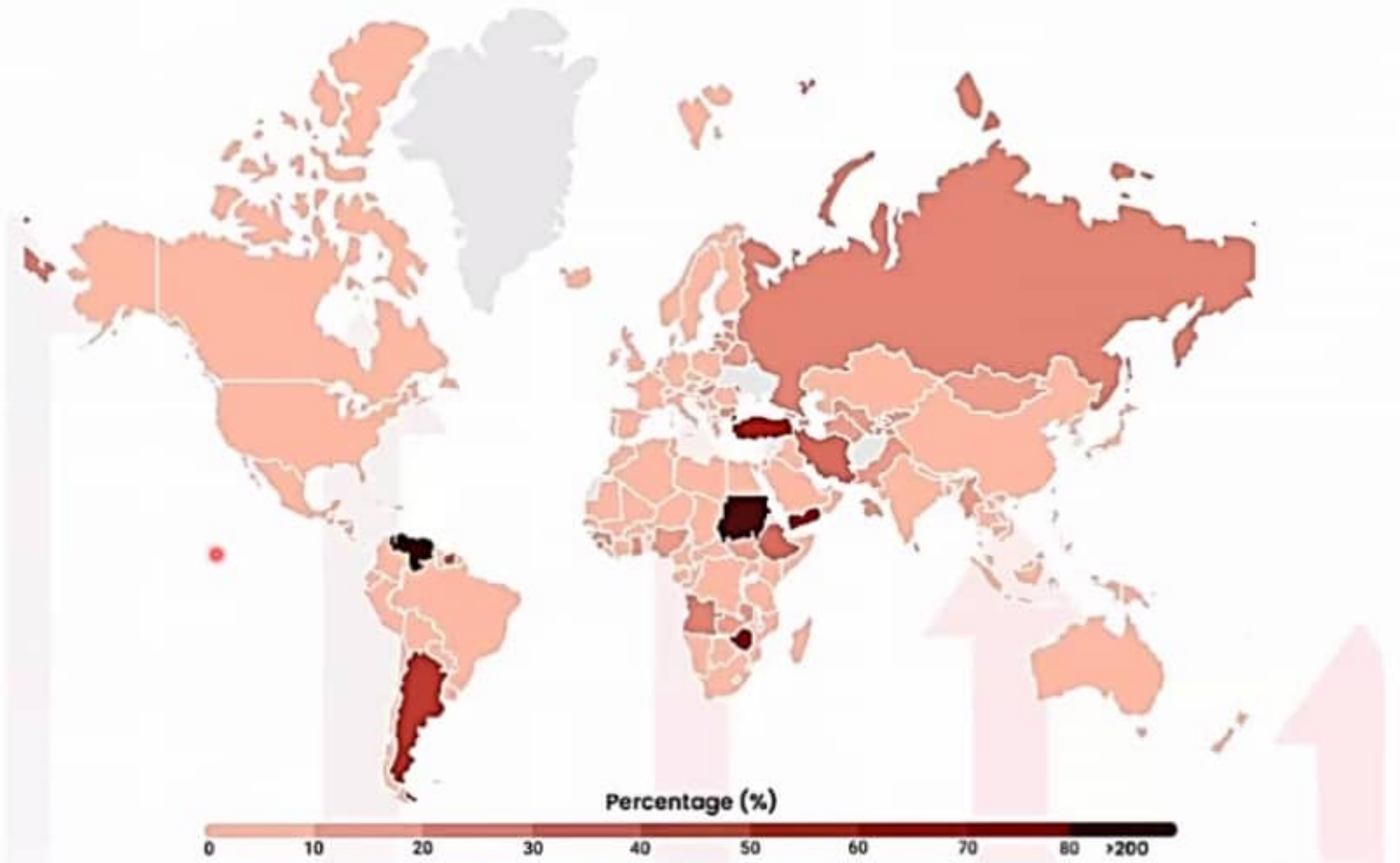


# Direct vs. Indirect Taxation in Pakistan



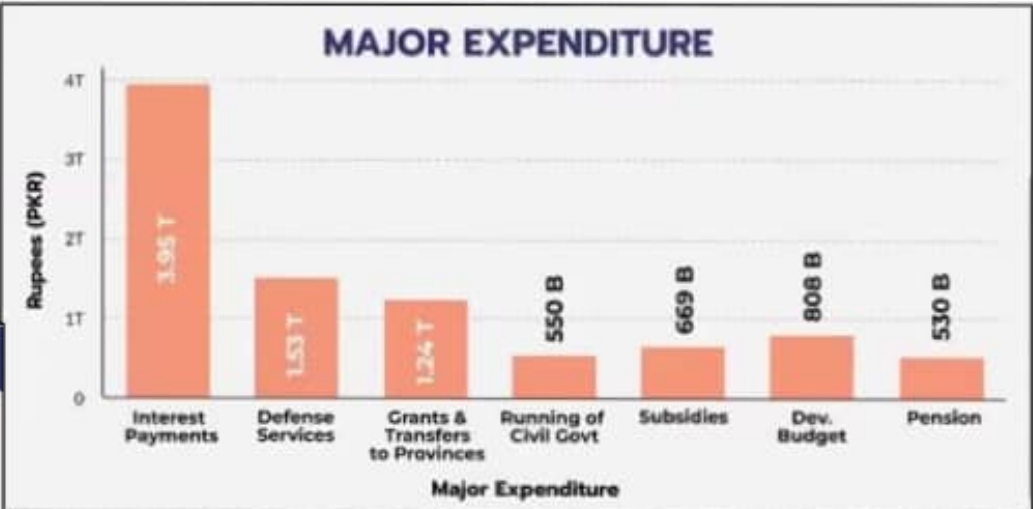
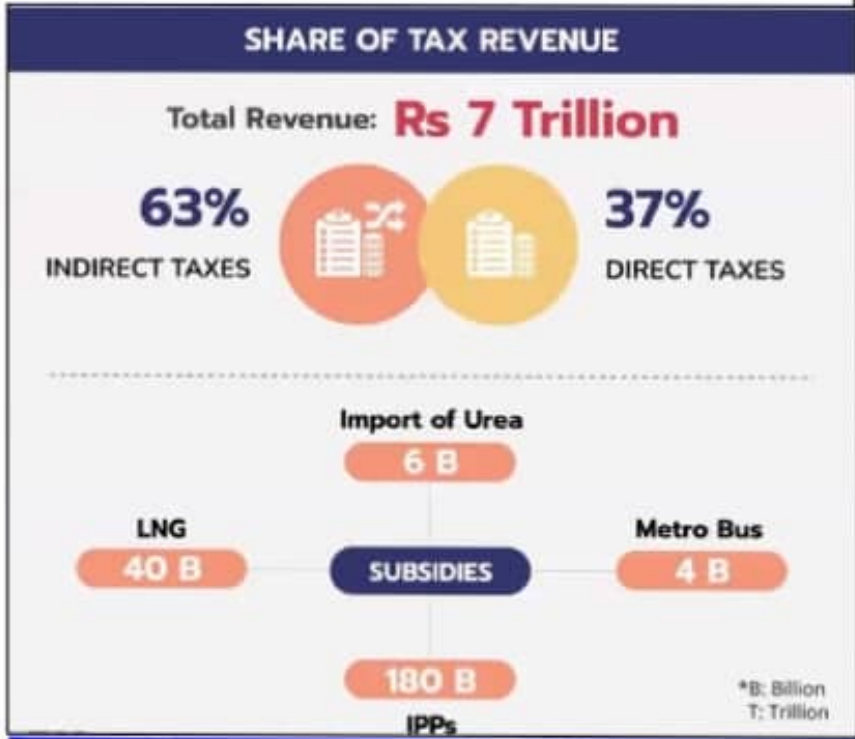


# Rise in Global Inflation, 2022



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# Budget 2022~23 Review



# 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  
Catholic priest arrested for alleged hate speech against the prime minister and home minister



### Curbing the Freedom of Expression of Media Personnel

Journalists' **Twitter accounts were blocked** who covered the protests against agricultural reform laws  
Manipur police **arrested social activist** for a Facebook post critical of a BJP leader  
**3 Muslim Journalists & 3 Muslim Congress leaders** charged for "stoking communal unrest" by posting video footage of the assault of an elderly Muslim man by UP police

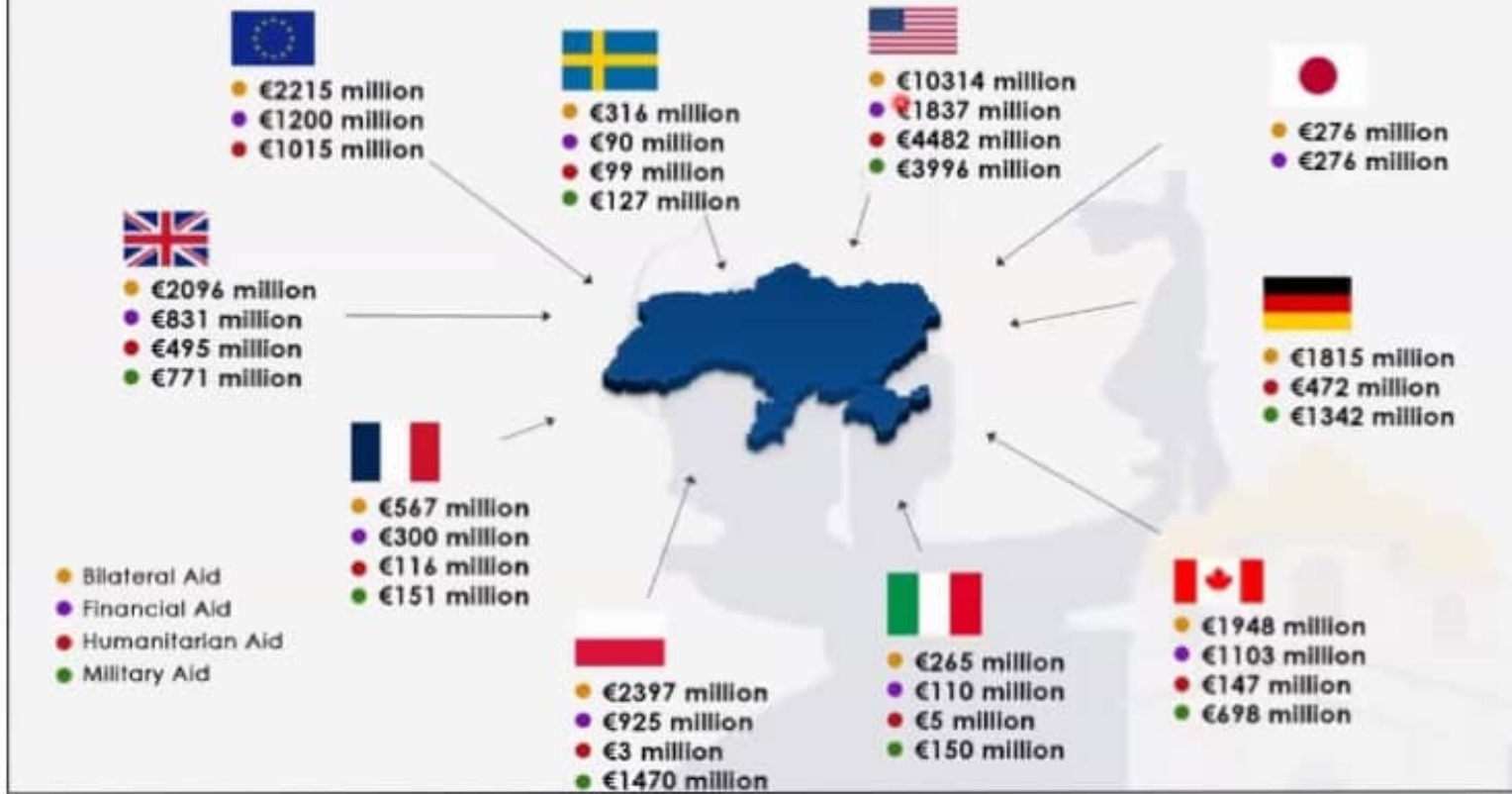


# Aid Given to Ukraine



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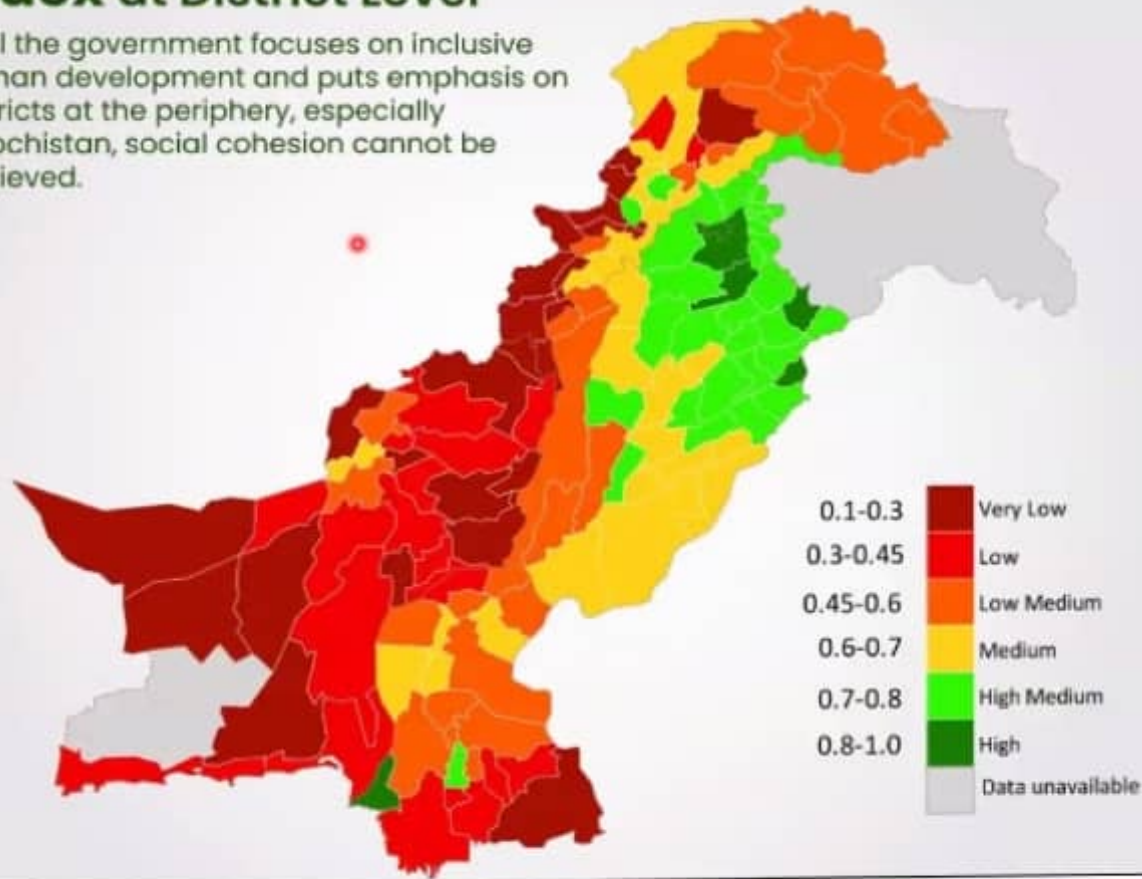
This shows a breakdown of top 10 countries sending aid to Ukraine before US congress approved the \$40 billion spending bill



# 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



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# 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 5

- 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**
  - 20,800 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



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# 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	Matlari 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**
- **Hydro = 1**

- **Wind = 4**
- **Transmission Line = 1**

# 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 (Total)

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





# Energy Projects of CPEC



**Power Projects**

- Coal
- Wind
- Solar
- Hydro

○ Operational  
○ Under Implementation  
○ In-Pipeline



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# Infrastructure Projects of CPEC



#	Project Name	Length (KM)
<b>Completed Projects</b>		
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
<b>Under Construction Projects</b>		
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

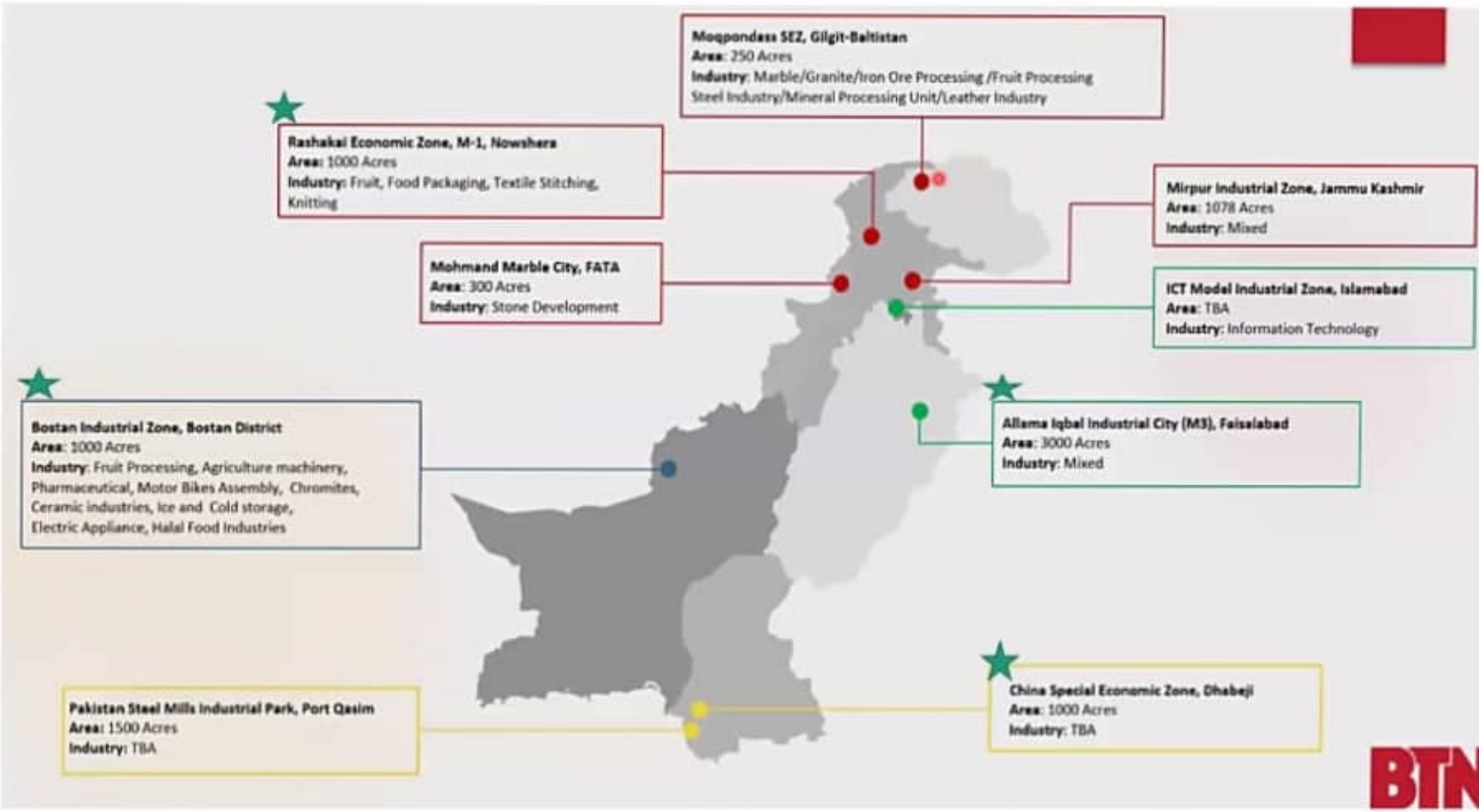


# Infrastructure Projects of CPEC

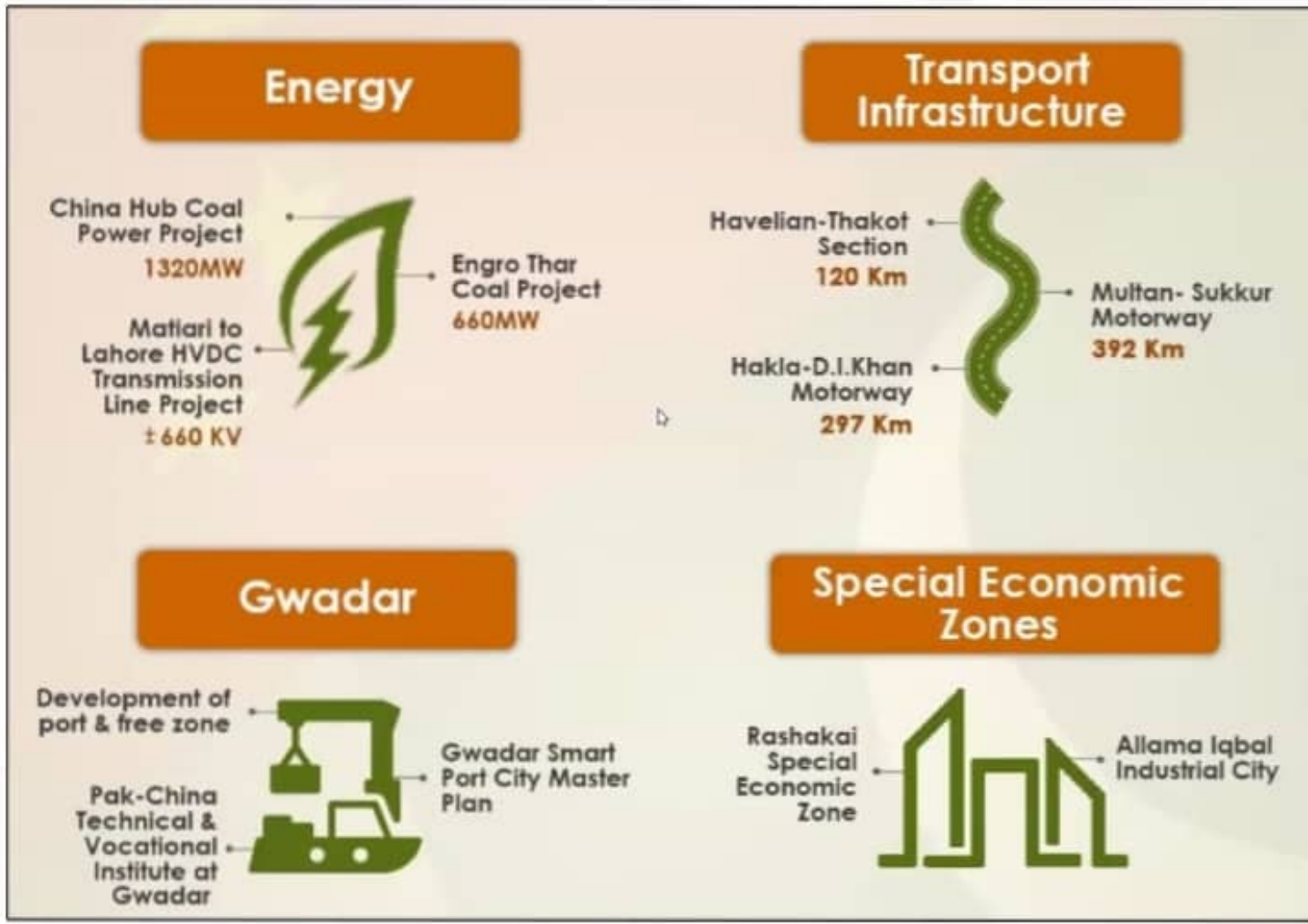
In-Pipeline Projects		
12	Up-gradation and Dualization of ML-1 and establishment of Dry Port near Havelian	1733
13	Up-gradation of D.I.Khan (Yarik) - Zhob, N-50 Phase-I	235
14	KKH Alternative Route Gilgit - Shandur Road	213
15	Realignment of KKH Phase-I Thakot - Raikot Section	250
16	Peshawar - D.I.Khan 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



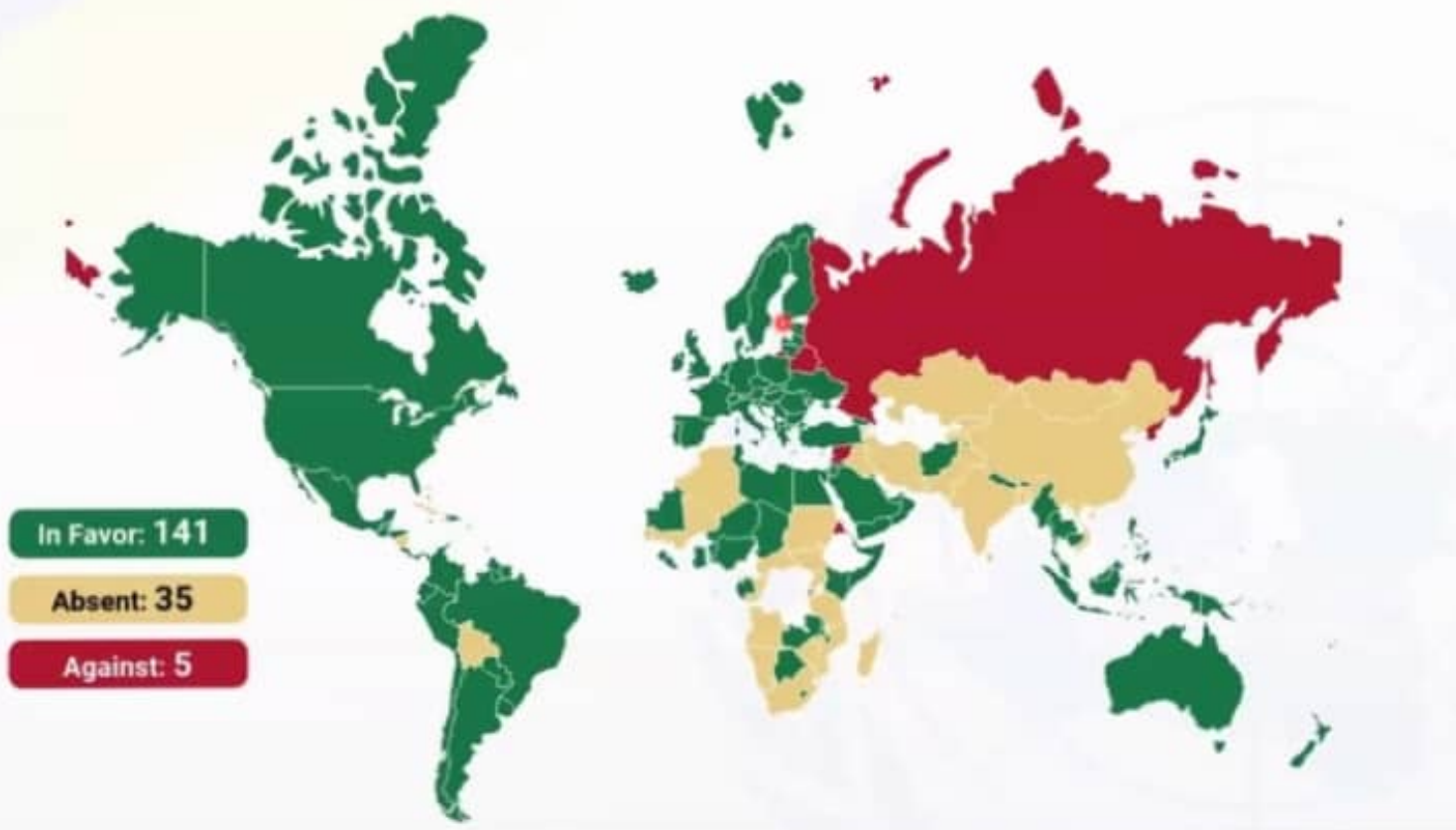
# Progress on CPEC (2018~2022)



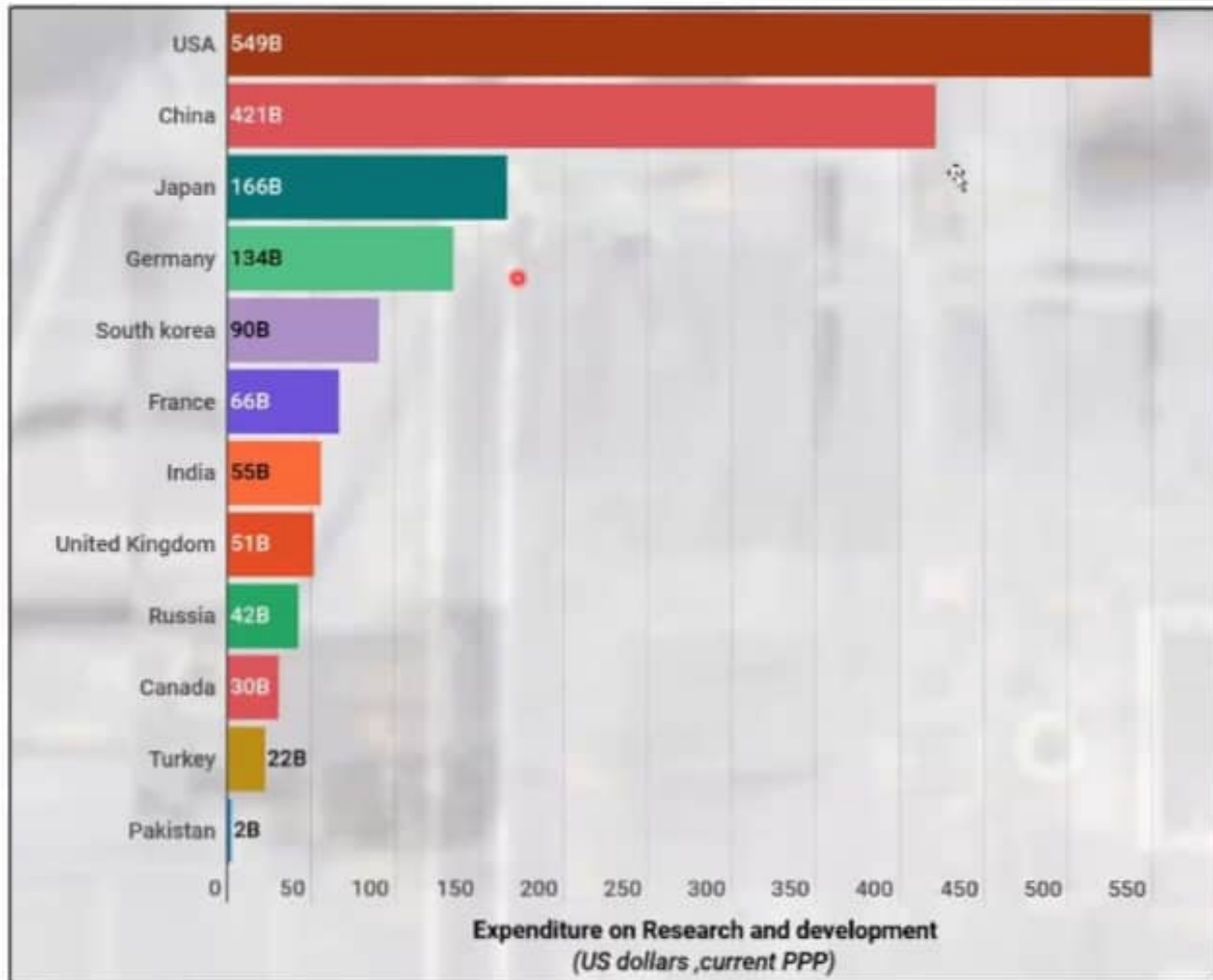
## Countries Vote against Russia

Countries' Votes on UNGA

Ukraine Resolution



# World's R&D Spending



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# 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 Natural Risk Reduction and Emergency Response
- MoU signed for cooperation on standardization

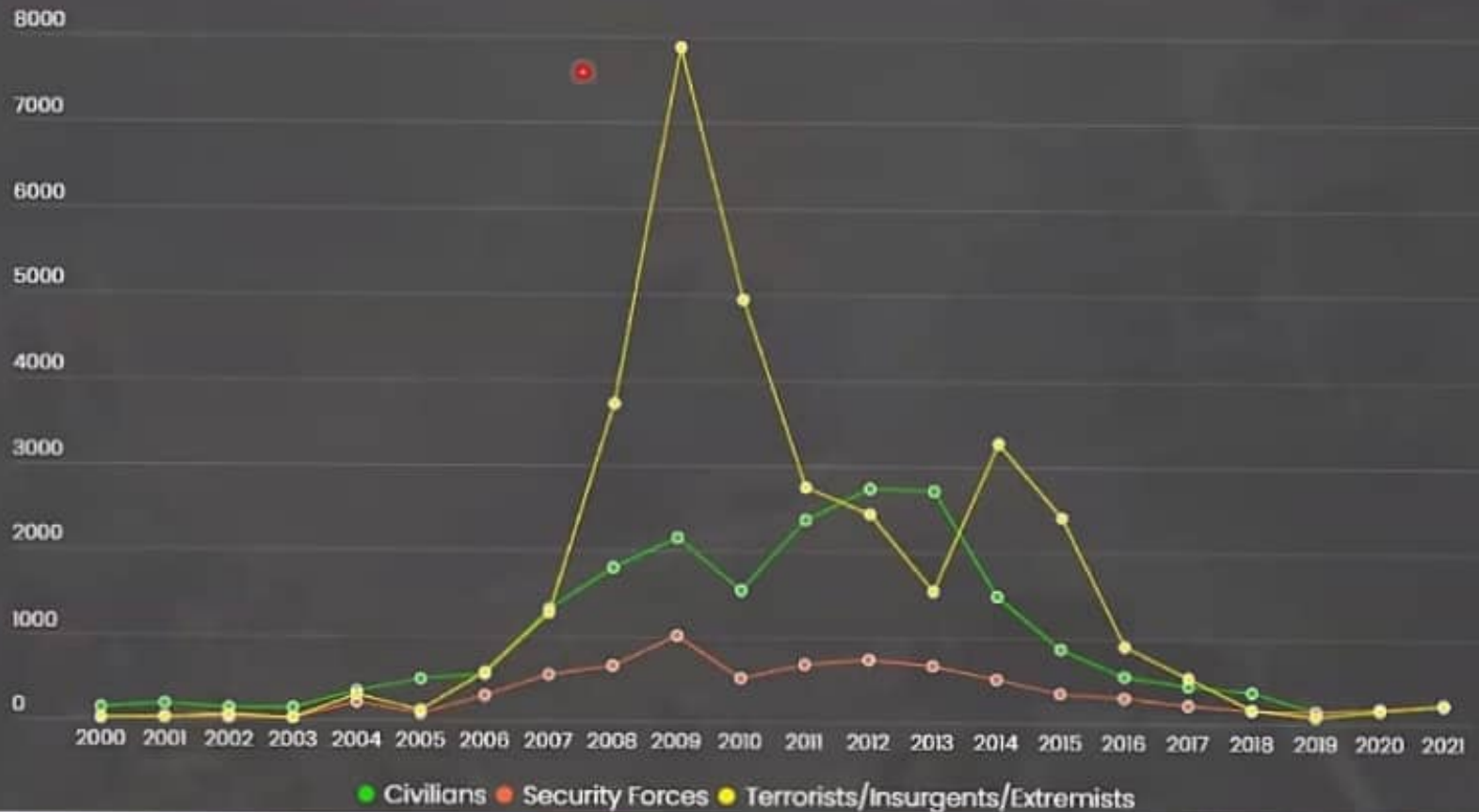




## Fatalities Related to Terrorism

# FATALITIES RELATED TO TERRORISM ACTIVITIES

Fatalities from 2000 - 2021 due to terrorist activity in Pakistan



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# 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	

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

27/10/2021	
26/10/2021	
23/09/2021	
20/10/2021	
25/09/2021	
12/10/2021	
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# Global Wildfires in 2021

Fire affects around **4 million km<sup>2</sup>** of earth each year

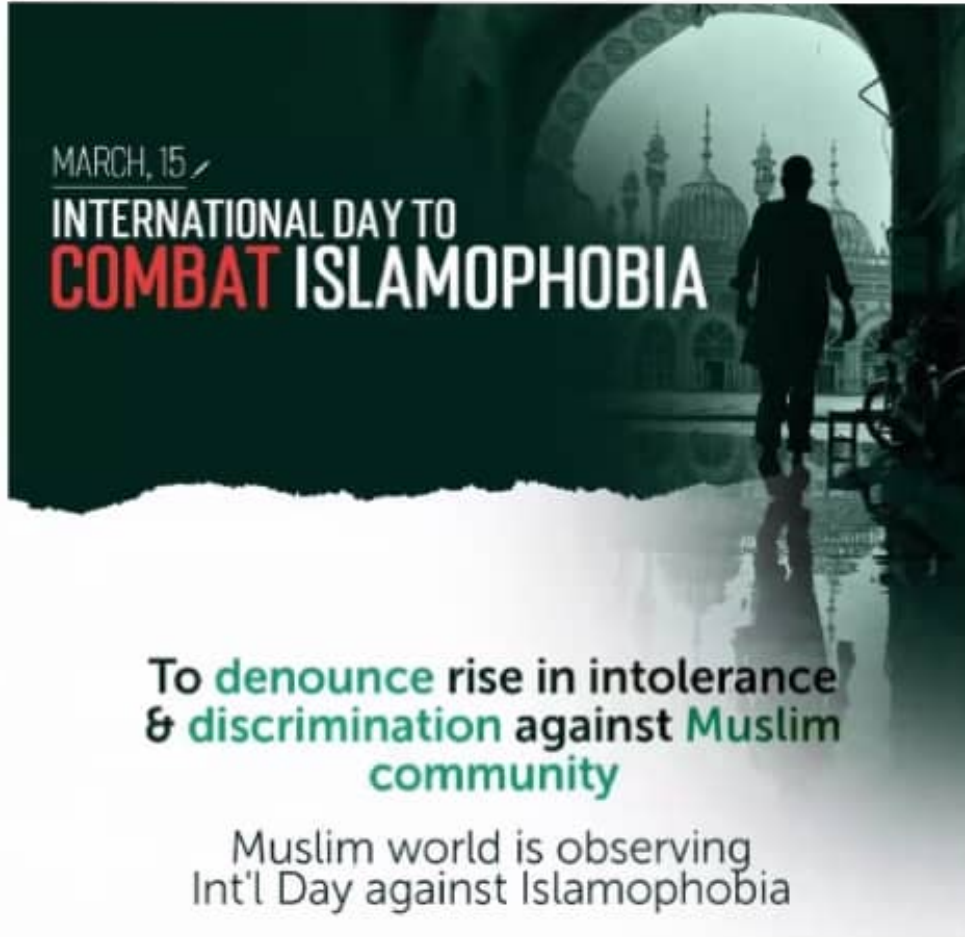


# Global Islamophobia Watch

900+ Islamophobic incidents recorded in Germany (2020)  
 130+ Mob Lynching incidents in India (Past 3 Years)  
 53% Rise in France (2020)  
 60% Muslims in USA experienced Discrimination (2020)



## 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.

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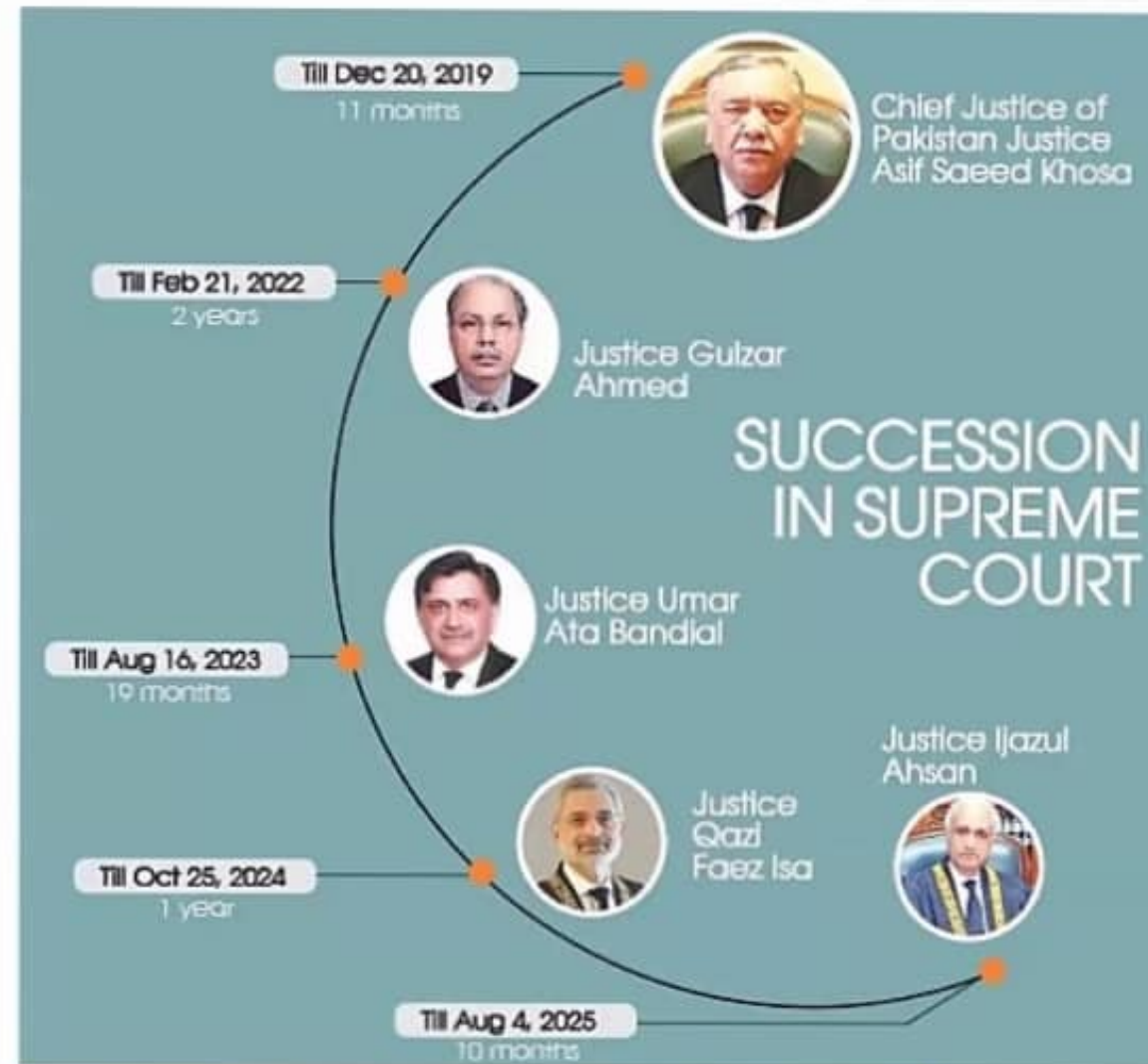




## Chief Justices of Pakistan



# 28<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of Pakistan



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# CEPA

- Signed on 18<sup>th</sup> 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



# 73<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of NATO



## 73<sup>rd</sup> 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**

*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*

- |                              |                                 |                                  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>US</b><br>(1949)          | <b>CANADA</b><br>(1949)         | <b>LATVIA</b><br>(2004)          |
| <b>BELGIUM</b><br>(1949)     | <b>NORWAY</b><br>(1949)         | <b>LITHUANIA</b><br>(2004)       |
| <b>UK</b><br>(1949)          | <b>PORTUGAL</b><br>(1949)       | <b>ROMANIA</b><br>(2004)         |
| <b>DENMARK</b><br>(1949)     | <b>LUXEMBOURG</b><br>(1949)     | <b>SLOVAKIA</b><br>(2004)        |
| <b>FRANCE</b><br>(1949)      | <b>TURKIYE</b><br>(1952)        | <b>SLOVENIA</b><br>(2004)        |
| <b>NETHERLANDS</b><br>(1949) | <b>GREECE</b><br>(1952)         | <b>BULGARIA</b><br>(2004)        |
| <b>ITALY</b><br>(1949)       | <b>GERMANY</b><br>(1955)        | <b>ESTONIA</b><br>(2004)         |
| <b>ICELAND</b><br>(1949)     | <b>SPAIN</b><br>(1982)          | <b>ALBANIA</b><br>(2009)         |
|                              | <b>POLAND</b><br>(1999)         | <b>CROATIA</b><br>(2009)         |
|                              | <b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b><br>(1999) | <b>MONTENEGRO</b><br>(2017)      |
|                              | <b>HUNGARY</b><br>(1999)        | <b>NORTH MACEDONIA</b><br>(2020) |



# 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.



**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at Age of 84**

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# Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (Launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.

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# 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

