

The KP Assembly remains deeply divided over the proposed mining legislation. Similarly, The Balochistan Assembly passed the bill without any discussion or reading. The mining & minerals bill was proposed by the Federal Government, carried out by the SIFC. The civil-military SIFC is marketing Pakistan's potential ~~market~~ <sup>mineral</sup> to ~~the~~ Foreign investors.

Every initiative by the government has Pros & Cons. The mining legislation has its implications. Firstly, it would deprive the Provinces of their decision-making powers, transferring these to the centre. Secondly, it would curtail the provincial autonomy and create a rift between the center and the provinces. Moreover, the government estimated the worth of these minerals to be \$6tr. It would help fix the national economy, freeing the country from dependency on IMF bailouts.