



How Imran Khan's Poll Demand Sparked a New Pakistan Crisis

Khalid Qayum | 18 April 23

“Former Pakistan premier Imran Khan’s bid for snap elections has evolved into a constitutional crisis, with the government pushing back against a Supreme Court order to carry out two provincial polls, raising concerns over the future of the democratic process.”

Read More: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-04-18/how-imran-khan-s-poll-demand-sparked-a-new-pakistan-crisis-q-a?leadSource=verify%20wall>

Nuclear Technology and Human Security in Pakistan

Haleema Saadia | 5 April 2023

“References to Pakistan’s nuclear technology are often made only in the context of nuclear weapons. While nuclear weapons have strengthened Pakistan’s external defence, they cannot be a remedy to its myriad of other human security challenges. To address such challenges, from economic development to food and water security, Pakistan must expand its understanding of traditional security issues.”

Read More: <https://southasianvoices.org/nuclear-technology-and-human-security-in-pakistan/>

Pakistan Court Strikes Down Colonial Era ‘Sedition’ Law in Major Step Towards Protecting Citizens’ Rights

Shweta Sharma | 30 March 2023

“A controversial colonial-era sedition law that critics said was increasingly being used by Pakistan’s government to stifle dissent has been struck down by the Lahore High Court.”

Read More: <https://www.independent.co.uk/asia/south-asia/pakistan-sedition-law-repeal-lahore-court-b2310812.html>

‘Comprehensive Operation’ in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: War is coming Like a Whirlwind in Pakistan

Tara Kartha | 17 April 2023

“Pakistan’s Cabinet Committee on National Security has issued notice that it is set to launch an “all-out comprehensive operation” against terrorism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Such operations don’t come cheap, not to mention taking a toll on the army.”

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Sayed Irfan Raza | 18 April 2023

“While both sides overtly proclaim readiness to talk it out, leaders willing to show flexibility are being side lined or overruled.”

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“The conflict in Europe helped the Taliban in cementing itself more firmly as a legitimate political entity.”

Read More: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/how-the-current-great-power-competition-helps-the-taliban-in-afghanistan/>

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“The political crisis in Afghanistan has overrun almost all aspects of human life. The landlocked country is marred by diminishing economic confidence and human rights violations. By mid-2022, two-thirds of Afghan households reportedly could not afford food and other basic non-food items, as per the latest World Bank Report.”

Read More: https://www.outlookindia.com/international/afghanistan-iran-west-and-women-dynamics-of-power-shifts-weekender_story-278763

Tackling Central Asia’s Remaining Development Challenges

Evgeny Vinokurov and Anton Malakhov | 29 March 2023

“The region needs to overcome four key structural challenges: lack of access to the sea, low level of development of the financial sector, lack of water and energy coordination, and climate change.”

Read More: <https://thediplomat.com/2023/03/hold-tackling-central-asias-remaining-development-challenges/>

Russia, China Look To ‘Dig Deep’ In Mineral-Rich Afghanistan; Samarkand Conference Blasts US, Overlooks Iran & Pakistan

KN Pandita | 16 April 2023

“The fourth meeting of the neighbouring states on Afghanistan was hosted by Uzbekistan on April 13 in Samarkand. Those who attended were the foreign ministers of Russia, China, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. The Central Asian States of Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan were represented by top diplomats of their respective countries.”

Read More: <https://eurasianimes.com/russia-china-look-to-dig-deep-in-mineral-rich-afghanistan/>

Iran-Saudi Arabia pact: What China-brokered peace deal means for West Asia?

Geeta Mohan | 30 March 2023

“An agreement between Iran and Saudi Arabia on March 10 brokered by Beijing, could put China in a leading role in West Asia, a position once held by the United States of America.”

Read More: <https://www.indiatoday.in/news-analysis/story/iran-saudi-arabia-pact-china-brokered-peace-deal-means-west-asia-2353447-2023-03-30>

The Tragic and Bloody Passover and Ramadan That Hamas Planned All Along

Zina Rakhamilova | 11 April 2023

“Every Ramadan, we see an escalation at the Temple Mount and it continues to be misrepresented every year.”

Read More: <https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-738904>

Chinese Chicanery: ‘One-China’ for Taiwan, but ‘two-state plan’ for Israel, Palestine

Umang Sharma | 18 April 2023

“China’s Foreign Minister Qin Gang had separate phone calls with his Israeli & Palestinian Authority counterparts and expressed concerns over the intensifying conflict between the two sides.”

Read More: <https://www.firstpost.com/world/chinese-chicanery-one-china-for-taiwan-but-two-state-plan-for-israel-palestine-12471222.html>

Bangladesh’s Indo-Pacific Outlook: Has Dhaka ‘Tilted Towards the West’?

Lailufar Yasmin | 12 April 23

“As Bangladesh has stepped into its position as an Indo-Pacific player, experts in capitals abroad continue to view Dhaka’s foreign policy through a geopolitical lens. Bangladesh has chosen to stand as a regional leader, not a party to bloc politics. This framing is essential to understanding Dhaka’s forthcoming Indo-Pacific outlook.”

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What Has Been the Impact of IMF Bailout on Sri Lanka’s Foreign Policy?

Uditha Devapriya | 04 April 23

“For the last six months, major shifts have come about in Sri Lanka’s foreign policy in the face of the IMF bailout. The arrangement has pushed the government closer to the West and India, while maintaining its ties with China.”

Read More: <https://thewire.in/south-asia/what-has-been-the-impact-of-imf-bailout-on-sri-lankas-foreign-policy>

Military Violence in Myanmar is Worsening

Tharaphi Than | 18 April 2023

“Myanmar has witnessed killings by the military almost daily since generals seized control of the country in 2021. The coup ended the short period of democratic rule under Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi’s party, the National League for Democracy.”

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Türkiye's Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu met with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry on 18 March for talks in Cairo on a one-day official visit to Egypt upon Shoukry's invitation, in a first between the countries in 11 years..



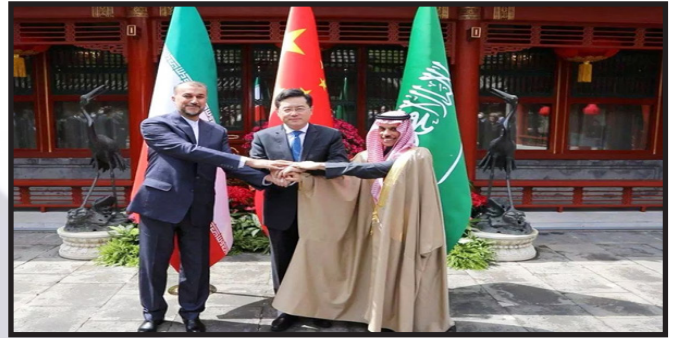
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The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) tourism minister finalised and approved the joint action plan prepared for implementing the agreement between governments of the SCO member states on the development of cooperation in tourism.



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The foreign ministers of Iran and Saudi Arabia met in Beijing on for the first formal gathering of their top diplomats in more than seven years, after China brokered a deal to restore relations between the top regional powers.



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Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani (R) greets Emirati President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan in Doha, Qatar. Qatar and the UAE are attempting to put their rift behind them and restore full diplomatic ties.



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