



Pakistan Ups The Ante to Tackle TTP Challenge

Dr Shalini Chawla | 22 March 2024

“The TTP, which has primarily targeted defence and security personnel, is the country’s most lethal militant group, posing a formidable challenge to Pakistan’s newly elected civilian leadership and the all-powerful military.”

Read More: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/pakistan-ups-the-ante-to-tackle-ttp-challenge-603005>

Climate Change and Human Trafficking in Pakistan

Wasim Riaz | 20 March 2024

“UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) recognizes the fact that climate change compels communities to migrate which in turn makes them vulnerable. Traffickers exploit their vulnerability and coerce them into forced labor or sexual exploitation by capitalizing on their lack of social support, protection, and resources.”

Read More: <https://southasianvoices.org/climate-change-and-human-trafficking-in-pakistan/>

The Pursuit of Prosperity or a Perpetual Pain?

Nasir Jamal | 18 March 2024

“An IMF mission is here to hold discussions on the second and final review of its short-term \$3 billion rescue package that has helped Pakistan shore up its foreign exchange reserves and avert a sovereign default.”

Read More: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1822204/analysis-the-pursuit-of-prosperity-or-a-perpetual-pain>

Maintaining Security

Muhammad Amir Rana | 17 March 2024

“It is likely that Pakistan will maintain some distance from the Taliban regime. This is partly due to pressure from its allies and lenders, who disapprove of close ties, such as those Pakistan had with the Taliban in the 1990s. However, China’s approach towards the Taliban is different.”

Read More: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1822044>

Pakistan Elections 2024: What Does it Mean for Pakistan

Dr Shalini Chawla | 28 February 2024

“Pakistan will start a new journey under the political leadership of Shehbaz Sharif, who has had a good and stable record with the military, and he is likely to not assert himself against the establishment, unlike Nawaz Sharif, who shares a rancorous past with the generals. Although PML-N had complete support from the establishment and Nawaz’s return was perceived as a game changer.”

Read More: https://capsindia.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/CAPS_EV_SC_28_2_24NIS-1.pdf

Are Afghans Not Legitimate Humans?

Sowaiba Mahmood | 10 March 2024

“Climate change is a serious threat for Afghans and if this issue persists then it will be an impetus to food insecurity. And the Taliban are not equipped enough alone to grapple with climate change, as most of the climate experts and technocrats fled from the country when the Taliban took over on 15 August 2021.”

Read More: <https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2024/03/10/are-afghans-not-legitimate-humans/>

The ‘Hidden Disaster’ Affecting Millions Of Afghan Women

Manija Mirzaie | 8 March 2024

“Experts say that under the Taliban’s gender-apartheid regime, a rapid proliferation of psychological issues, including severe depression, anxiety, stress and self-esteem challenges, is taking place among women who feel increasingly marginalised from society.”

Read More: <https://www.fairplanet.org/story/afghanistan-womens-rights-taliban-sharia-laws-mental-health-crisis/>

Why Afghan Women are Leaving Afghanistan

Maryam Ahmadi | 08 March 2024

“Since the Taliban regained power in 2021, they have gradually and systematically discriminated against, humiliated, criminalised and denied women and girls their rights. Half of the Afghan population are women and girls; this means half of the people in the country do not have equal rights. UN experts are calling it “gender apartheid.”

Read More: <https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2024/3/8/why-afghan-women-are-leaving-afghanistan>

Afghanistan Needs a Legitimate Government, Not the Taliban

Hafizullah Saeedi | 02 March 2024

“The Taliban continues to benefit from asset releases, humanitarian aid, prisoner swaps, and the enforced expulsion of former diplomats and government officials. The people of Afghanistan on the other hand, especially women and girls, have been consistently suffering from systematic abuse including sexual and gender-based violence, discrimination, and other human rights violations.”

Read More: <https://kabulnow.com/2024/03/afghanistan-needs-a-legitimate-government-not-the-taliban/>

How is Bangladesh achieving the Sustainable Development Goals?

Mohammad Kamrul Hasan | 22 March 2024

“District and sub district level local priorities need to be identified to give the model a complete shape as an “SDG localization model” which emphasizes local geographical characteristics, problems, and prospects; social-economic culture and trends; and voice of the local community and capacity of public administration system while identifying the priorities.”

Read More: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/342392/how-is-bangladesh-achieving-the-sustainable>

Emptying Nepal

Hari Bansh Jha | 15 March 2024

“The depopulation has also impacted consumption behaviour throughout the country. Due to the lower demand for milk and milk products in the country, the state-owned Dairy Development Corporation and the private dairy firms are finding it difficult to pay the billions of rupees that they owe to the farmers.”

Read More: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/emptying-nepal>

Iran’s Regional Proxies: Reshaping the Middle East and Testing U.S. Policy

Sadeem Ahmed Moonakal | 27 February 2024

“The deep-rooted relationships between Iran and its proxy groups, coupled with their ability to leverage regional conflicts, challenge regional security and stability, especially as Iran continues to assert its influence amid escalating regional tensions triggered by the ongoing war in Gaza.”

Read More: [Read More: https://isdpeu.org/content/uploads/2024/02/Blog-10-Nadeem.pdf](https://isdpeu.org/content/uploads/2024/02/Blog-10-Nadeem.pdf)

How Armed Drones from Turkey may replace Indian Aerial Watch

N Sathiya Moorthy | 19 March 2024

“In what looks like a coordinated effort to make the drone work meaningful, the Maldivian Cabinet has since decided to make it mandatory for all sea-bound vessels to install tracking devices, for easy identification.”

Read More: <https://www.firstpost.com/opinion/maldives-how-armed-drones-from-turkey-may-replace-indian-aerial-watch-13750677.html>

Israel-Hamas Conflict is Also a War Over Water

Kersten Knipp | 21 March 2024

“All this makes locals living in the Gaza Strip even more dependent on Israel for their drinking water. After the October 7 Hamas terror attacks, which resulted in the deaths of around 1,200 people in Israel, the Israeli state cut off the water supply and stopped allowing deliveries of fuel into Gaza. The Israeli military campaign has since killed over 30,000 people.”

Read More: <https://www.dw.com/en/israel-hamas-conflict-is-also-a-war-over-water/a-68626036?maca=en-WorldNews-engarticles-35821-xml-media>

Israel's Troubling but Not Catastrophic Democracy Score

Assaf Shapira | 21 March 2024

“Israel is perceived as a country that maintains democratic, free, and competitive elections – but not necessarily based on principles such as checks and balances, limitation of power, and protection of human and civil rights.”

Read More: <https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/israels-troubling-but-not-catastrophic-democracy-score/>

How will Israel-Arab alliances be affected after the war in Gaza?

Arielle Vogel Valk | 21 March 2024

“The Israel-Hamas war shifted supply chains away from Turkey due to its stance on the conflict, causing even more Israeli businesses to pivot to the UAE. A broader conflict also concerns Abu Dhabi, wary of being dragged into war as in Yemen, which could threaten its non-oil economy. Furthermore, Hamas and other radical groups’ ideologies pose a threat to its vision of coexistence.”

Read More: <https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-792962>

Central Asia Caught in a Geopolitical Tug of War

Alessandro Arduino | 26 February 2024

“Central Asia increasingly grapples with an intricate web of challenges, yearning to connect with the West but wary of being caught in the sway of more powerful regional players. The Ukrainian war serves as a stark reminder, amplifying this enduring and complex dynamic.”

Read More: <https://eastasiaforum.org/2024/02/26/central-asia-caught-in-a-geopolitical-tug-of-war/>

REGION IN PICTURES

Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken met with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud in Jeddah.



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Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune meets with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi at El Mouradia Palace, in Algiers, Algeria March 3, 2024.



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Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Vivian Balakrishnan's meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, 19 March 2024



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Chinese diplomat Wang Kejian met with Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Qatar on March 17.



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