

CHINA PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (CPEC)

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China & Pakistan Signed a new agreement as part of CPEC phase 2 (Feb 2022)

CPEC

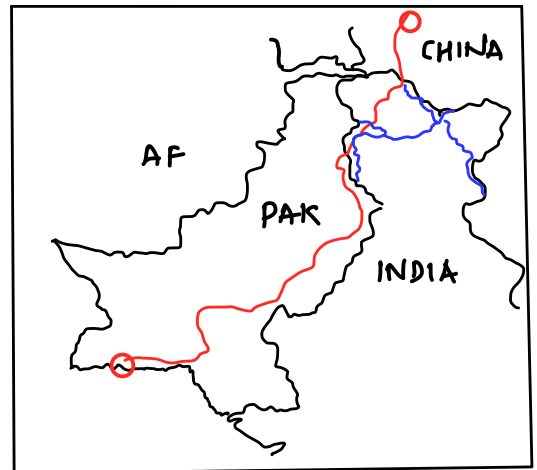
Flagship project under china's BRI.
It links Gwadar port in Pak to Kashgar Xinjiang, China.

Phase 1 : Infrastructure & energy projects

Phase 2 : Industrial cooperation

The corridor passes through Pak, India

MAP



CHINA'S OBJECTIVES

- 1) Energy & trade corridor from middle east
- 2) Development of Xinjiang - Uighur majority province
- 3) Links strategically imp Gwadar port & IOR
- 4) solve china's 'malacca dilemma' - choke point

PAK'S BENEFIT

- 1) Chinese investment - boost to economy
- 2) Counter USA

CHINA - PAK CONCERNS

- 1) Security concerns and unrest
- 2) Opposition in Pak - 'another east India co'
- 3) political and geological stability

INDIA'S CONCERNS

Passes through POK

- against sovereignty & territorial integrity of India
- geo strategic advantage of Gilgit Baltistan
- sensitive and disputed territories

External security

- facilitate military movements of china, Pak
- china Pak pincer strategy
- Gwadar port as chinese base
- String of pearls of china

Internal security

- cross border terrorism
- weapons & support to insurgency

Other

- expansion of CPEC - Af, CAR etc

INDIAN COUNTER STRATEGIES

- Development of Chabahar
- 'Necklace of diamonds' strategy
- 'Two Quads'