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# China, Pakistan decide to include Afghanistan in CPEC

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## Context

- The **China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)** is set to be expanded to Afghanistan with the Foreign Ministers of the three countries agreeing on it as part of broader efforts to boost “trilateral” cooperation.
- The announcement on expansion of CPEC was made following a meeting among Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, his Pakistani counterpart Ishaq Dar and Afghanistan's Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi in Beijing, according to a Pakistani readout.
- **India has been severely critical of the CPEC as it passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. New Delhi is also opposed to China's Belt and Road initiative as the project includes the CPEC.**

## China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

- China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is an infrastructure project initiated in 2015. It aims **to enhance China's energy imports and trade while developing Pakistan's infrastructure.**
- The CPEC includes modern transportation networks **linking ports in Gwadar and Karachi with northern Pakistan and China's Xinjiang region.**
- CPEC is a 3,000-km long route of infrastructure projects
- It will pave the way for **China to access the Middle East and Africa from Gwadar Port, enabling China to access the Indian Ocean and in return China will support development projects in Pakistan** to overcome the latter's energy crises and stabilising its faltering economy

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