

GWADAR VS CHABAHAR REGIONAL COOPERATION AND STRATEGIC COMPETITION.

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ABSTRACT.

Economic interests lead to strategic competition among states. Foreign policies are largely driven by this consideration. This paper will shed light on the prospects of CPEC and its alignment with ports of Gwadar and Cahaba. The future venues and rivalries emerging out of this competition in the light of historical background and a possible way forward. Further, hurdles coming in the away of bilateral relations and disturbance of Balance of power economic and otherwise will also be discussed at length. New alliances are coming forth in the region, Pakistan with China and Iran with India to further economic gains and regional integration. Research and analysis will further highlight the grey and red areas in the regional stability and bilateral relations between Iran and Pakistan.

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