

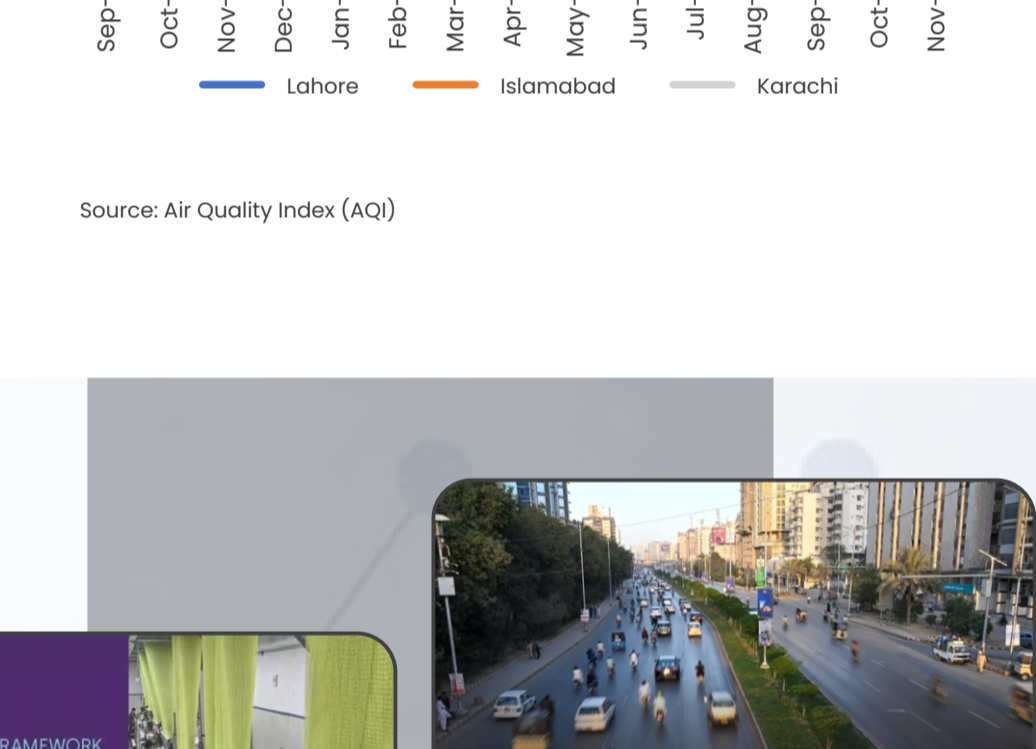
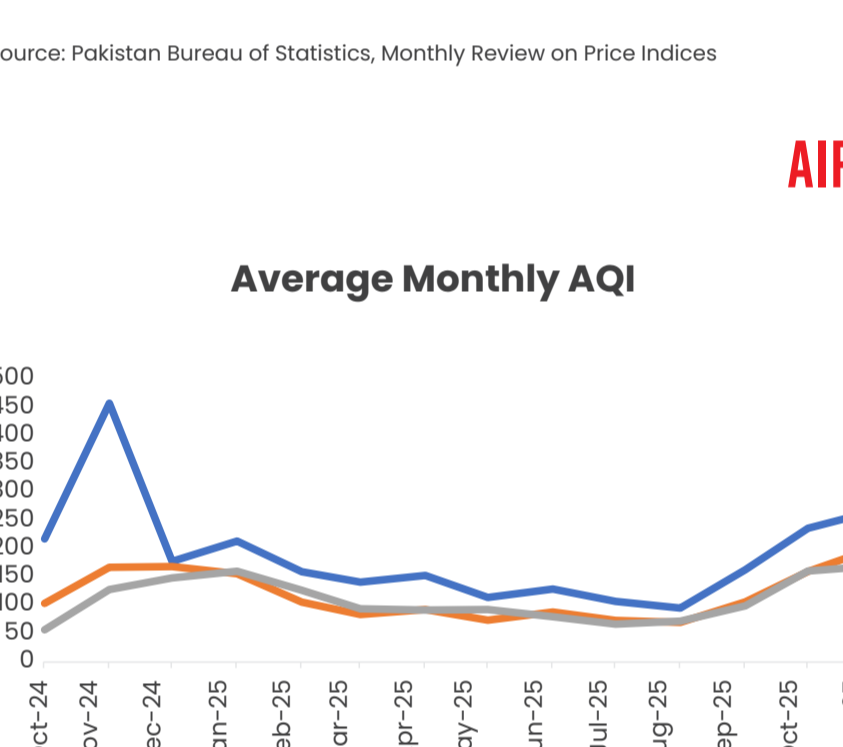
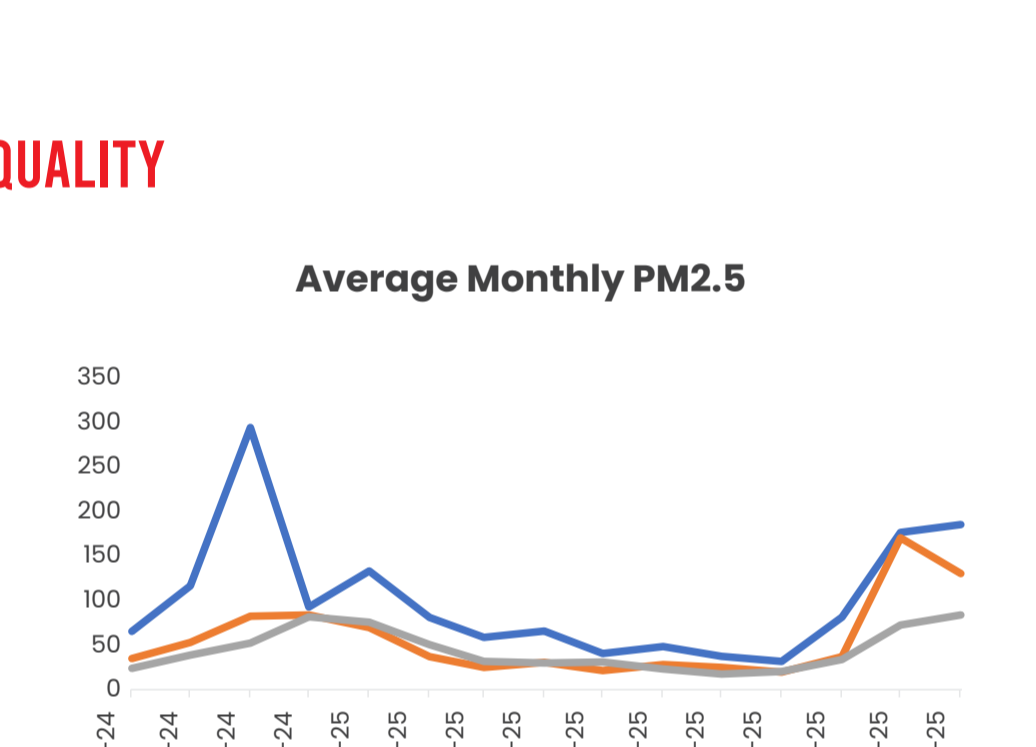
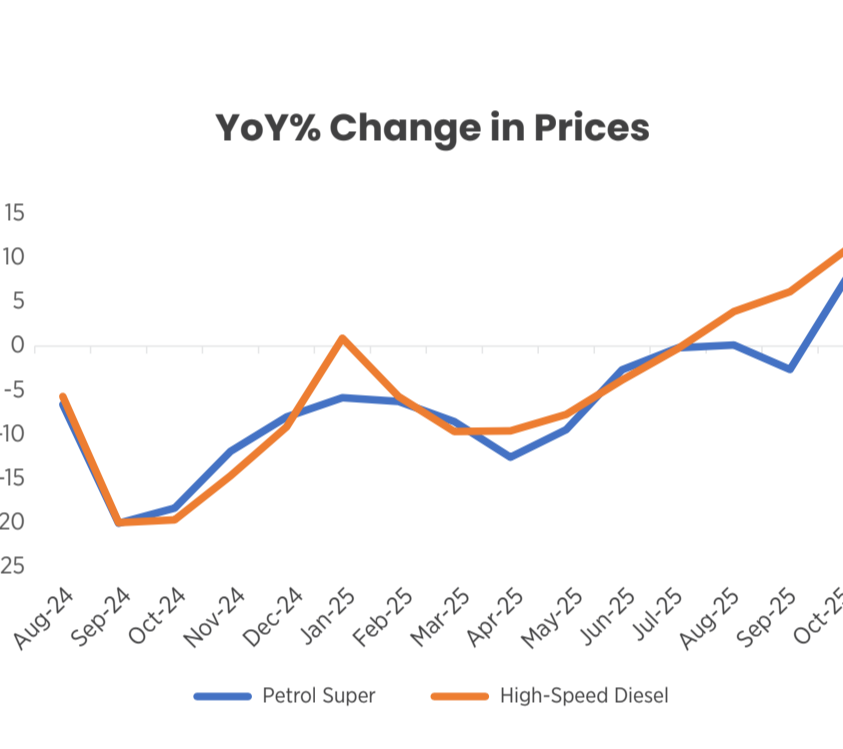
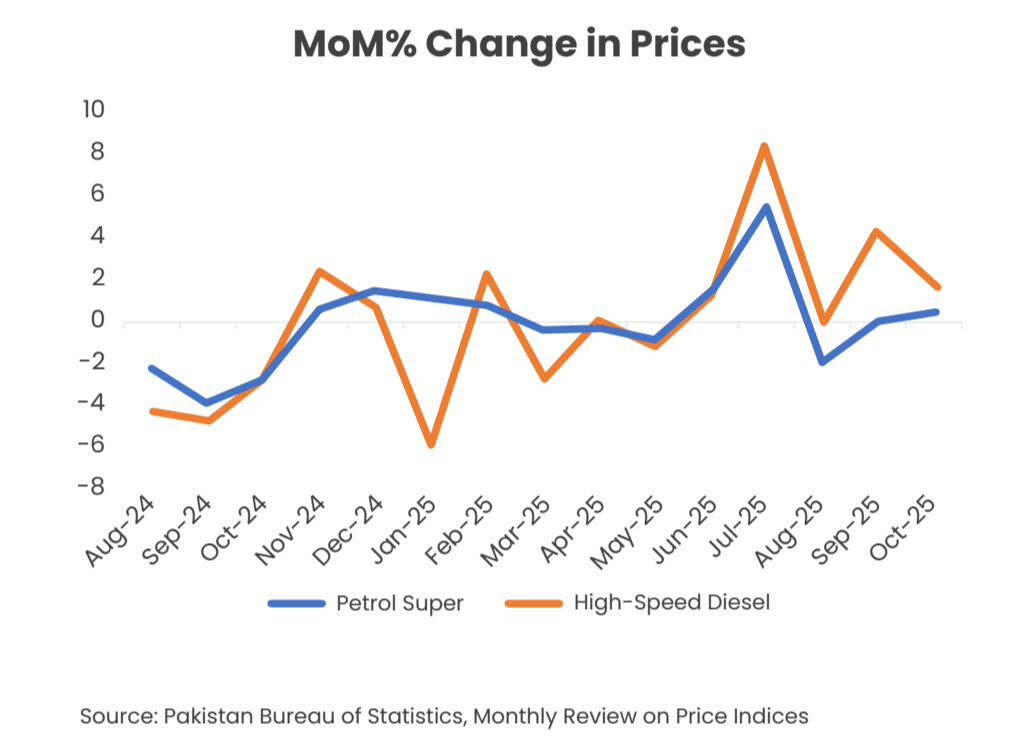
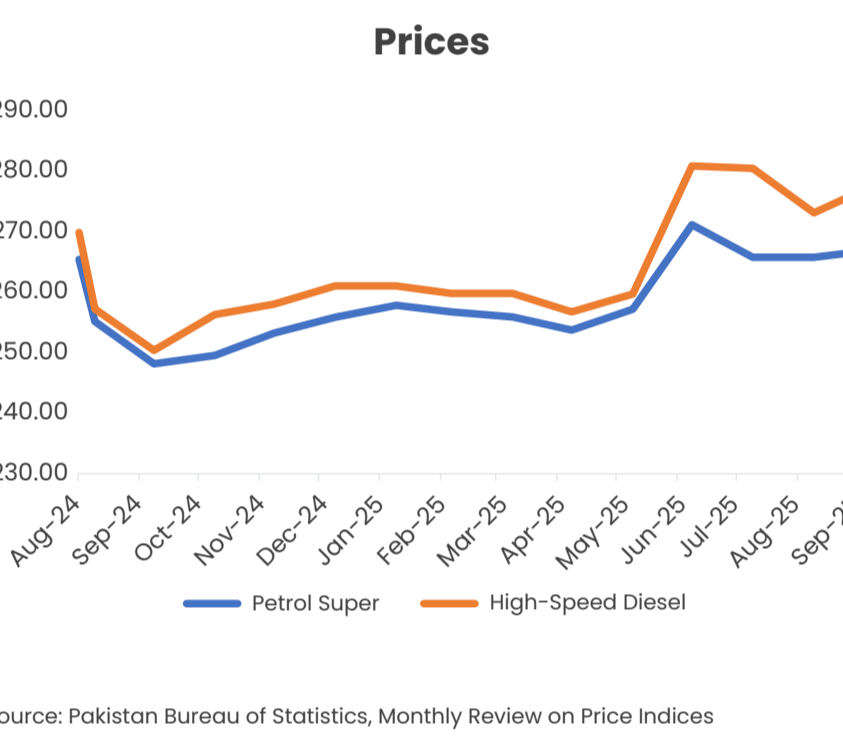
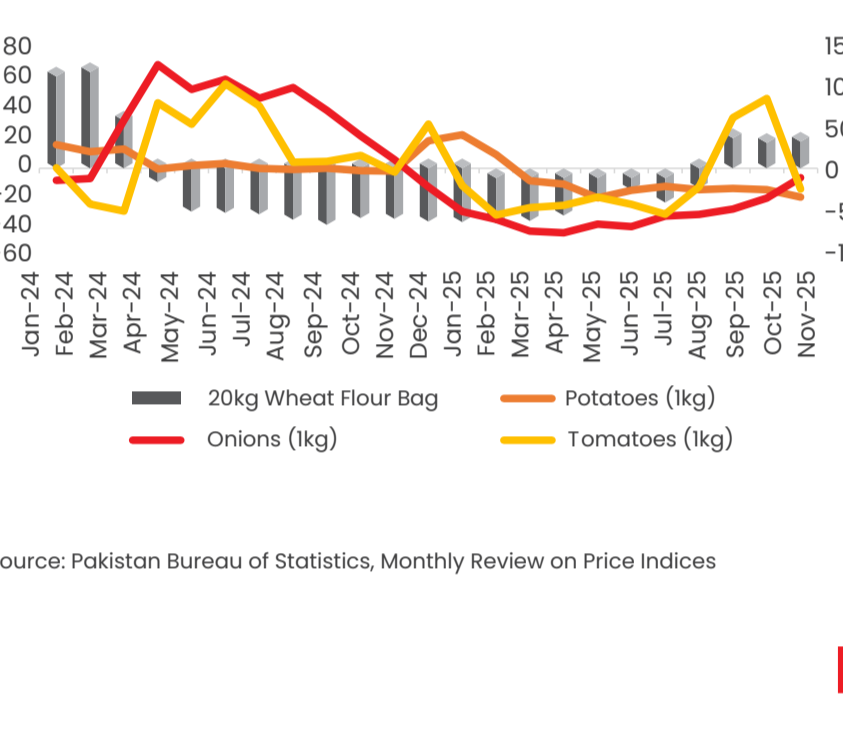
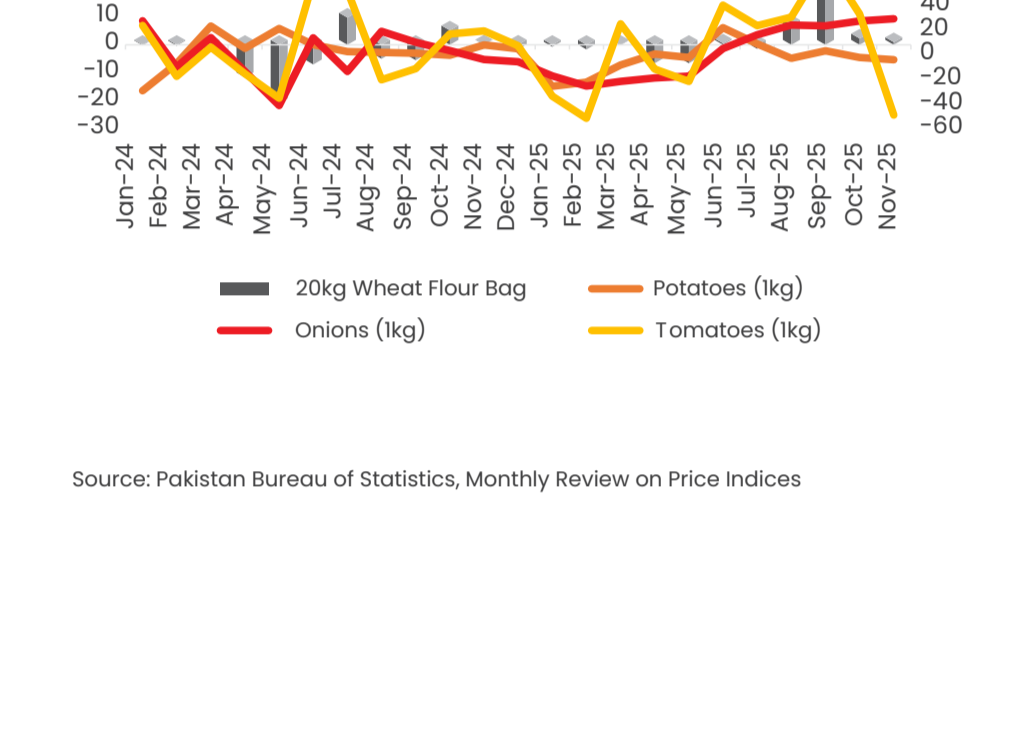
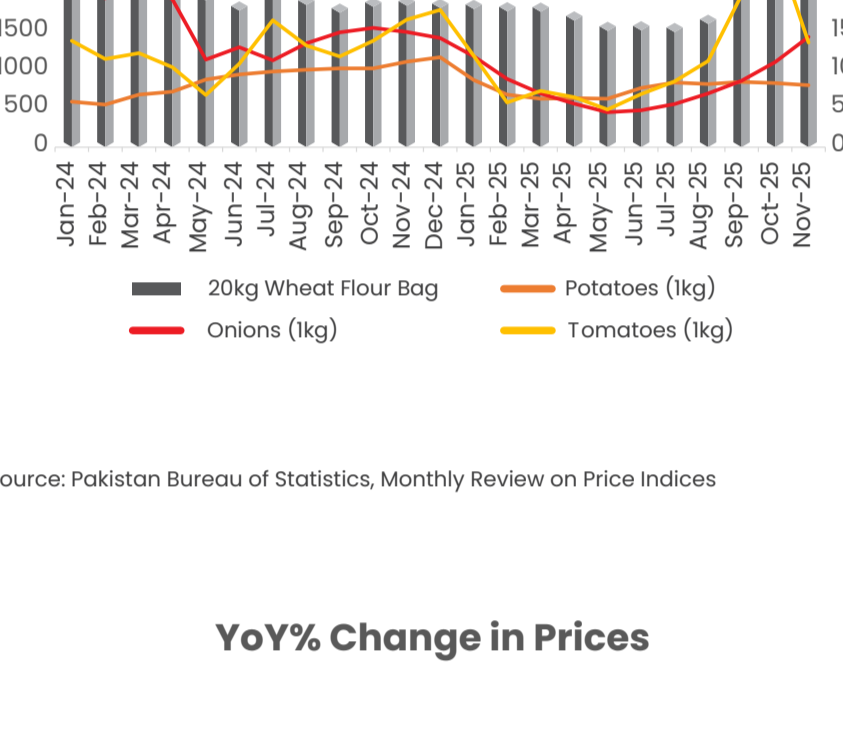
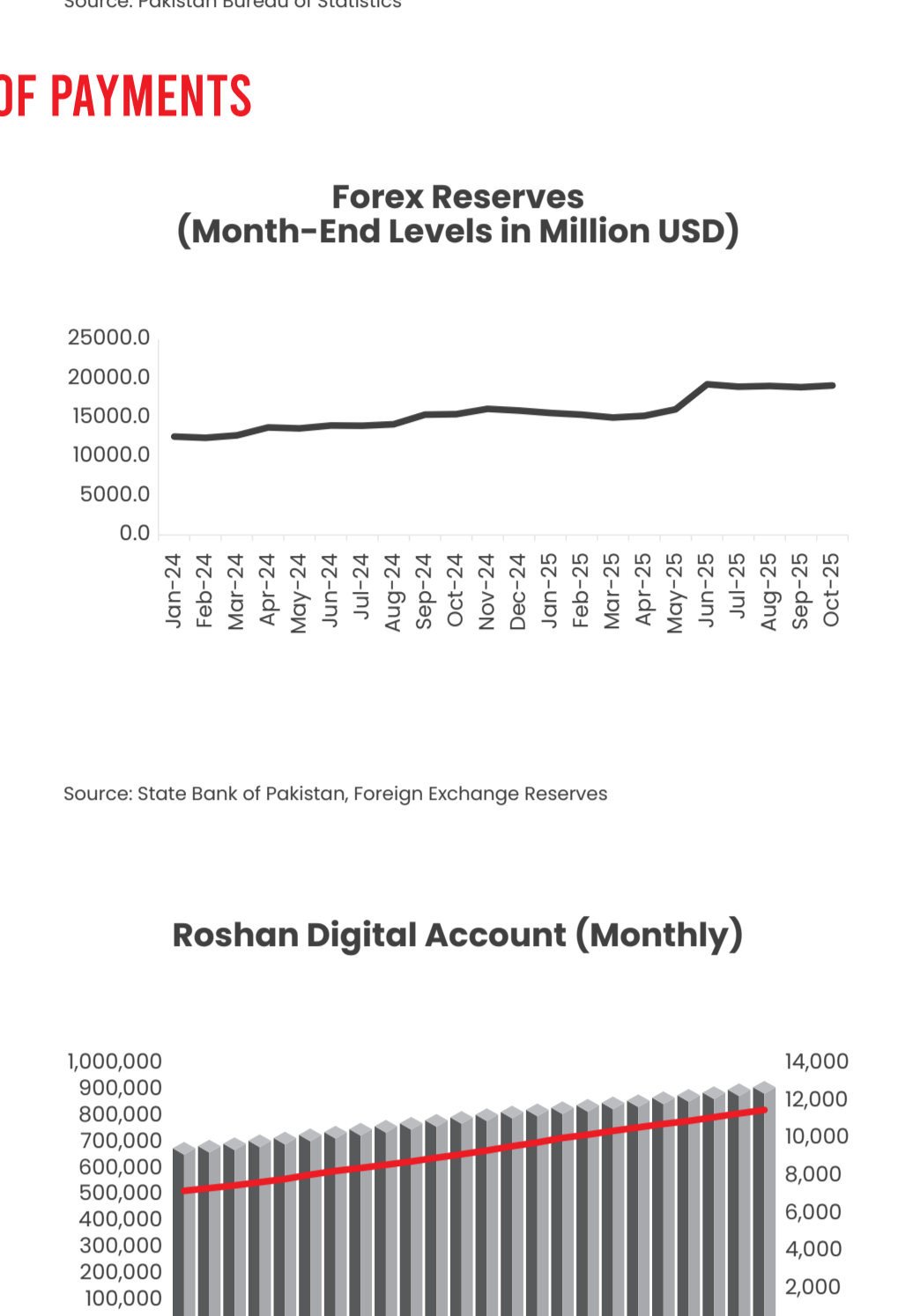
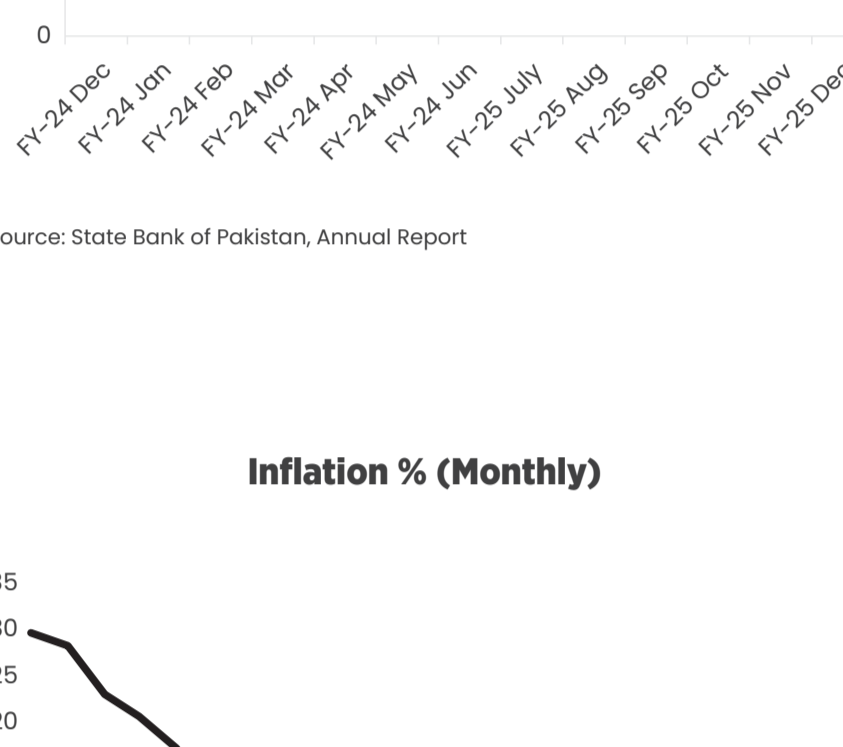
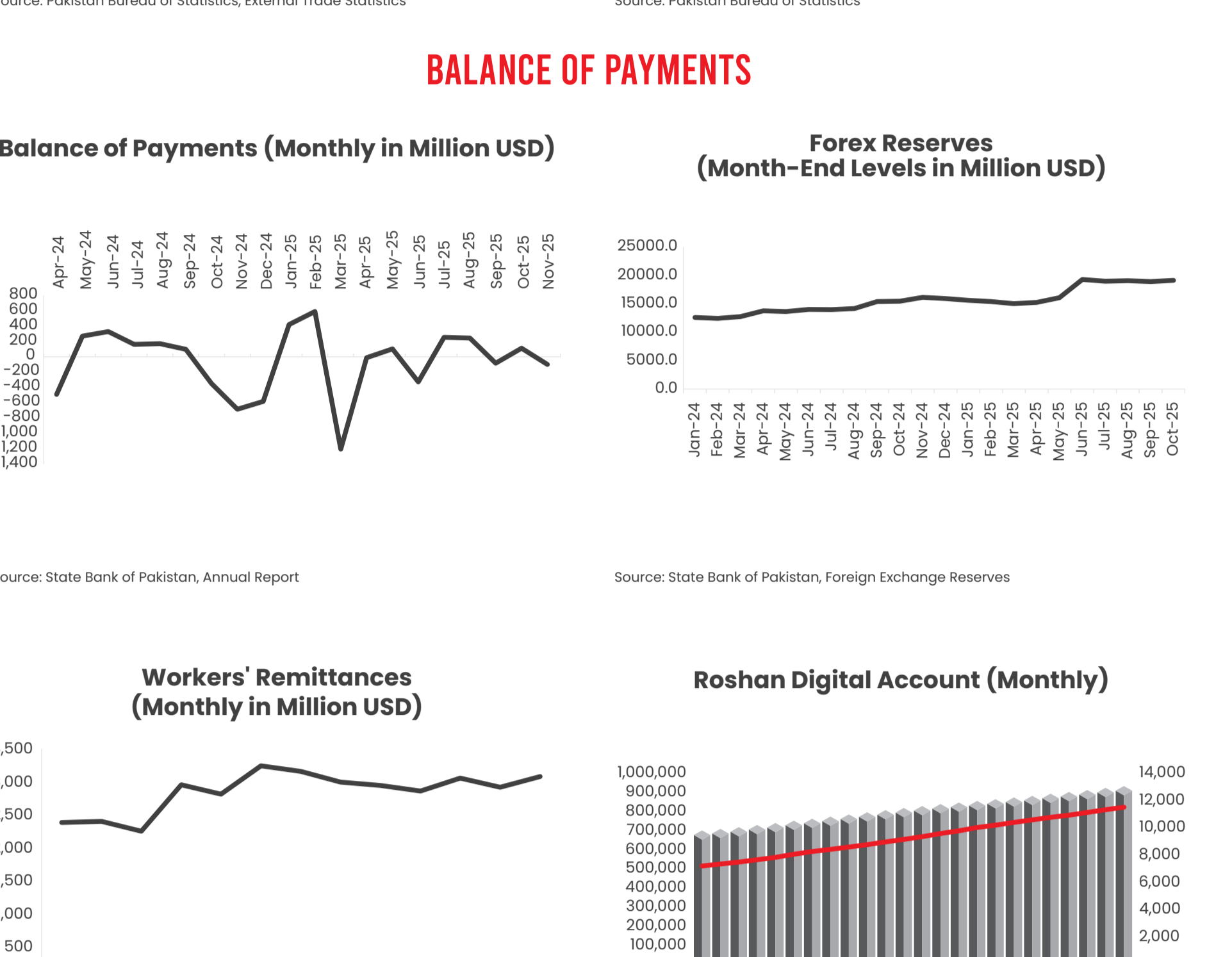
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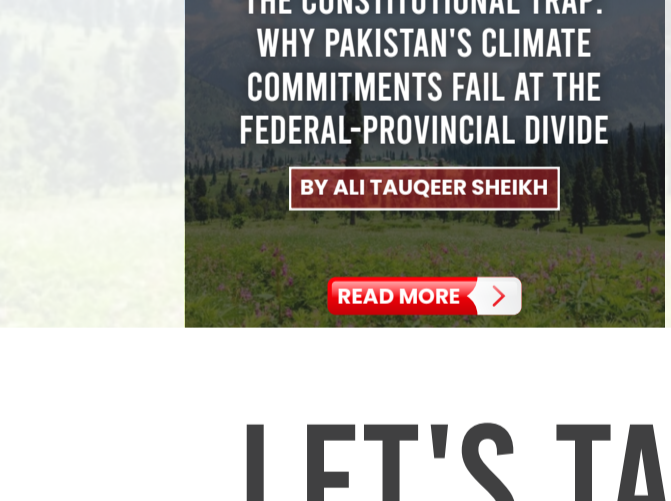
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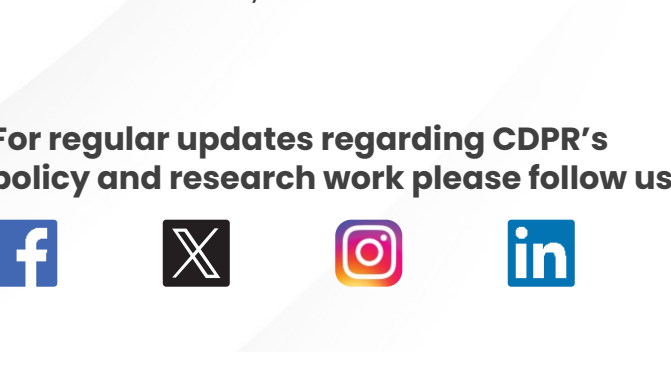
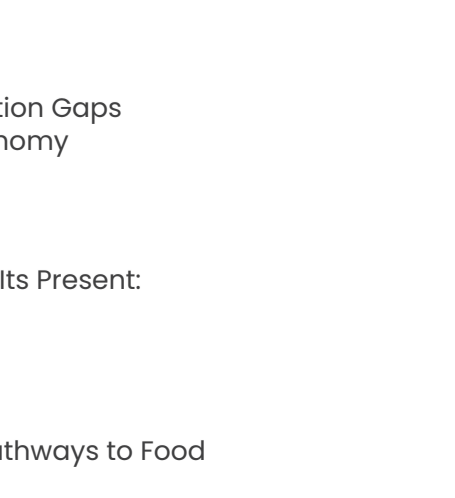
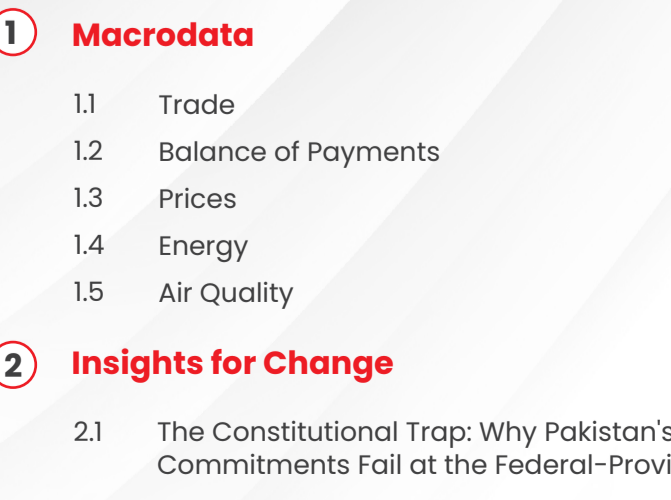
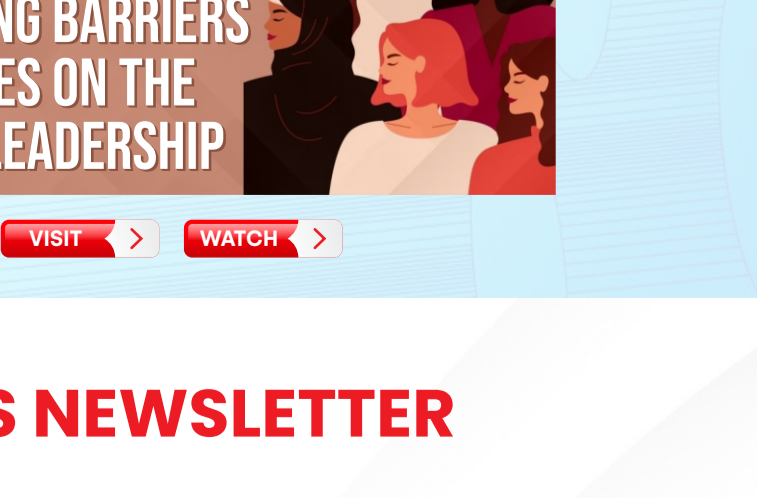
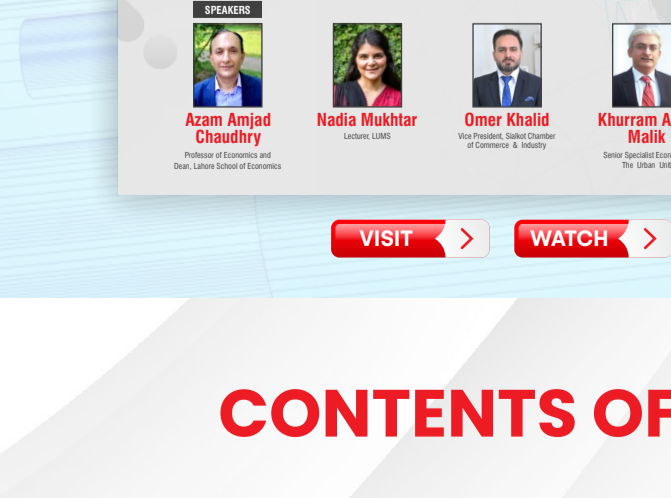
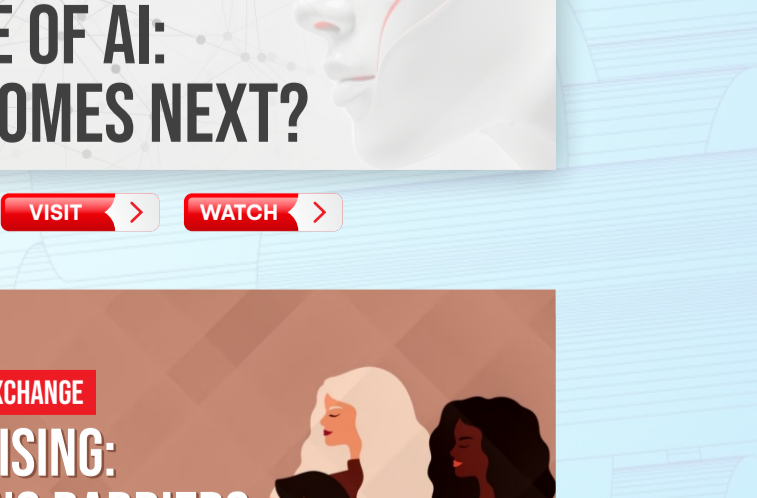
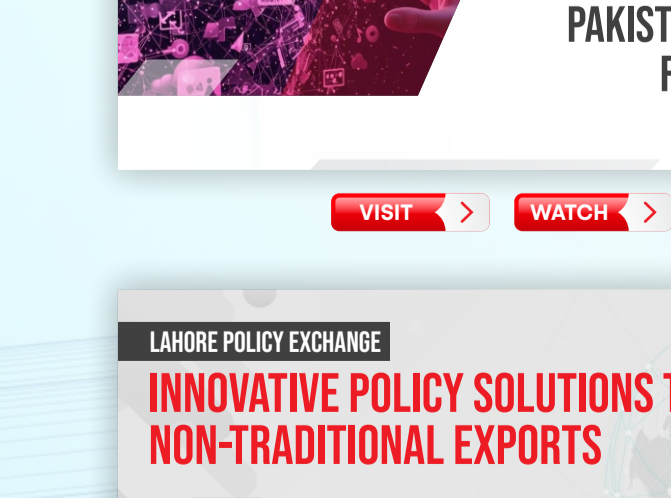
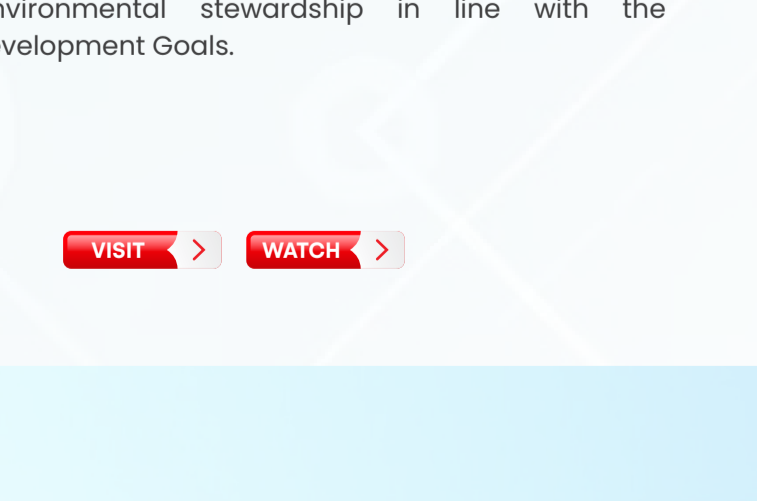
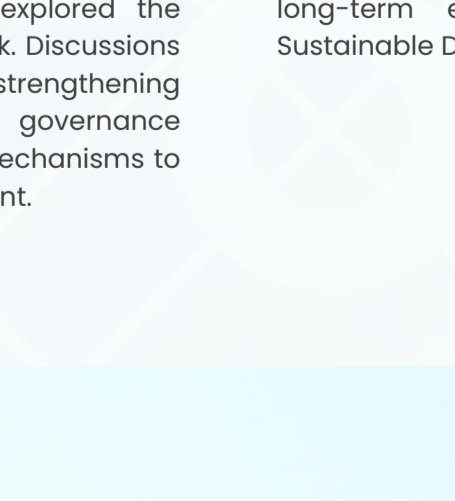
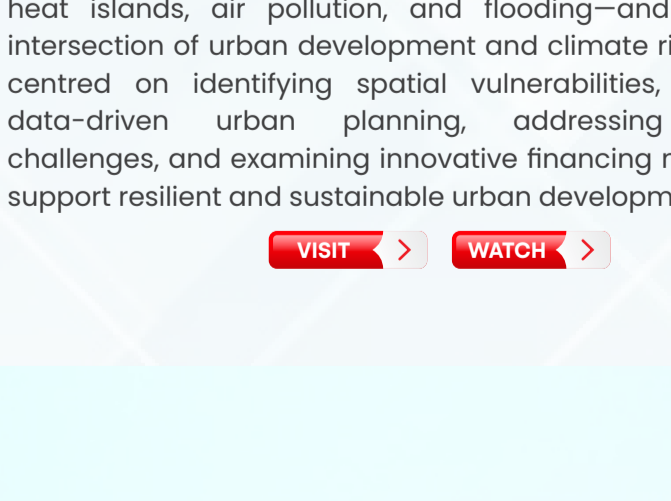
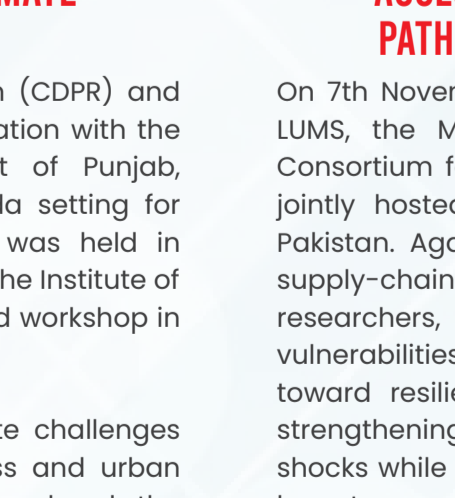
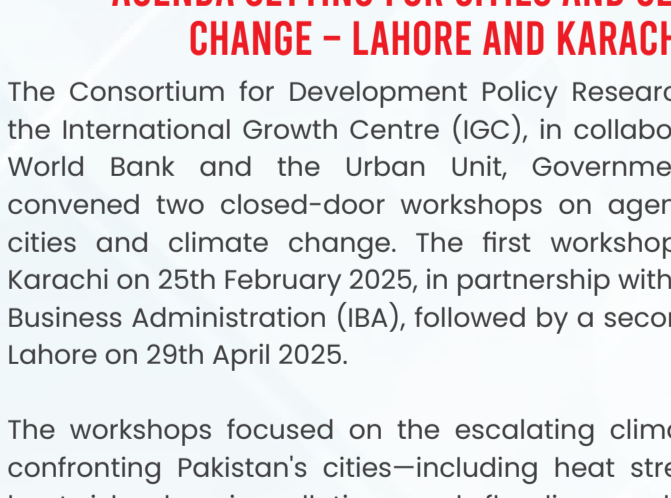
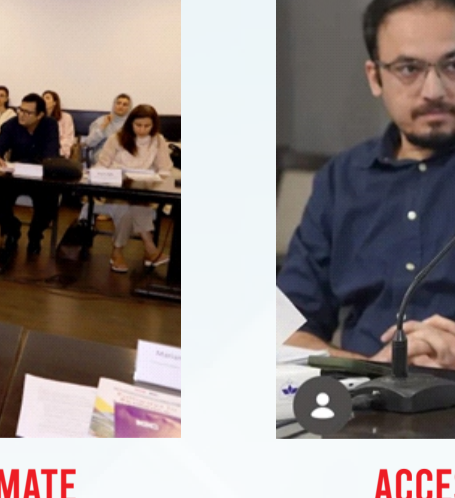
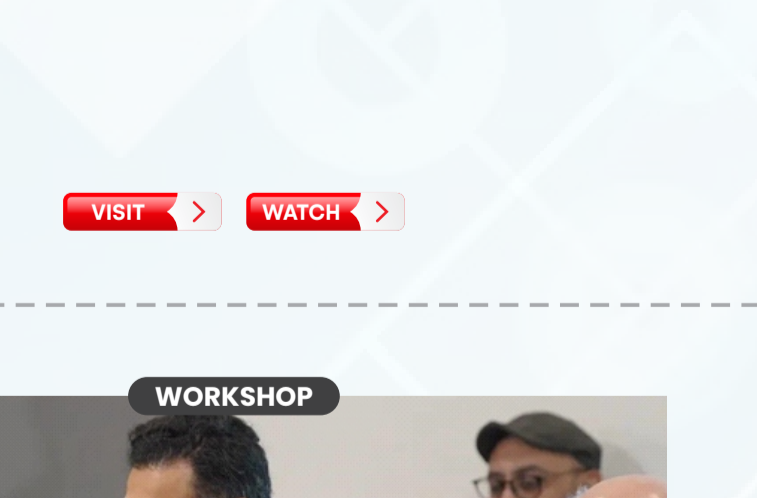
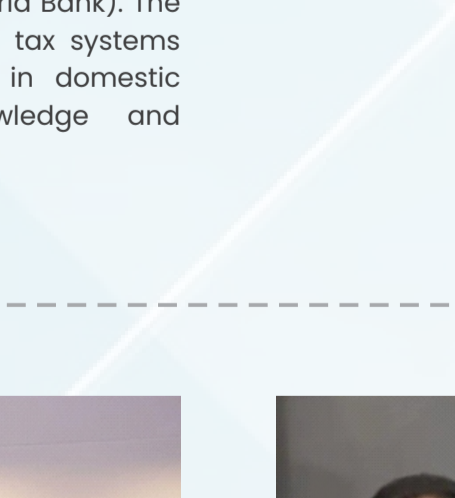
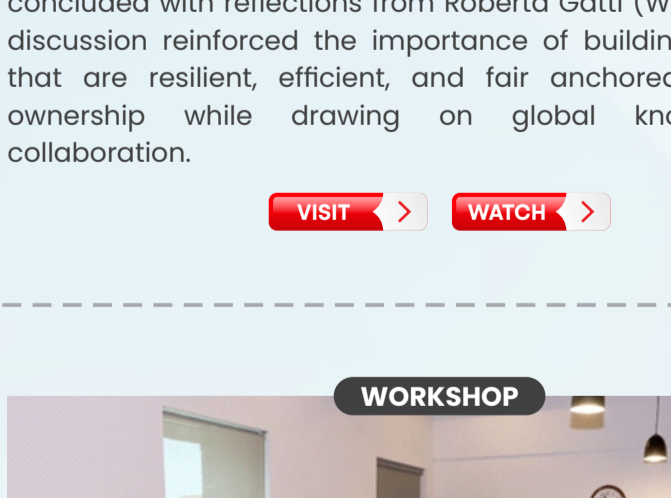
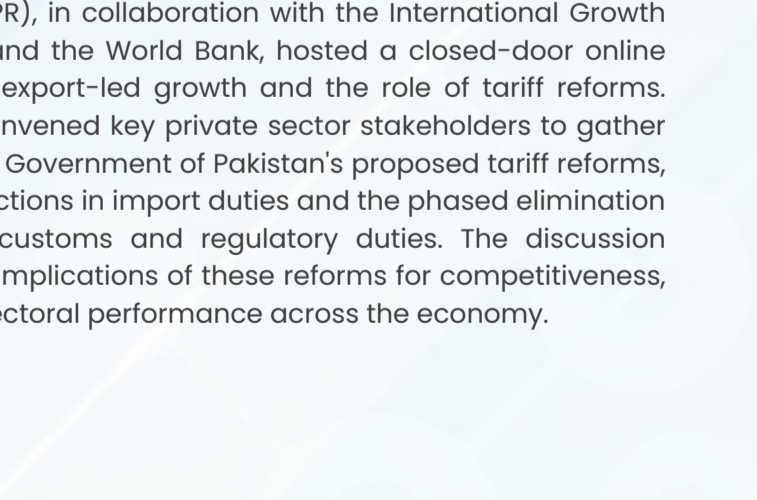
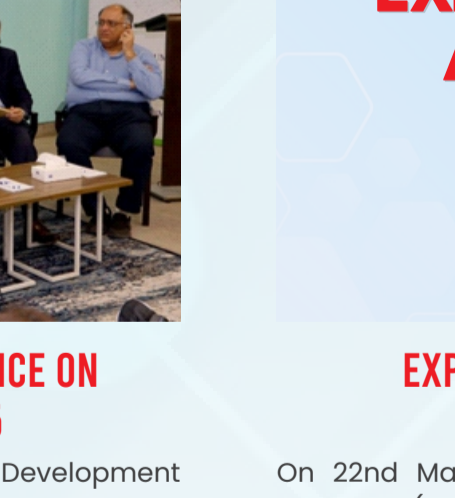
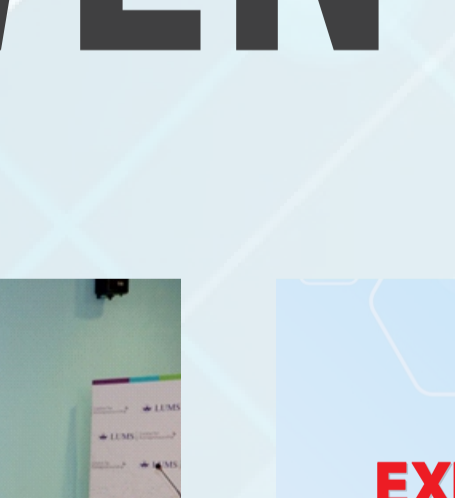
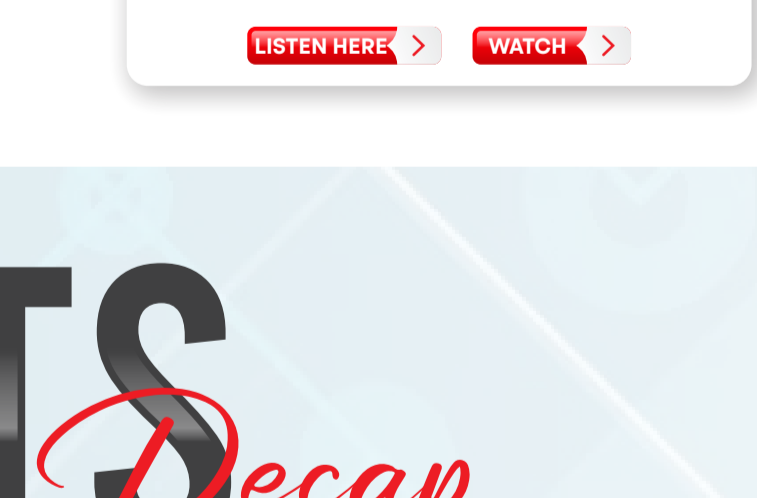
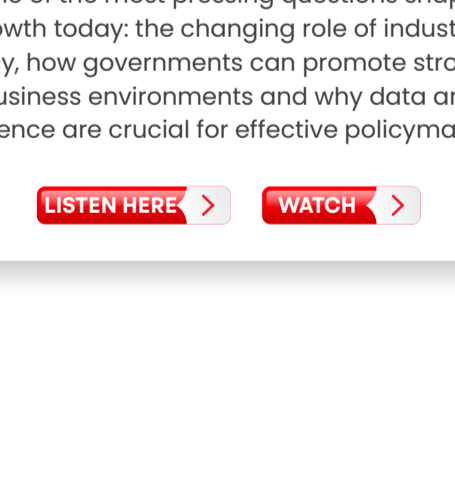
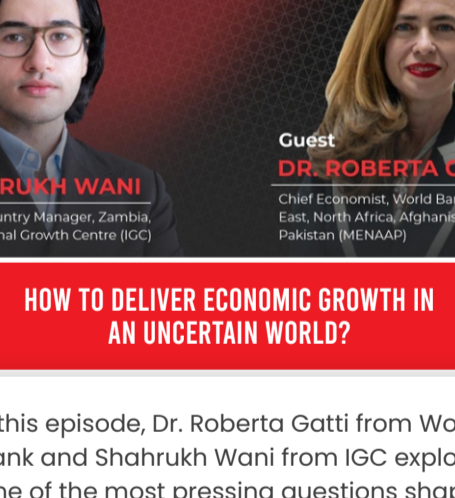
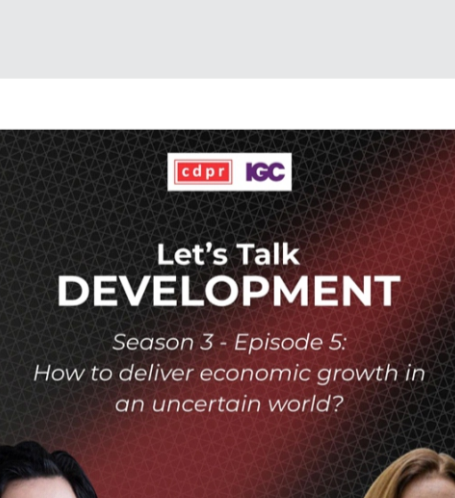
PROJECTS Recap

This year, CDPR worked on a number of projects with a strong focus on the nexus between climate change, energy and cities. Here are our top two projects for 2025:

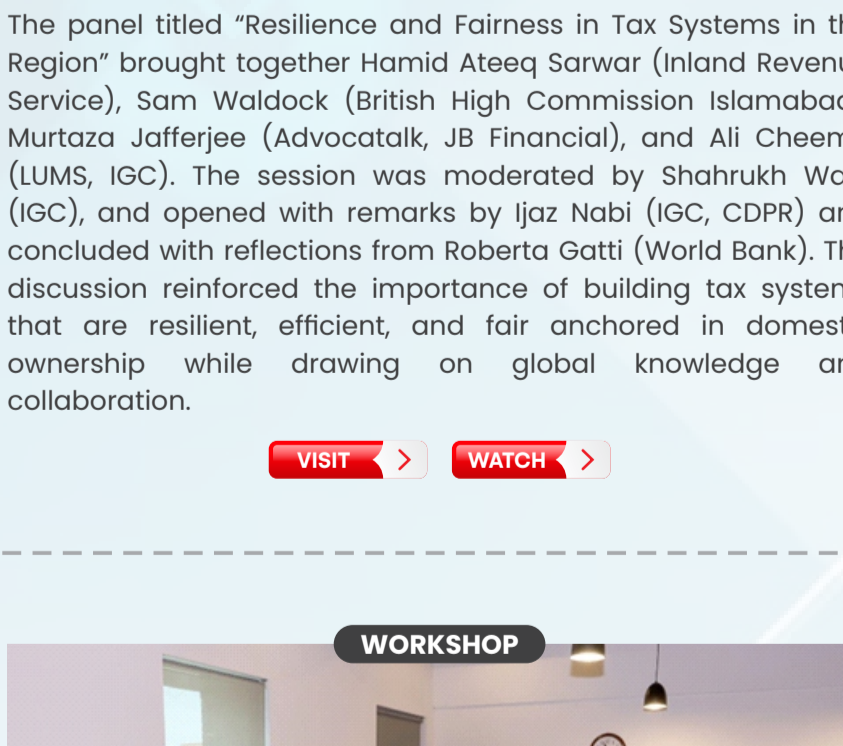


INSIGHTS FOR CHANGE Recap

This year, CDPR's Insights for Change articles focused on Pakistan's key economic challenges, with contributions from seasoned economists and policy practitioners. Here are our top five picks of the year:

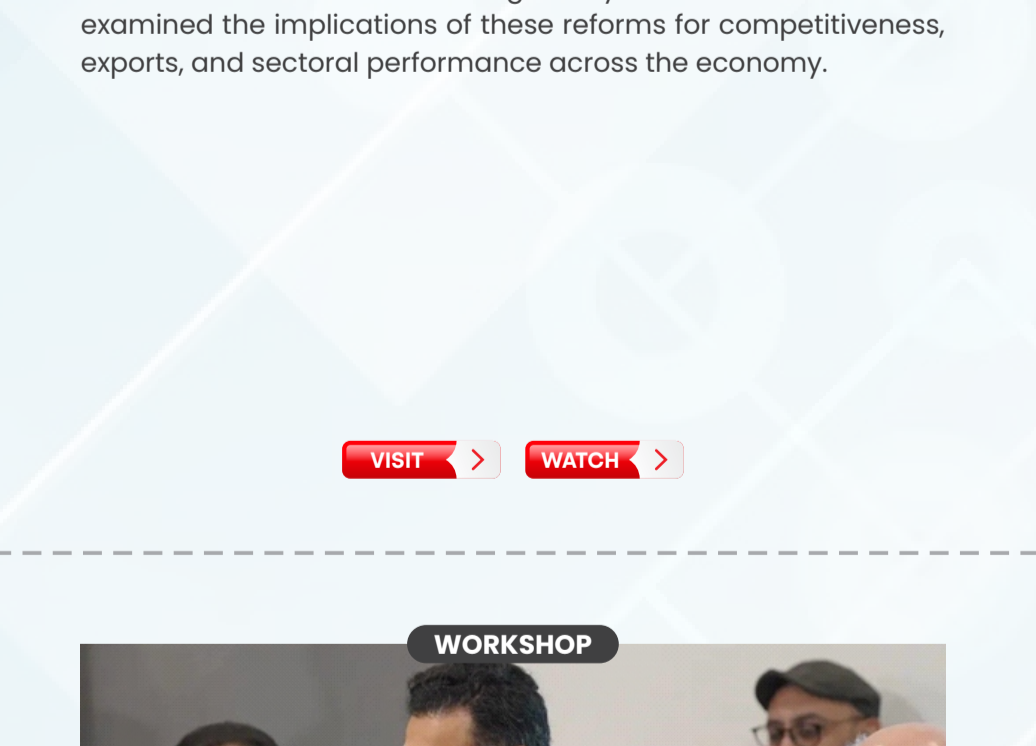


EVENTS Recap



The G'LM | LIC / Path2Dev / BREAD Conference on Development Economics 2025 was held at LUMS from 11-13 September 2025, featuring a rich academic programme alongside policy-oriented panel discussions. The conference convened leading global economists, policymakers, and practitioners to engage with the world, with a particular focus on South Asia.

The panel titled "Resilience and Fairness in Tax Systems in the Region" brought together Hamid Ateeq Sarwar (Inland Revenue Service), Sam Waddock (British High Commission Islamabad), Murtaza Jafferjee (Advocatax), and Ali Cheema (LUMS, IGC). The session was moderated by Shahrukh Wani (IGC), and opened with remarks by Ijaz Nabi (IGC, CDPR) and concluded with reflections from Roberto Gatti (World Bank). The discussion reinforced the importance of building tax systems that are resilient, efficient, and fair anchored in domestic ownership while drawing on global knowledge and collaboration.



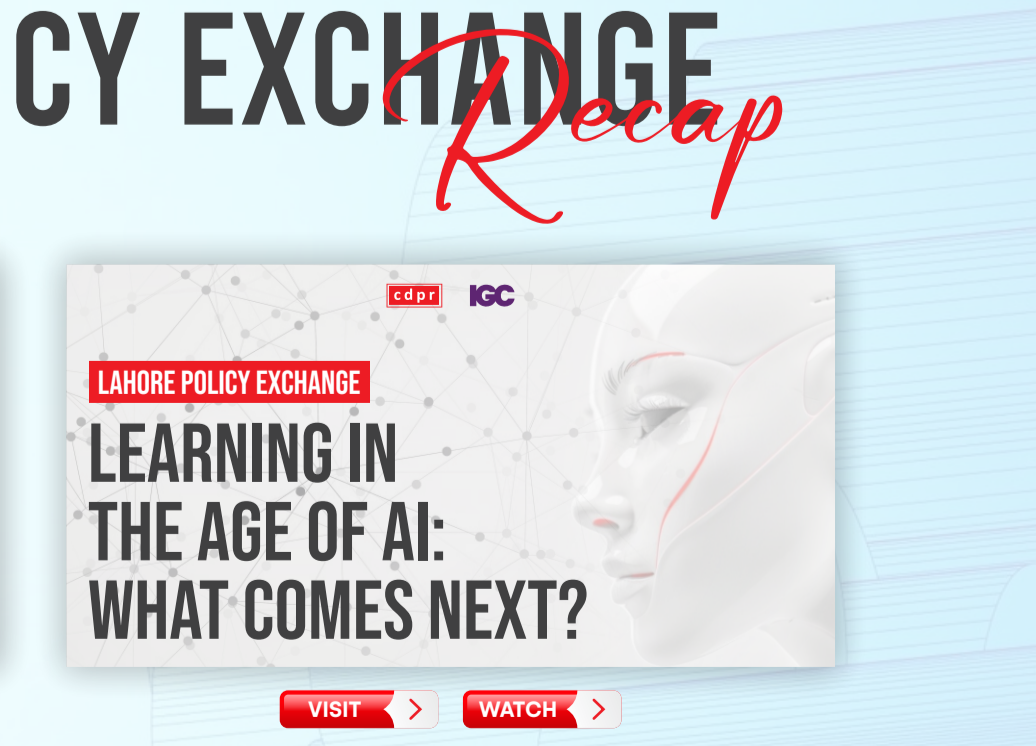
On 22nd May 2025, the Consortium for Development Policy Research (CDPR), in collaboration with the International Growth Centre (IGC) and the World Bank, hosted a closed-door online discussion on export-led growth and the role of tariff reforms.

The session convened key private sector stakeholders to gather insights on the Government of Pakistan's proposed tariff reforms, including reductions in import duties and the phased elimination of additional customs and regulatory duties. The discussion examined the implications of these reforms for competitiveness, exports, and sectoral performance across the economy.

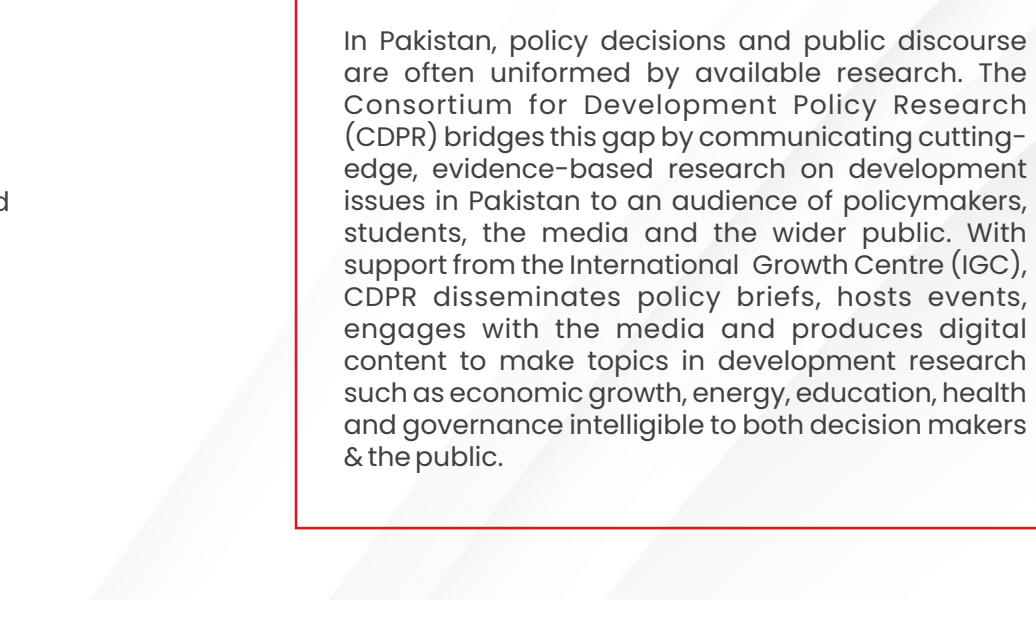


The Consortium for Development Policy Research (CDPR) and the International Growth Centre (IGC), in collaboration with the World Bank and the Urban Unit, Government of Punjab, convened two closed-door workshops on agenda setting for cities and climate change. The first workshop was held in Karachi on 25th February 2025, in partnership with the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), followed by a second workshop in Lahore on 29th April 2025.

The workshops focused on the escalating climate challenges confronting Pakistan's cities—including heat stress and urban heat islands, air pollution, and flooding—and explored the intersection of urban development and climate risk. Discussions centred on identifying spatial vulnerabilities, strengthening data-driven urban planning, addressing governance challenges, and examining innovative financing mechanisms to support resilient and sustainable urban development.



On 7th November 2025, the CNM Department of Economics at LUMS, the Mohibul Ul Haq Research Centre at LUMS, the Consortium for Development Policy Research (CDPR), and Riaz jointly hosted a workshop on the state of food security in Pakistan. Against a backdrop of recurring climate, price, and supply-chain shocks, the workshop brought together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to assess vulnerabilities in Pakistan's food systems and explore pathways toward resilience and sustainability. Discussions focused on strengthening food systems against climatic and economic shocks while promoting responsible production, innovation, and long-term environmental stewardship in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.



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