Pakistan’s reaction to the development will be keenly watched as Islamabad is in the throes of extending its economic corridor with China (CPEC) to Afghanistan, the repayment of $3.5 billion.

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