

---

**WITH THE US LOOKING ELSEWHERE, UZBEKISTAN AND CHINA QUIETLY CEMENT A REGIONAL ALLIANCE**

-

08.02.2024

---

The Hill (5 February 2024)

James Durso

While the U.S., Russia and Europe are trying to quell (or aggravate) crises simultaneously in Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Israel/Gaza, the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea/Yemen, Uzbekistan and China have quietly elevated their partnership.

Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev made a state visit to China on Jan. 23-25, visiting Beijing and Shenzhen. While there he met with Chinas President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang.

The meeting between the Uzbek and Chinese delegations produced numerous announcements and agreements, but the most notable may be their upgrading of the Uzbekistan-China relationship to an all-weather comprehensive strategic partnership. This is significant, as Pakistan, the linchpin of the China   Economic Corridor (CPEC), is the only other country in the region so designated. (CPEC is the largest single piece of Chinas Belt and Road Initiative.)

[Click for more](#)

---

Kaynak/Source: