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These concerns bleed into all others – resulting in the situation today, in which Pakistan finds itself on the brink of sovereign default and at the mercy of the predatory International Monetary Fund. The complete discourse is available online at <https://file.pide.org.pk/pdf/pideresearch/discourse-2023-06.pdf>. — APP

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