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## **Macron Cabinet reflects left, right and centre**

French President Emmanuel Macron has unveiled his 22-member Cabinet with ministers from the political left, right and centre. Second in command after the centre-right Prime Minister, Edouard Philippe, is long-time Partie Socialist member and Lyon mayor Gerard Collomb, who supported Mr. Macron's presidency. Another prominent Socialist appointment is that of former Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, who will now take over the foreign affairs portfolio.

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## **Beijing plans to turn Pakistan into its economic colony**

China's longterm plans for Pakistan would do the East India Company proud. Proposals for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor+ revealed in Pakistani newspaper Dawn envisage thousands of acres of agricultural land being leased to Chinese enterprises to set up demonstration projects and a fibre-optic system that will facilitate the dissemination of Chinese culture.

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