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CCP needed traders, govt's support to check cartelization

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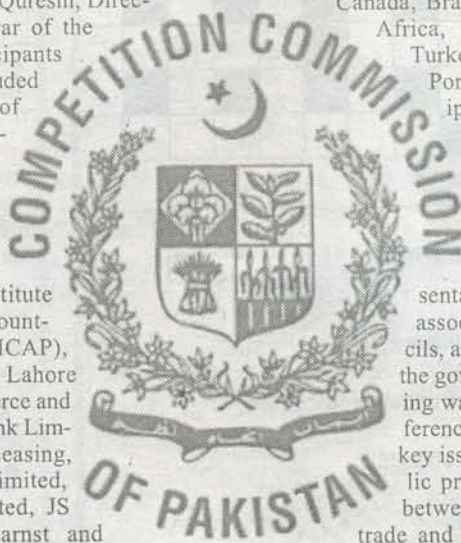
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CCP establishes think-tank to interact with businessmen

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