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BUSINESS RECORDER

Jul-Mar textile exports dip 0.5pc to USD13.545bn YoY

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's textile sector exports registered a negative growth of 0.50 percent, reaching USD13.545 billion in the first nine months of the current fiscal year against USD13.613 billion in the same period of 2024-25, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics reported on Thursday.

Minister speaks of supply constraints: Load-shedding to stay till LNG flows resume

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari said on Thursday that power load-shedding during peak hours will continue until the supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is restored, which is currently unavailable due to a force majeure declared by Qatar.

Highest in a year: CA posts USD1.076bn surplus in March

KARACHI: Pakistan's current account posted a surplus of over USD one billion in March 2026, the highest in a year, supported by healthy home remittance inflows. Analysts said the month-on-month increase in the current account surplus was driven by a narrower goods and services deficit, alongside higher remittance inflows.

Key indicators broadly on track, IMF told

WASHINGTON: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, held a constructive meeting with Nigel Clarke, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the sidelines of the World Bank-IMF Spring Meetings 2026.

Port Qasim to get 400 acres of modern small industrial estate

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry has announced the establishment of a modern small industrial estate at Port Qasim, spanning approximately 400 acres, aimed at promoting industrialization and enhancing investor confidence.

THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee registered marginal gain against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Thursday. At close, the local currency settled at 278.95 against the greenback, according to the SBP. On Wednesday, the local unit closed at 278.96.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

Govt admits up to seven hours of power outages

• Duration nearly three times more than what was announced earlier • Minister cites LNG import disruption, Middle East crisis as key factors • Shortfall estimated at 3,400MW • Demand spikes from 9,000MW to 20,000MW in days • Nuclear plant maintenance postponed to boost supply

Big industry grows 5.89pc in 8MFY26

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Large-Scale Manufacturing (LSM) sector posted a year-on-year growth of 5.89 per cent in July-February 2025-26. Industrial production in February grew 6.45pc YoY, according to figures released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on Tuesday.

Textile exports drop 7.06pc

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's textile and clothing exports fell 7.06 per cent in March compared with the same month last year, marking a second consecutive monthly decline and signalling weakening global demand.

Port Qasim plans estate for small industries

KARACHI: Maritime Affairs Minister Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on Thursday announced the creation of a state-of-the-art 400-acre small industrial estate at Port Qasim to foster industrial growth and boost investor confidence.

\$2bn Saudi inflow offsets Eurobond outflow

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) received \$2 billion from Saudi Arabia on Thursday, following a massive outflow against the maturity of a Eurobond last week.

Robust March turns current account positive

KARACHI: A surplus of \$1.07 billion in March pushed the current account to the positive side, belying speculations of a massive deficit in the wake of the Gulf standoff.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Current account surplus widens in March

KARACHI: Pakistan's current account surplus significantly increased in March, compared with the previous month, helped by lower goods and services trade deficits and robust remittances. Data from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Thursday showed the current account surplus rose to \$1.07 billion in March, from a surplus of \$231 million in February.

FDI drops 27pc to \$1.354bn in July-March FY26

KARACHI: Foreign direct investment (FDI) into Pakistan fell by 27 per cent in the nine months of fiscal year 2026, according to figures from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), published on Thursday.

Pakistan faces extensive blackouts as gas shortfall worsens: report

Pakistan is expecting a streak of power outages as the war in the Middle East chokes its supplies of liquefied natural gas, just as it prepares to host the next round of peace talks between Iran and the US, according to Bloomberg.

Govt to develop 400-acre industrial estate at Port Qasim

KARACHI: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on Thursday announced plans to establish a modern small industrial estate at Port Qasim, spanning around 400 acres, aimed at promoting industrialisation and strengthening investor confidence.

SMEDA, TIOs to strengthen SME exports

LAHORE: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Industries and Production Haroon Akhtar Khan on Thursday chaired a high-level meeting with SME clusters and Trade and Investment Officers (TIOs) from key countries to explore ways to enhance exports and expand the global footprint of Pakistan's small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

SM Tanveer calls for capital repatriation to support economy

KARACHI: Patron-in-Chief of the United Business Group (UBG) and the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) SM Tanveer on Thursday stressed the need for coordinated efforts to strengthen Pakistan's economy, improve the investment climate and restore confidence in the business sector.

Gold rates up Rs1,400 per tola

KARACHI: Gold prices increased by Rs1,400 per tola in the local market on Thursday, following an increase in the international gold rates. According to the All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association (APSGJA), the price of 24-karat gold increased to Rs504,862 per tola.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

Solar net metering helps avert daytime outages

The dying solar net metering has rescued Pakistan from daytime load shedding at a time when the country is undergoing the worst power crisis. Meanwhile, the authorities have ramped up furnace oil-based power generation to full capacity while delaying scheduled maintenance at nuclear plants in an effort to sustain electricity supply amid worsening LNG shortages.

SBP receives \$2 billion Saudi credit

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has received a \$2 billion financial inflow from Saudi Arabia, offering timely relief to its foreign exchange reserves just as the country prepares to repay \$3.5 billion to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this month, officials confirmed on Thursday.

UK, Pakistan launch geoscience capability drive

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik and British High Commissioner Jane Marriott jointly launched a capacity-building initiative aimed at strengthening Pakistan's geoscientific capabilities and supporting the country's mineral sector, according to a statement issued on Thursday.

FinMin projects 4% growth

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb appeared on "Mornings with Maria" on the Fox Business Network during the IMF-World Bank Spring Meetings 2026, where he highlighted Pakistan's economic outlook and its role in diplomatic efforts in the region.

Port Qasim to get 400-acre industrial estate

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