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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **NEPRA tightens net metering rules with new amendments**

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has altered Prosumer Regulations to further tighten the process of net metering. According to sources under the new regulations a new consumer/prosumer is required to have concurrence from the Authority irrespective the size of the facility.

### **Faster passenger clearance: Modern machinery to be installed at all airports**

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday decided to install modern machinery at all airports to improve the checking system, ensure faster passenger clearance, and provide passengers with more convenient travel facilities.

### **THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain**

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee registered marginal gain, appreciating 0.01 percent against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Wednesday. At close, the local currency settled at 278.87, a gain of Re0.03, against the greenback. On Tuesday, the local unit closed at 278.90.

### **National agenda for cotton revival**

The revival of cotton in Pakistan is possible provided farmer's economic decision-making is placed at the center. A farmer always evaluates: "Will cotton provide greater profit and security, or will sugarcane/maize?"

## **DAWN NEWSPAPER**

### **Govt orders probe into costly off-grid power purchases by Discos**

ISLAMABAD: Amid public outcry over high electricity tariffs and prolonged loadshedding, the government on Wednesday said it had uncovered instances of distribution companies (Discos) purchasing expensive power outside the national grid in violation of the economic merit order.

### **Traffic fines cut by amending Motor Vehicles Bill in Punjab**

LAHORE: The Punjab Assembly passed seven bills on Wednesday by a majority vote, including a key law reducing traffic fines, but the session was overshadowed by lawmakers agony over issues in the Minority Affairs and Human Rights Department.

### **Airports moving towards one-window clearance**

ISLAMABAD: In a push to modernise border control and cut wait times for travellers, the country is moving towards a "one-window" airport clearance system using e-gates and

smart scanners, with a joint strategy by the ministries of defence and interior coming under detailed discussion on Wednesday.

### **FBR revises property valuation in six cities**

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has revised property valuation rates in six cities, opting for targeted adjustments in selected areas rather than a blanket revaluation in a move aimed at facilitating both buyers and sellers.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Textile sector seeks budget reforms to unlock \$30bn export potential**

FAISALABAD: Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) Patron-in-Chief Khurram Mukhtar has urged the government to introduce bold structural reforms in the upcoming Budget 2026-27 to unlock the true potential of Pakistan's textile sector and enhance export competitiveness.

### **Around 70 outdated non-tax barriers to be removed in budget**

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has mapped 2,662 Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) on import and export regimes of Pakistan, out of which 60 to 70 restrictions hampering trade might be removed in the budget 2026-27.

### **Pakistan to launch unified e-gate airport clearance system**

To modernise national aviation infrastructure, the federal government has initiated a comprehensive "one-window" clearance strategy aimed at streamlining passenger processing through the integration of e-gates and advanced scanning technology.

### **Karachi traders voice concern over mugging and snatching incidents**

KARACHI: Sindh police chief Javed Alam Odho on Wednesday visited the office of the SITE Association of Industry (SAI), where he met with industrialists and traders, who expressed satisfaction over the general law and order situation in Karachi, saying that no incident of extortion was reported to the SAI.

### **Waiting for 'safe and sustainable' strait crossings, top shipping execs say**

SINGAPORE: Safe and sustainable passage through the Strait of Hormuz is what top shipping companies require before the world's sees much oil or cargo leave or enter the Gulf, two top sector executives said on Wednesday.

### **OICCI seeks phased end to super tax, relief for salaried class**

ISLAMABAD: The Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI), representing more than 200 multinational companies operating in Pakistan, has urged the government to gradually abolish the super tax over three years and rationalise the capital value tax (CVT) on foreign assets in the 2026-27 budget.

### **Murad, Hanif Abbasi agree on revival of KCR, Karachi-Rohri train service**

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Wednesday met Federal Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi and discussed reviving suburban train services, Karachi Circular Railway (KCR), rehabilitating old rail tracks and introducing new trains on the Karachi-

Rohri and Karachi-Jacobabad via Kotri and Dadu routes, as well as developing green corridors along railway tracks to improve urban mobility and environmental sustainability in Karachi.

## **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

### **Govt denies solar licensing claims**

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Power Division declared misleading the reports claiming the federal government made it mandatory for solar consumers to get a licence from the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra).

### **IMF urges removal of non-tariff curbs**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has assured the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that it would review more than 2,660 non-tariff barriers that discourage imports, and many of these will be removed soon, including those restricting the import of mobile phones and cars.

### **BOI ramps up investor outreach in UK**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Board of Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, during his visit to London, engaged in high-level interactions with global financial leaders and institutions, underscoring Pakistan's commitment to strengthening international investment partnerships and enhancing professional standards in the financial sector.

### **Minister orders halt to costly power purchases**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Division Sardar Awaiz Ahmed Khan Leghari has taken serious notice of power off-take from small power producers (SPPs) and captive power plants (CPPs) by distribution companies (DISCOs) at tariffs exceeding the prevailing national merit order, according to a statement issued on Wednesday.

### **Red Line turns into a pipe dream**

KARACHI: A project originally conceived to ease the chronic traffic woes of the metropolis has instead become a daily ordeal for commuters, as the long-delayed Red Line BRT once again grinds to a halt, leaving major stretches of the city's busiest corridors in disarray.

## **ایکسپریس نیوز**

آئی ایم ایف سے بڑا معاہدہ، درآمدی پابندیوں میں نرمی کا فیصلہ  
پاکستان نے آئی ایم ایف کو یقین دہانی کرائی ہے کہ وہ درآمدات کی حوصلہ شکنی کرنیوالی 2,660 سے زائد  
غیر ٹیرف رکاوٹوں کا جائزہ لے گا اور ان میں سے کئی کو جلد ختم کر دیا جائے گا۔