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BUSINESS RECORDER

Jul-Nov FDI down 25pc to USD927.4m YoY

KARACHI: Foreign Direct Investment into Pakistan declined by 25 percent during the first five months of the current FY26. According to the SBP, FDI stood at USD 927.4 million in July to November of FY26, down from USD 1.242 billion in the same period last year, reflecting a fall of USD 315 million.

THE RUPEE PKR: improvement

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee registered improvement against the US dollar, appreciating 0.01% in the inter-bank market on Wednesday. At close, the local currency settled at 280.27, a gain of Re0.03 against the greenback, according to the SBP. On Tuesday, the local unit closed at 280.30.

Traffic congestion in Karachi: Bulk freight movement to be shifted from roads to rails

ISLAMABAD: The Ministries of Maritime Affairs and Pakistan Railways (PR) have agreed in principle to formally sign an agreement to shift 100,000 tons of cargo load to PR freight trains in a bid to deal with road congestion in Karachi and improve cargo logistics at Port Qasim.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

Transporters end 10-day strike after govt 'accepts' key demands

KARACHI: After negotiations with various government departments, goods transporters on Wednesday called off their 10-day strike that had paralysed the movement of raw materials, local production and exports.

C/A swings to \$100m surplus in November

KARACHI: The country's external sector sent mixed signals in November, with the current account swinging to a modest surplus on the back of import compression, while foreign direct investment continued to decline, underscoring persistent challenges in attracting long-term capital despite stable remittance inflows.

Karachi Cotton Association withdraws plea against building 'takeover'

KARACHI: The Karachi Cotton Association (KCA) has withdrawn a petition filed in the Sindh High Court challenging the evacuation of an old building on I.I. Chundrigar Road, which it claims to own.

Auto financing grows for 12th straight month

KARACHI: While continuing to show a gradual recovery, the outstanding auto loans reached Rs318 billion in November from Rs315.4bn in October, marking the 12th consecutive month of growth, showed State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) data.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Power generation falls 19pc in November

KARACHI: Power generation fell by 19 per cent in November compared with October in the current financial year, driven by lower seasonal demand. On a year-on-year (YoY) basis, power generation remained broadly flat in November, with hydel and nuclear power continuing to be the leading contributors to the country's overall electricity output.

Goods transporters call off strike after talks with governments

KARACHI/LAHORE: Goods transporters on Wednesday announced the end of their strike after their demands were accepted by the federal government and the governments of Punjab and Sindh. Representatives of the transporters said negotiations between the transport community and the federal as well as the Punjab and Sindh provincial governments concluded successfully,

SME development among government priorities, says SMEDA chief

LAHORE: The Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA), in line with the Prime Minister of Pakistan's vision for SME development, has initiated a consultation process with SME-based trade bodies under the leadership of Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Industries and Production Haroon Akhtar Khan.

FDI falls to \$927m in July-November

KARACHI: Foreign direct investment (FDI) into Pakistan dropped 25 per cent in the first five months of the current fiscal year to \$927.4 million, the central bank's data showed on Wednesday. In November, the nation's net foreign direct investment amounted to \$179.7 million, reflecting a 23 per cent decline compared to the same month last year.

Pakistan posts \$100m current account surplus

KARACHI: Pakistan's current account returned to a surplus in November, mainly due to a decline in trade and services deficits. The current account surplus was \$100 million in November, according to figures from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Wednesday.

IT exports up 15pc YoY in November

KARACHI: Information technology (IT) exports rose sharply in November 2025, reaching a record \$356 million, up 14 per cent year on year, although down 8.0 per cent month-on-month (MoM), reflecting short-term volatility amid a strong underlying growth trend.

ABAD warns of rising extortion threat as builders seek urgent action in Karachi

KARACHI: Chairperson of the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) Muhammad Hassan Bakhshi on Wednesday said incidents of extortion in Karachi have risen to dangerously alarming levels, with builders, developers and the wider business community being systematically harassed.

Abandoned SMEs

LAHORE: The most lethal blow to SMEs has been denial of affordable credit. What remains is a cruel choice of either shutting down or walk into the arms of informal lenders. These lenders operate on predatory terms that would be illegal in any functioning regulatory state.

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Remittances drive Pakistan's current account \$100m surplus

KARACHI: Pakistan recorded a current account surplus of \$100 million in November 2025, reversing a deficit of \$291 million in October, but the modest improvement came despite a sharp decline in goods exports and was driven almost entirely by remittances sent by overseas Pakistani labourers who continue to receive little to no institutional support from the state.

Real exchange rate jumps to 104.8

Pakistan's Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) index rose to 104.8 in November 2025, up from 103.9 in October, according to the latest data from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). Similarly, the Pakistani rupee edged up 0.01% against the US dollar, closing at 280.27 in the inter-bank market on Wednesday.

Economic risks remain high despite policy calm

LAHORE: Despite relative calm on the policy front, Pakistan's economy continues to face serious risks stemming from both global and domestic challenges, industry leaders warned on Wednesday, urging the government to act with realism,

Pakistan-Mauritius trade far below potential, envoy tells LCCI

LAHORE: The High Commissioner of Mauritius, Munsoo Kurrimbaccus, has said Pakistan's global image does not reflect the reality he observed during his visit, noting that the country is far more beautiful than portrayed and that he will work to present its positive image internationally.

Chinese fintech eyes SMEs, digital finance

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Board of Investment (BOI) Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh on Wednesday met a delegation of Fintopia China, a global FinTech enterprise, to discuss opportunities for strengthening digital financial services in Pakistan.

PM seeks IMF exit strategy after 2027

ISLAMABAD: The government has begun discussions to develop a credible strategy to permanently exit the International Monetary Fund (IMF) after the expiry of the \$7 billion bailout package, underscoring the urgent need for coordinated national efforts to build buffers and avoid any future programme.

Containers pile up over transporters' strike

KARACHI: The 10-day-long strike by goods transporters has brought import and export activities to a halt, leading to a buildup of imported containers at ports. However, spokesmen for Karachi Port and Port Qasim have stated that port operations are continuing as normal and there has been no disruption to the arrival and departure of ships.

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