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BUSINESS RECORDER

[Developments related to GSP+ facility: EU envoy, APTMA team hold talks](#)

LAHORE: The Ambassador of European Union Raimundas Karoblis has discussed in detail the progress on the external sector developments related to GSP+ facility with the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) leadership.

[Discos and KE: PD moves Nepra for uniform tariff approval](#)

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division has moved Nepra for approval of uniform tariff for Discos and KE after incorporation of Rs 249 billion subsidy under the Multi Year Tariff Regime determined on January 7, 2026 and the decision of January 12, 2026, as subsequently notified by the federal government on January 13, 2026.

[Industries: PD says working on peak tariff rationalisation plan](#)

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division on Friday said it was working on a plan to rationalize peak electricity tariffs for the industrial sector, which will be presented to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), as high power prices remain the main concern for industry.

[Pak-Uzbek trade ties: Businesspeople asked to cash in on opportunities](#)

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev on Friday called on the business community to capitalise on new opportunities, including a 10-year tax exemption for Pakistani traders offered by Uzbekistan, with the goal of raising bilateral trade to USD 2 billion over the next five years.

[Joint declaration: Pakistan, Uzbekistan target USD2bn trade by 2029](#)

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Uzbekistan on Friday reaffirmed their resolve to expand trade, economic relations and industrial cooperation, reiterating their commitment to achieving an annual bilateral trade target of USD2 billion by 2029.

[Economic stability to strengthen over next 2 years: SBP](#)

KARACHI: Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Jameel Ahmad on Friday expressed confidence that Pakistan's economic fundamentals have stabilized and will continue to further improve over the next two years, backed by what he described as sustainable and disciplined policy measures adopted by the SBP.

[Optimism increasing in country: Gallup survey](#)

ISLAMABAD: The Gallup Survey 2025 released on Friday revealed that the public sentiment in Pakistan improved in 2025, though people remain cautious about the future. According to a tweet of Khurram Schehzad Advisor to the Finance Minister, Gallup Survey 2025 showed signs of 'Recovery in Pakistan'.

GDs filing: APCAAs identifies impediments to post-payment system

KARACHI: All Pakistan Customs Agents Association (APCAA) has raised several practical hurdles hindering the smooth implementation of the Federal Board of Revenue's (FBR) recently introduced post-payment regime for pre-arrival Goods Declaration (GD) filings.

THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee posted marginal gain against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Friday. At close, the local currency settled at 279.71, a gain of Re0.01 against the greenback. On Wednesday, the local unit closed at 279.72, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

DAWN NEWSPAPER

'Relief' for industry as government shifts burden to domestic bills

- Proposes fixed monthly electricity charges of Rs200-675 for over 28.5m households
- Aims to raise Rs125bn to fund Rs4.04-per-unit relief for industry
- Nepra okays fuel adjustment; Feb bills to rise by Rs1.21 per unit

Exporters face Rs217bn super tax hit

KARACHI: KATI President Muhammad Ikram Rajput has expressed grave concern over the federal government's decision to immediately recover Rs217 billion from exporters in the form of super tax for the period from 2022 to 2026, warning that the move could push already distressed industries towards collapse.

Nepra slaps Rs10m fine on NGC

ISLAMABAD: The NEPRA on Friday imposed a fine of Rs10 million on the National Grid Company (NGC), formerly known as the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC), for its continued failure to provide critical data regarding the Integrated System Plan (ISP) 2024-34, despite clear regulatory orders over the past year.

Weekly inflation rises 4.8pc

ISLAMABAD: Short-term inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Index (SPI), increased 4.84 per cent year-on-year in the week ending Feb 5, owing to an increase in the retail price of tomatoes and onions in the domestic market.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Govt wants tariff cuts, fixed charge hikes for households

ISLAMABAD: The government has proposed a downward revision of up to Rs1.53 per unit in the base electricity tariff for some domestic power consumers, while recommending higher fixed monthly charges for certain protected and unprotected households, according to a motion filed with the NEPRA.

Nepra approves Rs0.28/unit hike in Feb electricity bills

ISLAMABAD: Electricity consumers, including those of K-Electric, will face an additional Rs0.284 per unit in their February bills following a fuel charges adjustment for December 2025, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) announced Friday.

SBP expects sustainable growth in FY26

The State Bank of Pakistan is becoming more confident in the country's growth outlook, expressing hope that economic momentum will further strengthen in the coming years.

Solar net-metering could cost grid users Rs4.36tr by 2034

ISLAMABAD: Rooftop solar users under Pakistan's net-metering regime are shifting a massive financial burden onto non-solar electricity consumers, with cross-subsidies already costing grid users Rs2.87 per unit and projected to surge to Rs5.35 per unit by 2034, creating a cumulative impact of Rs4.36 trillion over the next decade.

Gold slides Rs21,400 per tola amid volatility

KARACHI: Gold prices saw another sharp swing on Friday, falling by Rs21,400 per tola in the local market as a decline in international bullion rates triggered fresh selling. According to the APSGJA, the price of 24-carat gold dropped to Rs507,762 per tola.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

Pakistan meets 3 out of 5 IMF goals

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has delivered on three out of five major fiscal conditions set by the IMF for the next \$1 billion loan tranche largely on the back of high interest rates and petroleum levy collection, but it could not be able to broaden the tax base.

SBP rules out bold rate cuts

The SBP Governor Jameel Ahmad has expressed confidence that the country's current phase of macroeconomic stabilisation will continue for at least the next two years, while making it clear that the central bank will avoid any unconventional or "out-of-the-way" policy rate cuts despite the prime minister's call for a bold monetary easing decision.

SBP reserves up \$56m to \$16.16b

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) foreign exchange reserves increased by \$56 million during the week ended January 30, reaching \$16.16 billion, the SBP reported. The country's total liquid foreign reserves stood at \$21.34 billion, comprising \$16.16 billion with the SBP and \$5.18 billion held by commercial banks.

DISCOs facing music over net-metering failure

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has said it has initiated legal proceedings against government-owned distribution companies (DISCOs) due to their failure to credit solar energy units to net-metering consumers.

NEPRA to hear proposal on revised tariff structure

ISLAMABAD: The power regulator is set to allow amendments in the tariff structure for power distribution companies, including K-Electric (KE), as part of a federal government proposal to rationalise electricity tariffs without increasing the overall subsidy burden.

Foreign experts to join AI council

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to include international artificial intelligence (AI) experts in the AI council to execute Pakistan's National Artificial Intelligence policy.

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