

# **Towel Manufacturers' Association of Pakistan**

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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **ILO says ME war threatens millions of jobs**

GENEVA: The Middle East war is undermining wages and working conditions way beyond the conflict region, the UN's International Labour Organization said Monday. The ILO predicted in a report that the conflict could cost millions of jobs and see real wages fall in 2026 and 2027 with a particular risk for migrant workers who send home remittances.

### **April 2026: Govt to pass on Rs1.73/unit positive FCA**

ISLAMABAD: The government is set to pass on a positive Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) of Rs1.73 per unit for April 2026 across the country reflecting higher power generation costs due to negligible RLNG supply. The financial impact of proposed FCA adjustment will be over Rs 14 billion.

### **Export facilitation, tax reforms, digitization: FPCCI assured of relief measures**

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb Monday assured the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) of relief measures focused on export facilitation, tax reforms, digitization, and automation aimed at easing compliance and improving services for taxpayers and businesses.

### **Delay, detention certificates issued by Customs authorities: APTMA seeks PM's intervention for implementation of apex court's orders**

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has sought the Prime Minister's intervention to ensure implementation of apex court directives regarding delay and detention certificates issued by Customs authorities.

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

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee posted marginal gain against the US dollar in inter-bank market on Monday. At close, the local currency settled at 278.60, a gain of Re0.01 against the greenback. On Friday, the local unit closed at 278.61.

## **DAWN NEWSPAPER**

### **Current account slips back into deficit**

KARACHI: A sharp rise in the oil import bill and persistently high imports of food and luxury goods pushed the current account back into deficit in April, wiping out the \$1 billion-plus surplus recorded a month earlier and putting renewed pressure on the country's balance of payments.

### **Exports to Middle East fall 8pc in April**

ISLAMABAD: Exports to the Middle East fell by eight per cent year-on-year to \$230.079 million in April, reflecting the impact of the ongoing conflict on the country's external trade with the region.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Aptma sounds alarm over 'illegal' demurrage charges**

ISLAMABAD: The textile industry has raised serious concerns over what it calls the persistent violation of customs laws by port authorities and shipping companies, warning that the issue is inflicting heavy financial losses on businesses and the national economy alike.

### **Govt averts Rs6 per unit power tariff shock amid Iran-US war**

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has blocked an electricity tariff increase of up to Rs6 per unit for June 2026, instead delivering a modest relief of up to 20 paisas per unit to consumers despite soaring global fuel prices driven by the Iran-US war.

### **Current account turns to deficit on higher trade gap amid energy shock**

KARACHI: Pakistan's current account swung to a deficit of \$324 million in April from a surplus of \$1.134 billion in the previous month as the nation's trade gap widened due to higher imports stemming from supply disruptions and rising oil prices amid war in the Middle East.

### **FDI dips 31pc to \$1.4bn in July-April**

KARACHI: Foreign direct investment (FDI) into Pakistan dropped 31 per cent in 10 months of the current fiscal year to \$1.409 billion, the central bank data showed on Monday. In April, the nation's net foreign direct investment amounted to \$54.5 million, compared with \$178.8 million in the same period last year.

## **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

### **Gas price hike plea given thumbs down**

KARACHI: Businessmen Group Chairman Zubair Motiwala has urged the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) to reject a petition submitted by Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) for its estimated revenue requirement (ERR) for fiscal year 2026-27, saying that any further increase in gas tariffs will cripple industries, damage exports and further weaken Pakistan's economy.

### **Rs6-per-unit tariff shock averted**

ISLAMABAD: The government on Monday claimed to have rescued consumers from up to Rs6-per-unit electricity tariff hike following timely interventions to arrange liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies.

### **Provinces urged to raise Rs400b in taxes**

ISLAMABAD: The centre on Monday urged all provincial governments to collect more than Rs400 billion in additional taxes in the new fiscal year, mainly from agriculture, services and real estate sectors, to meet a major condition of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

## Import push C/A back into deficit

KARACHI: Pakistan's external account slipped back into deficit in April 2026 as a sharp rise in imports outpaced export growth, highlighting renewed pressure on the country's balance of payments despite strong remittance inflows and improving services exports.

### ایکسپریس نیوز

اپریل 2026 میں کرنٹ اکاؤنٹ خسارہ 324 ملین ڈالر ریکارڈ

درآمدات میں اضافے، سست برآمدات، تجارتی خسارے نے بیرونی کھاتوں پر دباؤ بڑھا دیا

آئی ایم ایف کا پاکستان سے سیلز ٹیکس میں ہر قسم کی چھوٹ ختم کرنے کا مطالبہ  
ایف بی آر اور آئی ایم ایف کے درمیان ٹیکس ہدف کو جی ڈی پی کے 11.2 فیصد کے برابر رکھنے پر اتفاق ہو گیا، ذرائع

آئی ایم ایف کو گیس گردش قرضہ ختم کرنے کا پلان پیش، نئی لیوی عائد کرنے  
کی تجویز

عالمی مالیاتی ادارے نے اہم سوالات اٹھاتے ہوئے حکومت سے مزید وضاحت طلب کر لی ہے، ذرائع

بجلی صارفین کے لیے خوشخبری، جون میں فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کا بوجھ ٹل گیا  
ایل این جی کی بندش اور مہنگے فرنس ائل کے استعمال کے باوجود بجلی صارفین پر کوئی اضافی بوجھ نہیں  
پڑے گا، پاور ڈویژن

خلیج کی صورتحال اثر انداز، اسٹاک مارکیٹ میں آغاز سے اختتام تک مندی

اوگرا سوئی سدرن گیس کی ای آر آر درخواست مسترد کرے، زبیر موتی والا کا  
مطالبہ