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BUSINESS RECORDER

Textile & garment exports: Pakistan Accord sets up board to boost competitiveness

KARACHI: Pakistan Accord has established its first suppliers' advisory board to strengthen global confidence in Pakistan's textile and garment export industry. After the formation of the board, Aamir Reyaz Chottani has been elected as its first chairman and Habib Anwar as Co-Chairman.

SBP projects GDP growth at 3.5pc-4.5pc

KARACHI: Pakistan's economy is expected to maintain its growth momentum in FY27, with real GDP growth projected at 3.5-4.5 percent, supported by improved macroeconomic stability, a recovery in domestic demand, lagged impact of monetary easing, stronger fiscal and external buffers, and recent fiscal measures aimed at boosting industrial activity.

SMEs: PM approves facilitation centres in four cities

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday approved plans to establish Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) facilitation centres in four major cities as part of a government initiative to boost exports, support emerging businesses and expand access to commercial opportunities.

Inflation to remain above medium-term target range: SBP

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has projected that inflation to remain above its medium-term target range in FY27, as global energy price shocks and rising input costs continue to exert upward pressure on domestic prices.

Petrol, HSD rates cut by Rs2/litre each

ISLAMABAD: The ex-depot price of petrol has been reduced by Rs2 per litre, bringing the new retail rate down from Rs330 to Rs328 per litre. Meanwhile, the price of High-Speed Diesel (HSD) has also come down at Rs358 per litre instead of Rs360 per litre effective November 17.

Entities under administrative control: Ministries, Divisions told to ensure payment of minimum wages

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has directed all ministries and divisions to ensure payment of minimum wages to employees of their attached departments, autonomous bodies, corporations and organisations under their administrative control, with salaries disbursed exclusively through banking channels.

FPCCI 2027-2028 elections: Haleem vows support for Tanveer

Former Vice President of the FPCCI, former Chairman of the Pakistan Ship Agents Association, Tariq Haleem has said the FPCCI requires leadership capable of effectively highlighting the concerns of traders and industrialists, pursuing their resolution at the government level, and playing an active role in promoting business and industrial activities throughout the country.

THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee continued its marginal gain against the US dollar, appreciating 0.01percent in the inter-bank market on Monday. The local unit closed the day at 276.57, a gain of Re0.03 against the greenback.

Cotton market remain stable with moderate trading volume

The local cotton market on Monday remained stable and the trading volume remained moderate. Cotton Analyst told that the rate of cotton in Sindh is in between Rs 15,500 to Rs 18,500 per maund, while Phutti in the province is trading between Rs 7,000 to Rs 8,500 per 40 kilograms.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

Financing for export sector raised to Rs1.5tr

ISLAMABAD: The government has raised financing under the Export Finance Scheme (EFS) to Rs1.5 trillion from Rs1 trillion, with Rs300 billion earmarked for small and medium enterprises and new exporters, as it seeks to drive export-led growth.

PM approves district SME facilitation centres

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday approved the establishment of facilitation centres for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) at the district level, with pilot projects in Lahore, Peshawar, Karachi and Quetta.

SBP stresses structural reforms for sustainable growth

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has said that although the country's macroeconomic conditions have im--proved, deep-rooted structural reforms are needed to place it on a sustainable high-growth path and accommodate its expanding working-age population.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

PM okays district-level SME facilitation centres to boost exports

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday approved the establishment of SME facilitation centres at the district level to boost the country's exports and directed to launch pilot projects in Lahore, Peshawar, Karachi and Quetta.

PHMA seeks uniform SME policy, export incentives for textile sector

LAHORE: The PHMA on Monday called for harmonisation of government policies governing SMEs, pointing out inconsistencies between the banking and taxation frameworks.

SBP holds FY27 growth forecast at 3.5-4.5pc

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Monday maintained its forecast for the country's economic growth of 3.5-4.5 per cent in FY27, but warned that the Middle East conflict and higher energy prices threaten the outlook.

Pakistan, BD urged to chart independent course in ties

LAHORE: Pakistan and Bangladesh should pursue an independent and forward-looking approach to bilateral relations, placing their respective national interests, economic development and mutual prosperity at the centre of engagement rather than viewing their relationship through the prism of India, the dean of the National School of Public Policy (NSPP) said on Monday.

Petroleum dealers seek monthly fuel price revisions, higher margins

KARACHI: The Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) has urged Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik to revise the existing mechanism for adjusting petroleum product prices.

Gold prices down Rs2,000 per tola

KARACHI: Gold prices fell by Rs2,000 per tola in the local market on Monday, following a decline in the international market. The All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association said that 24-karat gold rates reached Rs408,936 per tola.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

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Rs300b earmarked for short-term export finance

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb has emphasised that financing must reach a wider segment of businesses, particularly small and export-oriented enterprises, in line with the vision of strengthening the small and medium enterprise (SME) sector and advancing export-led growth.

SBP warns of premature deindustrialisation

KARACHI: Pakistan is at risk of premature deindustrialisation as its manufacturing sector struggles to expand its contribution to economic output and employment, with decades of stagnating industrial value addition, declining productive investment and a shift towards low-value services threatening the country's long-term growth prospects, the SBP has warned.

Steps taken to expedite industrial uplift

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Chaudhry Shafay Hussain on Monday said the Punjab government had taken historic measures to promote investment and accelerate industrial development in the province.

Pakistan eager to extend CASA-1,000

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has offered Turkmenistan to join the Central Asia-South Asia (CASA) 1,000-megawatt electricity supply project, originating in Tajikistan. Already, Islamabad has given its backing to Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan for exploring the potential of extending the CASA-1,000 power transmission line to Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

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