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BUSINESS RECORDER

Jul LSM grows 3.03pc YoY, 9.51pc MoM

ISLAMABAD: The Large Scale Manufacturing (LSM) sector has posted a growth of 3.03 percent on a year-on-year (YoY) basis in July 2026, according to provisional data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on Wednesday.

Jul-Aug FDI jumps 24pc YoY

KARACHI: Pakistan's foreign direct investment (FDI) rose 24 percent during the first two months (Jul-Aug) of the fiscal year 2026-24, supported by stronger inflows in August.

Petrol price hiked by Rs6.88, HSD's by Rs5.62

ISLAMABAD: The ex-depot price of petrol has been increased by Rs6.88 to Rs391.22 per litre from Rs384.24 per litre. Similarly, the price of High-Speed Diesel (HSD) saw an increase of Rs5.62 to reach Rs421.45 per litre from Rs415.83 per litre, for September 17, 2026.

Fuel subsidy scheme: PM directs setting up of facilitation desks

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed the government to set up facilitation desks at petrol stations to help eligible citizens register for and receive fuel subsidies under the PM Special Relief Scheme.

PM orders Smeda to make strategy for SME financing

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (Smeda) to formulate a comprehensive strategy to provide financial support to small and medium-sized industries and businesses across Pakistan.

SBCA asks owners to implement fire safety measures at their factories

KARACHI: The Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) has issued urgent directives to factory owners across the province to ensure comprehensive fire safety arrangements at their industrial premises, as protecting human lives must remain the foremost priority.

TDAP organises awareness session on e-commerce for women entrepreneurs

ISLAMABAD: The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), Women Entrepreneur Division, in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development (PITAD), successfully organised an interactive awareness session titled "E-Commerce and Digital Skills for Women Entrepreneurs" at PITAD, Islamabad.

THE RUPEE Rupee gains against USD

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee extended its marginal gains, appreciating 0.01 percent, against the US dollar in the interbank market on Wednesday. The local unit closed the day

at 277.27, a gain of Re0.03 against the greenback. On Tuesday, the Pakistani rupee settled at 277.30 against the dollar.

Gold records big gains

KARACHI: Gold prices shot up on Wednesday, tracking a global market's rise, traders said. The yellow metal saw an increase of Rs7,900 to reach Rs457,236 per tola with Rs6,773 to Rs392,006 per 10 grams, All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association said.

Spot rate loses Rs100 per maund

LAHORE: The Spot Rate Committee of the Karachi Cotton Association on Wednesday decreased the spot rate by Rs 1,00 per maund and closed it at Rs 19,300 per maund. Cotton Analyst told Business Recorder that the local cotton market remained easy and trading volume remained satisfactory.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

Minister seeks faster clearance of textile exports

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry has urged exporters to file goods declarations (GDs) on time and complete documentation to avoid delays in clearing textile consignments.

PM Shehbaz orders small and medium enterprises support strategy

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (Smeda) to develop a comprehensive strategy to provide financial support to SMEs and entrepreneurs, aiming to boost their capacity and expand their access to global markets.

Large-scale industry rebounds 3.03pc in July

ISLAMABAD: The Large-Scale Manufacturing (LSM) sector posted a modest year-on-year growth of 3.03 per cent and a sharper 9.5pc month-on-month in the first month of 2026-27. Industrial activity rebounded in July after a 3.48pc contraction in June.

Current account deficit narrows to \$98m in August

KARACHI: Pakistan's current account deficit (CAD) narrowed sharply in August, indicating an improvement in the external balance, but the widening trade gap and surging oil prices amid the Gulf war continue to pose risks to the country's external position.

Google-Pakistan deal raises data privacy concerns

ISLAMABAD: Media watchdog Freedom Network has penned an open letter to Google and the government, seeking to know what safeguards will ensure that the tech giant's recent partnership with Pakistan strengthens the country's digital economy without creating a backdoor for surveillance, censorship or unrestricted access to citizens' personal information.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Govt raises petrol, diesel prices by up to Rs6.88 per litre

ISLAMABAD: The government has raised petrol and high-speed diesel prices by Rs6.88 and Rs5.62 per litre, respectively, effective for September 17, as elevated international crude and petroleum product prices continue to push up domestic fuel costs.

Factory output grows 3pc in July

ISLAMABAD: The large-scale manufacturing sector grew 3.03 per cent in July 2026 from a year earlier, led by a sharp rebound in automobiles, tobacco, garments and cement, but output fell in several major industries including textiles, food, chemicals, pharmaceuticals and iron and steel, official data showed on Monday.

Current account deficit shrinks in August

KARACHI: Pakistan's current account deficit narrowed 70 per cent in August from a year earlier thanks to strong remittances and a reduced services gap, central bank data showed on Wednesday.

FDI increases 24pc to \$495m in two months

KARACHI: Pakistan's net foreign direct investment (FDI) rose 24 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to \$495 million in the first two months of fiscal year 2026-27, supported by stronger inflows in August, according to data from the central bank released on Wednesday.

Exports to China jump 45pc to \$478m in July-August

KARACHI: Exports to China increased 45 per cent to \$478 million during July-August FY2026-27, compared with \$331 million in the corresponding period last year. China was Pakistan's second-largest export destination during the first two months of the current fiscal year, after the US.

Minister urges exporters to ensure timely filing of goods declarations

KARACHI: Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry has urged exporters to ensure timely filing of goods declarations (GDs) and completion of required documentation.

TDAP holds session to help women entrepreneurs develop e-commerce skills

ISLAMABAD: The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) held an awareness session on e-commerce and digital skills for women entrepreneurs in Islamabad, covering digital marketing, online business growth, digital payments and access to domestic and international markets.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

PM orders strategy to boost SMEs

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday directed Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) to formulate a comprehensive strategy for extending financial assistance to Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and businesspersons across the country aimed at enhancing their professional capacity and facilitating their access to global markets.

Directives issued to address delay in goods clearance

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry has urged exporters to ensure timely filing of Goods Declarations (GDs) and completion of documentation. He chaired a meeting on issues faced by textile exporters at ports, attended

by representatives of the export industry, port authorities, Customs, relevant government departments and other stakeholders.

Jul-Aug C/A deficit stands at \$543m

KARACHI: Pakistan recorded a current account deficit of \$543 million in the first two months of FY27, the State Bank of Pakistan's latest figures show. It was 36% narrower than the \$853 million gap in the same period of last year, supported by robust remittance inflows.

Foreign investment sought in energy infrastructure

Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik held separate meetings with senior representatives of VTTI and Honeywell UOP to discuss investment opportunities, energy infrastructure development and the up-gradation of Pakistan's refinery sector.

Japanese investment invited for tech, R&D

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for IT and Telecom Shaza Fatima Khawaja delivered a virtual address, "Pakistan's digital transformation and opportunities for partnership with Japan", at the Pakistan Business Seminar, organised by the Japan External Trade Organisation (Jetro) in collaboration with the Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) in Tokyo.

ایکسپریس نیوز

حکومت کا عوام پر ایک اور پیٹرول بم، قیمتوں میں پھر سے بڑا اضافہ

نوٹی فکیشن کے مطابق 17 ستمبر کیلئے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں 6 روپے 88 پیسے فی لیٹر تک کا اضافہ کیا گیا ہے۔

وزیراعظم کا چھوٹے کاروبار کی معاونت اور عالمی منڈی تک رسائی کیلئے حکمت عملی

بنانے کا حکم

چھوٹے و درمیانے درجے کی صنعتوں اور کاروبار میں خواتین کی شمولیت یقینی بنانے کے لیے اقدامات کی ہدایت

پیٹرول اسکیم؛ وزیراعظم کی انتظامیہ اور پمپ عملے پر مشتمل سہولت ڈیسک قائم کرنے

کی ہدایت

حکام متحرک ہوجائیں، سہولت ڈیسک عوام کو رجسٹریشن اور دیگر ضروری مراحل میں ہر ممکن رہنمائی فراہم کرے، وزیراعظم

سونے اور چاندی کی قیمت مزید بڑھ گئی

صرفہ مارکیٹ میں سونا 7 ہزار 900 روپے مہنگا ہوگیا، جس کے نتیجے میں فی تولہ سونا کی قیمت بڑھ کر 4 لاکھ 57 ہزار 236 روپے کی سطح پر پہنچ گئی ہے۔