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BUSINESS RECORDER

Jul-Aug textile exports climb 5.55pc YoY

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's textile sector exports have registered an increase of 5.55 percent during July-August of the current financial year 2026-27 as compared to the same months of last year, according to the Monthly Advance Releases on Foreign Trade Statistics released here on Friday by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

APTMA, EU open talks on GSP+ renewal

LAHORE: Pakistan's textile industry and the European Union have opened discussions on securing a renewal of the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) trade facility, with EU Ambassador Raimundas Karoblis stressing that progress on human rights, labour and environmental reforms would be crucial to retaining the scheme beyond its 2027 expiry.

Petrol price reduced by Rs1.65 per litre, diesel's by 88 paise

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division has announced a slight reduction in petrol and High Speed Diesel (HSD) prices for September 19–21, driven by falling global refined product costs. A primary contributor to the lower petrol price is the drop in premium and freight charges, which fell from USD 17.70 to USD 15.46 per barrel for September 19.

KTBA urges FBR to remove IRIS errors

KARACHI: The Karachi Tax Bar Association (KTBA) has raised concerns over computing tax liability by IRIS portal, saying members have found no clear statutory basis for the system-generated figures and are demanding the mechanism be reviewed immediately, with Tax Year 2026 return filing currently underway.

THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee extended its marginal gains against the US dollar in the interbank market on Friday. The local unit closed the day at 277.25, a gain of Re0.01 against the greenback. On Thursday, the Pakistani rupee settled at 277.26 against the dollar.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

Textile exports grow 5.55pc

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's textile and clothing exports rose 5.55 per cent to \$3.379 billion in July-August 2026-27 from \$3.202bn in the corresponding period last year. The marginal growth in export proceeds was due to elevated input costs, which eroded exporters' competitiveness, and external shocks that disrupted shipments, according to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics data released on Friday.

Global growth at risk, warns WTO chief

GLOBAL trade is facing its worst disruption in 80 years as supply chain bottlenecks in the Strait of Hormuz threaten global food and fertiliser prices, Anadolu reports, citing the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) director-general.

Short-term inflation surges past 10pc

ISLAMABAD: Short-term inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Index (SPI), surged by 10.64 per cent year-on-year for the week ending Sept 17, mainly due to higher energy prices, according to official data released on Friday.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Textile exports up 2.8pc, machinery imports down 46.4pc in August

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's textile exports rose a modest 2.77 percent to \$1.566 billion in August 2026 from \$1.524 billion a year earlier, as weaker shipments of bedwear, towels and cotton cloth tempered gains in garments, knitwear and cotton yarn, official data showed Friday.

PM widens fuel relief to 20-year-old bikes, rickshaws

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday issued special directives for immediate inclusion of 20-year-old motorcycles, rickshaws, and Qingqi rickshaws in the PM's Fuel Relief Scheme. A statement issued by the PM's Office said after the special directions, all motorcycles, rickshaws, and Qingqi rickshaws registered post-January 1, 2006, will be eligible for registration under the scheme.

Kenya seeks stronger trade ties with Pakistan

SIALKOT: Kenyan High Commissioner Lt-Gen Peter Mbogo Nijeru (retd) has said that strengthening trade ties with Pakistan and increasing the volume of bilateral trade are among his top priorities.

Pakistan invites Turkish investors to bid for Discos

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has invited Turkish companies to participate in the privatisation of its power distribution companies as the government advances reforms aimed at improving efficiency, financial sustainability and consumer services, the Power Division said on Friday.

Cotton arrivals rise 19pc but slow growth momentum indicates early season end

LAHORE: National cotton arrivals reached 2.388 million bales, up 0.384 million bales or 19.17 per cent from 2.004 million bales on the same date last year, according to the Pakistan Cotton Ginners' Association's fifth consolidated statement of the season ending by September 15, 2026.

Discos seek Rs1.73 per unit hike in October bills

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's ex-Wapda distribution companies have sought regulatory approval to recover an additional Rs1.7267 per unit from consumers through October 2026 electricity bills, as power generation costs surged 37.63 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in August 2026, driven in part by sharply higher RLNG, nuclear and imported coal generation costs.

KTBA urges FBR to fix Iris tax calculation issue

KARACHI: The Karachi Tax Bar Association (KTBA) has urged the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to immediately rectify what it termed a critical computational issue in the Tax Year 2026 income tax return on the Iris portal concerning the calculation of 'Difference of Minimum Tax' under Section 153 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.

Gold rates up Rs6,900 per tola

KARACHI: Gold prices increased by Rs6,900 per tola in the local market on Friday, following an increase in the international gold rates. According to the APSGJA, the price of 24-karat gold increased to Rs460,336 per tola.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

EU envoy says GSP+ comes with caveats

Pakistan will have to demonstrate clear progress in legislating and effectively implementing various international laws and conventions if it is to continue benefiting from the European Union's GSP+ facility, EU Ambassador to Pakistan Raimundas Karoblis said on Friday.

FM Dar urges close liaison with Turkiye

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday stressed the need for closer coordination between Pakistan and Türkiye ahead of the upcoming Joint Commission and the eighth session of the High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council, the Foreign Office said.

DISCOs seek Rs1.7 raise in power tariff

ISLAMABAD: Power distribution companies (DISCOs) have sought approval from the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to charge consumers an additional Rs1.7267 per unit in their October bills.

Fuel shock drives goods transport fares up 7%

KARACHI: Goods transporters have announced a seven per cent increase in freight charges in response to a sharp rise in petroleum prices, while warning that a nationwide strike could follow if the government fails to implement agreements reached with the transport sector.

Fuel hikes push SPI into double digits

The year-on-year inflation measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) surged back into double digits, reaching 10.64% in the week ended September 17, as the fallout from the Middle East situation pushed up fuel prices and added to pressure on household budgets.

Focus now on investment, capital formation: FinMin

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb addressed the "Fireside Chat: Pakistan: External Shocks Remain Manageable" at the JP Morgan Emerging and Frontier Markets Opportunities Conference in London, outlining Pakistan's progress in restoring macroeconomic stability and its priorities to move towards investment, capital formation, exports and private sector-led growth.

Pak-Sweden BIT talks in Nov

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador Alexandra Berg von Linde has said that Sweden is looking forward to renegotiating the Bilateral Investment Treaty and a Pakistani official said that

both sides would hold the first round in November to rewrite the 45-year-old pact due to Islamabad's concerns over international arbitration.

ایکسپریس نیوز

آئی ایم ایف کے ساتھ چوتھے اقتصادی جائزے کیلئے مذاکرات اگلے ہفتے ہوں گے
حکومت اور آئی ایم ایف کے درمیان مذاکرات میں بجلی کی بنیادی قیمت میں ردوبدل بھی متوقع ہے،
ذرائع

اگست میں کرنٹ اکاؤنٹ خسارے میں 70 فیصد کمی ریکارڈ
سروسز برآمدات میں 29 فیصد، آئی ٹی برآمدات میں 17 فیصد اور فری لانسرز کی آمدن میں سالانہ بنیاد
پر 42 فیصد اضافہ ہوا

پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی مسلسل بڑھتی قیمتیں، گڈز ٹرانسپورٹ کے کرایوں میں بڑا اضافہ
پچھلے 7 دن میں ڈیزل کی قیمت میں فی لیٹر 26 روپے اور پیٹرول کی قیمت میں فی لیٹر 20 روپے اضافہ
کیا گیا، ملک شہزاد اعوان

پیٹرول کے بعد بجلی مزید مہنگی؛ کراچی سمیت ملک بھر کے صارفین کیلئے بُری خبر
سی پی پی اے نے اگست کی مابانہ فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کے تحت فی یونٹ قیمت میں اضافے کی درخواست
جمع کرادی

ایندھن کا ذخیرہ کم؛ ملک میں پیٹرول اور ڈیزل بحران کا خطرہ
حکومت پر آئل مارکیٹنگ کمپنیوں کے 66 ارب 70 کروڑ روپے واجب الادا ہیں، آئل کمپنیز ایڈوائزری کونسل
فیول ریلیف اسکیم میں 20 سال پرانی موٹر سائیکل، رکشا، چنگ چی کو شامل کرنے کی
ہدایت

یکم جنوری 2006ء کے بعد رجسٹرڈ تمام موٹر سائیکلیں، رکشا، چنگ چی وزیراعظم فیول ریلیف سکیم میں
رجسٹریشن کے لیے اہل ہوں گے

پیٹرول اور ڈیزل کی قیمتوں میں معمولی کمی، نوٹی فکیشن جاری
19 سے 21 ستمبر پیر تک کیلئے پیٹرول کی قیمت 1 روپے 65 پیسے کم جبکہ ڈیزل 88 پیسے سستا
کیا گیا ہے

سونے کے نرخ میں ہزاروں روپے کا بڑا اضافہ
جمعہ کو ایک تولہ سونا 6 ہزار 900 روپے مہنگا ہو گیا جس کے بعد سونے کی فی تولہ قیمت 4 لاکھ 60 ہزار
336 روپے ہو گئی