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BUSINESS RECORDER

Massive hike in LPG prices announced

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has announced a massive increase in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) prices for April under LPG supply constraints due to the US-Israel war against Iran.

Circular debt stock stands at Rs1.8trn as of Feb 2026: PD

ISLAMABAD: Power Division has claimed that the stock of circular debt stood at Rs. 1,837 billion as of February 2026. The observed increase since June 2025 is temporary and primarily due to timing differences.

PD seeks input to fine-tune industrial tariff package

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Energy (Power Division) has sought detailed input from industry to fine-tune its proposed optional industrial tariff package, as stakeholders expressed reluctance to opt for the scheme in its current form.

FCA: industry says will opt for closure

ISLAMABAD: Power sector entities remain uncertain about the financial and operational impact of the ongoing Middle East conflict over the coming months, while industry representatives have warned that they may opt to shut down operations rather than pay a high Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) of Rs10 per unit.

FBR misses tax target by Rs610bn

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has collected Rs9,307 billion during July-March (2025-26) against the downward revised target of Rs9917 billion, reflecting a shortfall of Rs 610 billion. The FBR has not officially released revenue collection figures on Tuesday.

Jul-Feb FDI declines 33.4pc YoY: FD

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the country declined sharply by 33.4 percent in first eight months (July-February) of the current fiscal year (FY26); portfolio investment remained in the negative territory (-490.8 million USD against - 211 million USD in the same period last year) while Pakistan's stock market index rose by a whopping 24.6 percent, market capitalisation by 13.6 percent and incorporation of companies by 26 percent.

THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee registered marginal gain against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Tuesday. At close, the local currency settled at 279.15, a gain of Re0.01, against the greenback. On Monday, the local unit closed at 279.16.

Potential lockdown: KATI for taking business community into confidence

KARACHI: President of the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI), Muhammad Ikram Rajput has urged the government to take the business community into confidence before making decisions regarding energy conservation measures or imposing any potential lockdown.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

Petrol, diesel prices to go up further within days

ISLAMABAD: The federal and provincial governments have made up their mind to allow another major hike in petroleum prices within a week to transfer the partial impact of the landed cost of imports to general consumers and provide subsidised petrol and diesel to targeted segments like bikers and farmers.

Inflation seen near 8.5pc in March

ISLAMABAD: Showing cautious optimism about the short-term economic outlook, the government on Tuesday warned that rising global oil prices pose a risk to the country's import bill and macroeconomic conditions in the longer term.

FBR misses collection target by Rs612bn

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) missed its revenue collection target by Rs612 billion during the first nine months (July-March) of 2025-26, reflecting increasing fiscal pressures on the government exchequer.

LPG gets costlier by Rs78 per kg

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) on Tuesday announced a 35 per cent increase in Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) prices, raising the cost of the 11.8kg domestic cylinder by Rs924 for April due to the surge in the global market.

5G to multiply streaming speeds

KARACHI: Streaming speeds could increase by three to five times with 5G, said Umar Siddique Raja, director marketing segments at Zong, at a media briefing. However, actual performance will depend on how much bandwidth each telecom operator allocates.

Two cable firms fined Rs265m

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has imposed a fine of Rs75 million on Newage Cables (Pvt) Ltd and Rs190.22m on GM Cables and Pipes (Pvt) Ltd for engaging in Resale Price Maintenance (RPM), which is a violation of the Competition Act 2010.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Govt cuts power bills by Rs46.56bn in eight months, industry rates drop 29pc

ISLAMABAD: The government delivered a net relief of Rs46.56 billion to electricity consumers in the first eight months of the current fiscal year, slashing industrial power

tariffs by nearly 29 percent as part of a broad effort to shield households and factories from global fuel price volatility, the Ministry of Energy said Tuesday.

To shield consumers from oil price spike: PM directs finance ministry to take up fuel levy issue with IMF

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has instructed the Finance Division to talk to the IMF over the levy structure on petrol and diesel, aiming to prevent any additional burden on the public amid surging global petroleum prices triggered by the ongoing Iran war.

Pakistanis face Rs14.37bn April electricity shock

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani electricity consumers will absorb a Rs14.37 billion shock in their April power bills after the national grid's purchasing agency acknowledged it charged households and factories nearly 25 percent less than the actual cost of fuel during February, a gap regulator is now moving to close.

FBR's revenue shortfall hits Rs610bn in 9MFY26

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)'s revenue shortfall has widened further, reaching Rs610 billion in the first nine months of the current fiscal year. During July-March of FY2026, the tax authority collected Rs9,307 billion against a target of Rs9,917 billion, resulting in this gap.

Economic outlook 'cautiously optimistic' despite geopolitical risks

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Finance has described Pakistan's near-term economic outlook as "cautiously optimistic" despite rising geopolitical risks following the US-Israel conflict with Iran.

SBP FX purchases hit \$6.9bn in 2025, reaching \$1bn in December

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan bought \$6.9 billion from the interbank market last year, with purchases reaching \$1.024 billion in December alone, data showed on Tuesday. The SBP bought \$620 million from the market in November.

Pakistan wraps ToU tariff talks, keeps regime optional for industry

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Energy (Power Division) has concluded nationwide consultations on a proposed multi-slab Time-of-Use (ToU) industrial tariff, assuring businesses the new pricing regime will remain optional as it seeks to balance industrial competitiveness with power sector sustainability.

Gold prices surge further by Rs2,800

ISLAMABAD: The prices of gold witnessed a significant increase on Tuesday with the price of 24-karat gold per tola rising by Rs2,800 to reach Rs478,762 as compared to Rs475,962 on the previous day.

CPEC forms basis of modern economic architecture: Ahsan

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal Tuesday highlighted that the CPEC had played a transformative role in strengthening Pakistan's energy security, infrastructure and connectivity, while laying the foundations of a modern economic architecture.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

OGRA jacks up LPG price by Rs79 per kg

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has notified a 35% increase in Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) rates, jacking up the cost of an 11.8kg domestic cylinder by Rs924 for April as a consequence of a surge in the global market

Chinese firms eye Nooriabad expansion

ISLAMABAD: Chinese and Pakistani firms are advancing plans to expand cooperation under an existing memorandum of understanding (MoU), with discussions focusing on a 2,800-acre industrial and commercial project in Nooriabad and potential investments across multiple sectors.

Electricity tariff relief hits Rs46.56 billion

The government has provided cumulative relief of Rs46.56 billion to electricity consumers during the first eight months of FY2025-26 (July-February), resulting in an overall reduction of Rs0.71 per kilowatt-hour in consumer-end tariffs, according to a statement issued on Tuesday.

CPEC-II to prioritise industry, innovation

ISLAMABAD/LAHORE: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal said on Tuesday that the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would focus on innovation, industrial development and people-to-people connectivity, marking a shift towards broader economic integration.

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