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BUSINESS RECORDER

Massive hike in prices of petrol, HSD announced

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has hiked petrol by 43 percent and diesel by 55 percent, marking a record increase, however, a temporary three-month subsidy remains in place to safeguard lower and middle-income group.

Pre-Feb 9, 2026 solar agreements: Nepra ensures existing net metering rates to continue

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has issued new notification which ensures that existing net metering rates available to solar consumers who signed agreements with Discos before February 9, 2026 will continue till the expiry of their agreements.

Export and industry sectors: PTC urges SBP to ensure timely credit flow

The Pakistan Textile Council (PTC) has urged the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to ensure adequate and timely flow of credit to the export sector and industry. In a letter addressed to the SBP Governor, PTC Chairman Fawad Anwar highlighted the severe working capital constraints currently facing exporters and the wider business community.

Pakistan proposes signing FTA with UK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday proposed signing a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United Kingdom (UK), terming it a natural progression of the growing economic partnership between the two countries.

THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee registered marginal gain against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Thursday. At close, the local currency settled at 279.11, a gain of Re0.01, against the greenback. On Wednesday, the local unit closed at 279.12.

Jul-Feb foreign investment inflows decline 22pc YoY: minister

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh admitted that foreign investment inflows have declined by 22 percent from USD 3.089 billion to USD 2.409 billion during the current financial year 2025-26 (July-February) due to regional and global geopolitical conflicts.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

Luxury stores take hit in Dubai as Iran war drags on

DUBAI: Rows of luxury boutiques line an upmarket Dubai mall, yet a month into the Middle East war their sales staff sit idly, phones in hand, watching for the rare customer.

Exports shrink 14pc as Mideast crisis bites

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's merchandise exports declined by 14.4 per cent in March, marking a second consecutive monthly contraction as disruptions linked to the Middle East crisis weighed on external trade.

Petrol, diesel sales rise on war-driven panic

KARACHI: Despite an increase of Rs55 per litre and the ongoing Middle East war, sales of diesel and petrol rose by 13 per cent and 8pc month-on-month and 21pc and 16pc year-on-year to 590,000 tonnes and 670,000 tonnes, respectively, in March.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Petroleum sales jump 19pc in March

KARACHI: Petroleum sales maintained strong momentum in March 2026, rising 19 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to 1.44 million tonnes, driven by higher demand and expectations of further fuel price increases amid an uptick in international oil markets.

SBP forex reserves increase \$6m to \$16.38bn as of March 27

KARACHI: Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves held by the central bank increased by only \$6 million to \$16.381 billion during the week ending March 27, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said on Thursday.

Govt okays back-breaking fuel price hike as Iran war rocks oil markets

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan sharply raised the fuel prices Thursday, hiking petrol by Rs137.24 per litre to Rs458.41 per litre and high-speed diesel by Rs184.49 to Rs520.35 per litre, as the government scrapped blanket subsidies and pivoted to targeted relief for low-income groups battered by a global energy shock triggered by the Middle East conflict.

Amid price surge: IMF reluctant to ease oil levy as govt seeks relief for consumers

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has shown reluctance to accept Pakistan's request for flexibility in petroleum levy adjustments, even as the government pushes for relief to shield consumers from the impact of rising global oil prices driven by the ongoing Iran war.

Pakistan's trade deficit surges 23pc as imports dwarf exports

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's merchandise trade deficit swelled 22.65 percent year-on-year to \$27.81 billion in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, as imports ran more than twice the value of exports, official data showed Monday, raising fresh alarm over the country's fragile external position.

Gulf war fallout: Pakistan assures IMF of readiness to raise interest rates

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has given written assurances to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the adoption of tight monetary policies, including hiking interest rates and using an exchange anchor in response to higher inflationary pressures in the wake of the Gulf war.

FBR proposes tax on content creators earning thru social media accounts

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has issued a draft Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) proposing the imposition of tax on social media account holders outside Pakistan with more than 50,000 users (subscribers) in Pakistan.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

Govt triggers fuel shockwave with massive price hike

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday further increased petrol price by Rs137 per litre, or by 43%, to history's highest ever level of Rs458.4 after Prime Minister decided to impose more taxes on consumers.

SBP's reserves up \$6m to \$16.38b

KARACHI: Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) recorded a marginal increase during the week ended March 27, 2026, reflecting relative stability in external inflows.

Gwadar also enters transshipment arena

KARACHI: Gwadar Port has begun witnessing an uptick in transshipment activity as global shipping patterns shift amid disruptions in traditional routes through the Strait of Hormuz, with industry stakeholders calling for urgent policy action.

FBR eyes Rs195 tax per 1,000 YouTube views

ISLAMABAD: The government has proposed new amendments to hit non-resident Pakistani YouTubers who were earning hefty amounts by selling their content in Pakistan, seeking to recover Rs195 per 1,000 views on videos.

Minister orders 30-day plan to clear ports

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on Thursday directed port authorities to implement a 30-day plan to shift, auction and dispose of stuck-up containers and surplus materials to reduce congestion and improve operational efficiency at port terminals.

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