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BUSINESS RECORDER

[New levy rate for off-grid CPPs set for January](#)

ISLAMABAD: The Petroleum Division announced a new levy rate of Rs1,406 per million British thermal units (mmbtu) for off-grid captive power plants (CPPs) for January 2026. A notification issued by the Petroleum Division on Tuesday stated that, under the Off-grid (Captive Power Plants) Levy Act 2025,

[PTC seeks policy intervention to deal with textile sector challenges](#)

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Textile Council (PTC) has sought urgent policy intervention to support the country's textile sector, which is facing mounting challenges amid the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

[Economy coming under increased pressures](#)

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will return a USD3.5 billion loan to the United Arab Emirates this month, two government officials said on Tuesday, raising pressure on reserves and risking breaches of IMF program targets with an additional USD1.3 billion Eurobond repayment due by June.

[PM orders comprehensive digital overhaul of NTC](#)

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday ordered a comprehensive digital overhaul of the National Tariff Commission (NTC), aiming to modernize the country's trade framework, bolster domestic industries, and attract foreign investment.

[NIP 2025-30: Govt to include key suggestions for home industries in budget](#)

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is planning to incorporate key recommendations of the gamechanger National Industrial Policy (NIP) 2025–30 for domestic industries/sectors/manufacturers including reduction/withdrawal of the super tax and incentives to exporters in the upcoming budget (2026-27).

[KICT completes biometric registration of over 15,000 truck drivers](#)

KARACHI: Hutchison Ports KICT has completed the biometric registration of more than 15,000 truck drivers to enhance operational efficiency, safety, and transparency across container handling operations.

[FY2024-25 T&D losses stand at 17.55pc: CCP](#)

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's fragile electricity transmission and distribution (T&D) system is not only constraining the growth of solar energy but is also significantly fueling the country's circular debt crisis, with excess losses adding PKR 265 billion to the debt in FY2024-25 alone.

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 279.06, a gain of Re0.01, against the greenback. On Monday, the local unit closed at 279.07.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

Rs1.2 billion disbursed among 32,000 beneficiaries under PM Fuel Package

ISLAMABAD: In the first batch, Rs1.2 billion has been disbursed digitally to over 32,000 beneficiaries, including operators of buses, trucks, long-haul vehicles, and delivery vans under the PM Fuel Package 2026.

No power crisis, exports intact amid Gulf war disruptions: PM

• Orders fast-tracking of Battery Energy Storage System project • Says demand for Pakistani products rising in Gulf markets • In a meeting with top Turkish judge Kadir Ozkaya, premier highlights growing judicial cooperation with Ankara

Super tax can't be offset, rules high court

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court has upheld the validity and enforceability of the 'super tax' under Section 4C of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001, ruling that it is a standalone levy and cannot be offset through the adjustment of withholding taxes.

ADB to support solar shift to battery storage

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is expected to provide financial and technical support for the transition of solar power to battery energy storage systems, along with integrated planning, digitisation and data governance in Pakistan's power sector.

Speedy NTC reform

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has expressed concern over National Tariff Commission (NTC) delays in case processing aimed at protecting local industries from cheaper imports, stating that such delays were unacceptable.

Call to establish inclusive social security system to protect the most vulnerable

KARACHI: The state has failed to develop a comprehensive social security mechanism capable of covering the low-income groups in the country, as millions remain excluded from government schemes for one reason or another.

Online fuel subsidy portal shuts down due to 'hacking attempts' in Karachi

• Excise minister says system restored after being secured • 3,000 bikers applied for Rs2,000 each subsidy; amount transferred to 1,500 individuals via their Sindh Bank accounts • Sharjeel, Chawla announce seizure of half tonne of crystal meth in joint operation at sea

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Pakistan repays \$1.43bn in external debt

Pakistan has repaid \$1.43 billion in external debt, including the \$1.3 billion Eurobond maturing on April 8, said Khurram Schehzad, adviser to the finance minister, on Tuesday.

Gas imports increase, domestic production tumbles

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's energy sector is facing a fragile transition, marked by declining domestic production, rising import dependence, and uneven supply growth, according to the Pakistan Energy Yearbook 2024-25 released by the Petroleum Division and Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan.

Soaring costs, fuel shortage fears drive Pakistan to electric motorbikes

Days after Iran effectively blocked shipping through the Strait of Hormuz following the start of US and Israeli attacks in late February, two Pakistani electric motorbike outlets 1,400 km (875 miles) away found themselves overwhelmed with enquiries.

Petrol pump owners threaten nationwide shutdown over margins

ISLAMABAD: Petrol pump owners across Pakistan have warned of a potential nationwide shutdown if the government fails to immediately raise their sales commission in line with recent fuel price increases, intensifying pressure on authorities already grappling with inflation and supply concerns.

PBF pushes for economic safeguards in proposed constitutional amendment

The Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) has urged major political parties to incorporate economic safeguards into the proposed 28th constitutional amendment, citing the need for a more stable and predictable policy framework to support investment and growth.

Forex market remains calm as govt repays \$1.43bn in external debt

KARACHI: As Pakistan prepares to repay loans to the United Arab Emirates, hopes of managing these outflows amid stable foreign exchange reserves and expected loan disbursement from the International Monetary Fund keep the currency markets calm, allowing the rupee to remain stable against the dollar.

OMCs await Rs107bn in dues as payment delays strain fuel supply chain

KARACHI: Oil marketing companies (OMCs) are awaiting the release of outstanding price differential claims amounting to Rs107 billion. Industry officials told The News that the OMC sector is facing an escalating financial strain as billions in unpaid PDCs threaten not only corporate stability but also the continuity of the national fuel supply chain.

Slow govt response delays fast-track approval of imported cotton seed

LAHORE: A fast-track move, aimed at shifting towards cotton efficiency, meets snail's paced response by the officials, delaying efforts for reviving cotton crop in shortest possible time.

TDAP, MCB explore financing tools to support exporters and SMEs

KARACHI: MCB Bank Ltd and the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) are exploring new financial tools and advisory initiatives aimed at improving access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and exporters.

KE seeks Rs59bn tariff adjustment from Nepra

ISLAMABAD: K-Electric has requested nearly Rs59 billion in end-of-term (EOT) and tax adjustments from the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), covering six years under its 2017-23 multi-year tariff (MYT), the private utility said on Monday.

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PM pushes currency swap deals

ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister's Office has issued fresh instructions to finalise currency swap agreements with the European Union (EU), Russia and Iran, in a move that can lessen dollar dependency and integrate trade with regional economies.

UK assures support to Pak energy sector

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik held a meeting with British High Commissioner Jane Marriott to discuss the evolving regional situation, its implications for global energy markets, and avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation in Pakistan's energy and minerals sectors, according to an official statement issued on Tuesday.

Green mobility faces barriers

KARACHI: Policymakers, industry leaders, academics, researchers and climate advocates gathered on Tuesday for the Grow Green Network (GGN) Annual Assembly 2026, where experts examined Pakistan's green transition with a strong focus on sustainable mobility and climate action.

Pakistan, Eurasian bloc explore trade pact

ISLAMABAD: A meeting was held between the Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Trade of the Eurasian Economic Commission, Andrey Slepnev, and the Federal Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan, in a videoconference format.

Traders reject early market closure

RAWALPINDI: Traders' organisations across the city, including electronics and jewellery associations and representatives of all major commercial centres, have unanimously rejected the federal cabinet's decision to enforce an 8pm market closure.

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