

# **Towel Manufacturers' Association of Pakistan**

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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **[ADB sees GDP growth at 3.5pc in FY26, 4.5pc in next fiscal year](#)**

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected Pakistan's GDP growth to accelerate to 3.5 percent in fiscal year 2026 and 4.5 percent in fiscal year 2027, with inflation estimated at 6.4 percent and 6.5 percent, respectively.

### **[Privately owned substations by DISCOs: KATI urges Nepra to address 'systematic and unlawful use'](#)**

ISLAMABAD The Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) has urged the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to address what it termed as the "systematic and unlawful use" of privately owned substations by power distribution companies (DISCOs), calling for regulatory reforms and compensation for affected industrial consumers.

### **[HSD price slashed by Rs135, petrol's by Rs12](#)**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday announced a reduction in fuel prices following a decline in international oil rates, cutting diesel by Rs135 per litre and petrol by Rs12 per litre, effective from midnight on Saturday.

### **[Weekly SPI-based inflation up 1.93pc](#)**

ISLAMABAD: The Sensitive Price Index (SPI)-based inflation for the week ending April 9 increased by 1.93 percent, mainly due to hike in the prices of diesel by 54.71 percent, petrol 17.86 percent, tomatoes 9.35 percent, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) 8.61 percent, according to weekly data released on Friday by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

### **[THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain](#)**

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee registered marginal gain against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Friday. At close, the local currency settled at 279.01 against the greenback. On Wednesday, the local unit closed at 279.02.

### **[Sindh implements austerity measures: Early market closure, other steps notified](#)**

KARACHI: The Sindh government has issued an official notification implementing new working hours of markets, restaurants and wedding halls under the austerity policy. According to the notification issued by the Sindh government, the working hours of shops, markets, shopping malls and other business centers will come into effect immediately.

## **DAWN NEWSPAPER**

### **Short-term inflation surges by 12.15pc**

ISLAMABAD: Short-term inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Index, rose to 12.15 per cent year-on-year in the week ending April 9, driven mainly by higher retail prices for petroleum products in the domestic market.

### **ADB sees stronger growth, but warns of Middle East risks**

- Upgrades Pakistan's growth forecast to 3.5pc for FY26
- Growth projected to rise further to 4.5pc in next fiscal year
- Lender says higher oil prices to increase import bill, inflation
- Warns prolonged ME crisis may hit growth, remittances, exports

### **Diesel price cut by Rs135; petrol sees drop of Rs12**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday announced a Rs135 per litre cut in diesel and Rs12 per litre in petrol prices for the week ending April 17 to pass on the impact of ease in global prices following a two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran.

### **Shops and malls in Sindh cities to shut by 9pm**

KARACHI: The Sindh government on Friday notified that all shops, markets, and shopping malls in Karachi and other divisional headquarters of the province will close at 9pm throughout the week, including Saturdays and Sundays, as part of austerity measures and in line with the federal government's decision.

### **SBP eases rules for exchange companies**

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Friday provided special relief to exchange companies to mobilise higher remittances, while the companies said their demand had been met. "To facilitate Exchange Companies in mobilising additional home remittances, it has been decided that they may enter into forward sale transactions with authorised dealers (banks) against receipt of home remittances for up to 5 working days,"

### **Global growth to suffer due to war: WB chief**

WASHINGTON: The war in the Middle East will have a cascading impact on the global economy, even if the fragile ceasefire announced by US President Donald Trump takes hold, World Bank President Ajay Banga told Reuters in an interview on Friday.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Diesel price cut by Rs135/litre, petrol price Rs12: Pakistan will make every possible effort to make talks successful: PM**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said Friday said that while a temporary ceasefire has been announced by the US and Iran, the real challenge lies in sustaining the ceasefire and resolving the complicated issues as Islamabad prepares to host crucial peace talks between the two states on Saturday.

### **Startups recognised at FPCCI event**

KARACHI: A prize distribution ceremony for emerging startups was held at the Federation House, where speakers highlighted the role of youth-led innovation in supporting Pakistan's economic growth.

### **RDA attracts \$261m in March**

KARACHI: Pakistan received inflows of \$261 million through the Roshan Digital Account (RDA) in March, an increase from \$242 million in the previous month, data from the State Bank of Pakistan showed on Friday.

### **Short-term forward sales allowed for exchange firms**

KARACHI: The central bank on Friday allowed exchange companies to enter forward sale transactions with authorised dealers (banks) for up to five working days against receipt of home remittances, a move that could boost remittance inflows and improve liquidity management in the currency market.

### **ADB sees Pakistan growth reaching 3.5pc in FY2026 amid risks**

ISLAMABAD: Amid growth projection of 3.5 per cent in the current fiscal year, FY2026, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has warned that deploying overly loose macroeconomic policies to support higher growth in Pakistan can revive balance of payments pressures and threaten hard-earned macroeconomic stability.

### **Gold rates up Rs3,000 per tola**

KARACHI: Gold prices increased by Rs3,000 per tola in the local market on Monday, following an increase in the international gold rates. According to the APSGJA, the price of 24-karat gold increased to Rs497,662 per tola.

## **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

### **KSA assures Pakistan of financial support**

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Arabia on Friday assured Pakistan of providing full financial support to deal with the issues stemming from the Middle East conflict, extending its helping hand at a time when Islamabad is making nearly \$5 billion debt repayments and trying to keep external account stable amid rising import cost.

### **POL prices slashed amid global fuel ease**

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday announced a reduction of Rs135 per litre in the price of high-speed diesel (HSD) and a Rs12 per litre cut in petrol from Saturday (today), passing on relief to consumers after a decline in international fuel prices.

### **ADB says budget gaps delayed loan**

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Friday that Pakistan's staff-level agreement for disbursement of a \$1 billion tranche was delayed last month due to budget discrepancies – an assertion that the finance ministry has contested while terming these mere statistical discrepancies.

### **Sindh offers single-window facility to Punjab industrialists**

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Local Government, Housing and Town Planning Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has said that they will provide all facilities to the industrialists of Gujranwala for establishing their businesses and industries in Karachi.

### **Peace talks revive IP pipeline hopes**

ISLAMABAD: Hopes are running high that Pakistan and Iran may revive their gas and oil pipeline projects following peace talks between Iran and the United States.

### **SBP injects over Rs2tr via OMOs**

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) injected more than Rs2 trillion into the banking system on Friday through two Open Market Operations (OMOs), signalling continued liquidity support for the government's fiscal needs.

### **Chemical industry expo set for May in Karachi**

KARACHI: The Pakistan Chemicals & Dyes Merchants Association (PCDMA) and Ecommerce Gateway Pakistan have entered into a strategic memorandum of understanding (MoU) to jointly organise Chemical & Coating Asia -

### **Dar, French FM reaffirm cooperation**

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday received a phone call from French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot, during which the two leaders discussed regional developments and bilateral ties.

### **Sindh approves Karachi Safe City Phase-II**

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Friday approved Phase-II of the Karachi Safe City Project, aimed at strengthening urban security, surveillance and the operational capacity of law enforcement agencies.

### **ایکسپریس نیوز**

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