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BUSINESS RECORDER

[FBR amends international transshipment rules](#)

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has amended the International Transshipment Rules for speedy clearances at ports and allocated a temporary storage facility to international transshipment cargo units at Port Qasim Authority, Karachi, in the wake of the prevailing emergency and war-like situation in the Gulf region.

[FBR further tightens EFS for all categories](#)

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has further tightened the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS) for all categories of exporters. The FBR has proposed draft amendments to the Customs Rules, 2001, through SRO 520(I)/2026.

[PKR: marginal gain](#)

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee posted marginal gain against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Wednesday. At close, the local currency settled at 279.26, up by Re0.01 against the greenback. On Tuesday, the local unit closed at 279.27.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

[Rupee remains stable despite regional war pressures](#)

KARACHI: Despite 19 days of war in the Middle East, Pakistan's exchange rate remained stable, encouraging stakeholders, including the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and the government. The exchange rate has largely remained stable during the current fiscal year, and predictions of destabilisation proved unfounded despite the prolonged conflict.

[Power firms seek to extract Rs12.2bn more for Feb usage](#)

ISLAMABAD: After charging a positive fuel cost adjustment (FCA) of Rs1.63 per unit in the current month, the power companies have sought to extract another Rs1.64 per unit from consumers across the country in April bills, as demand rose.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

[ADB unveils \\$10bn financing strategy for Pakistan](#)

With an estimated lending envelope of \$10 billion for the next five years under its Country Partnership Strategy, the Asian Development Bank has highlighted political instability, security and governance challenges, and economic volatility as major risks for Pakistan.

[Power bills to rise Rs1.64/unit in April](#)

Electricity consumers could see higher power bills as early as April after utilities asked the country's energy regulator Monday to approve an additional charge of Rs1.64 per unit to recover fuel costs that ran significantly above what customers were billed in February 2026.

Middle East crisis: SCCI wants 'energy emergency' imposed to protect industry

PESHAWAR: The Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) on Wednesday urged the government to impose "energy emergency" amid escalating Middle East crisis. The SCCI said the conflict posed a threat to Pakistan's fragile economy and the export-oriented industrial base of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Garment sector calls for result-driven planning for PM's pending Russia visit

LAHORE: The garment industry has called for a result-oriented approach to the prime minister's planned visit to Russia, stressing that the trip must be carefully structured to deliver tangible gains in exports once regional conditions stabilise.

Govt may hold fuel prices steady despite global oil surge

KARACHI: The government is considering keeping petrol and high-speed diesel (HSD) prices unchanged until March 31, despite rising global oil prices, sources told The News on Wednesday.

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Russia visit must deliver export gains

LAHORE: Garment exporters have urged that the prime minister's planned visit to Russia, postponed due to the Middle East war, be undertaken only after full normalisation of the situation and with a clear focus on securing tangible export gains.

Summit stresses better investment climate

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Investment Potential Summit concluded with a consensus among business leaders and investment experts that Pakistan possesses solid economic fundamentals and immense untapped potential capable of driving sustainable economic growth and attracting significant local and foreign investment.

ADB approves \$10b loan strategy for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank has unanimously approved a five-year indicative lending strategy of \$10-\$12 billion, which includes allocations for financing the exploration of critical minerals and dilapidated Main Line-I project of Pakistan Railways.

'Modern railways key to economic growth'

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday underlined the need to rebuild railway infrastructure across the country on sustainable foundations to support economic and industrial growth.

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