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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **PD mulls optional tariff for industrial users**

ISLAMABAD: Under a special initiative of Federal Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari, the Power Division is considering the introduction of a new optional tariff mechanism aimed at facilitating industrial consumers and improving efficiency in electricity usage.

### **Stranded vessels: Terminal facility offer called bold step**

ISLAMABAD: The government's new initiative to offer terminal facilities to stranded vessels amidst regional geopolitical tensions is a bold and necessary move to handle transshipment cargo diverted to Pakistan.

### **Karachi Port told to cut bottlenecks, reduce cost**

ISLAMABAD: An inter-ministerial meeting on Wednesday reviewed the situation that emerged owing to the Middle East war and directed the relevant authorities operating at Karachi port to reduce operational bottlenecks and costs to position Pakistani ports as a preferred destination for regional transshipment.

### **Jul-Feb foreign assistance inflows up 18.35pc to USD5.862bn**

ISLAMABAD: Foreign assistance inflows to the country reached USD 5.862 billion between July 2025 and February 2026, up from USD 4.953 billion during the same period last year, showing an increase of 18.35 percent.

### **MoC ready to manage affairs despite 50pc budget cut**

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Commerce (MoC) on Wednesday informed a Senate panel that it is prepared to manage its affairs even with a 50 per cent cut in its non-development budget for fiscal year 2026-27, citing growing financial constraints due to the evolving situation in the Middle East.

### **Motorcycles, rickshaws and small cars: Mobile app-based fuel quota system finalised**

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to launch a mobile app to manage fuel quotas for motorcycles, rickshaws, and potentially small cars (up to 800cc). The goal is to provide a direct subsidy to low-income drivers while using higher prices to encourage everyone to save fuel.

### **New Customs station setup at Iran border**

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) on Wednesday established a new Customs station at the Pakistan-Iran border to handle the personal baggage of passengers coming from Iran. The facility is only related to the extent of passengers' baggage of those coming from Iran.

### **WB set to review 'BEST Pakistan Programme Phase I' next month**

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors is set to review the "BEST Pakistan (BEST-PAK) Programme Phase I: Grid Stability Enhancement Project", valued at USD 378.9 million, next month.

## **FPCCI praises PD over successful declaration of CMOD**

ISLAMABAD: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has appreciated the Power Division over the successful declaration of the Competitive Market Operations Date (CMOD) by NEPRA, calling it a major milestone in the country's power sector reforms.

## **10 companies to take part in Techtexil and Texprocess 2026**

KARACHI: The global textile community will come together this April in Frankfurt at Techtexil 2026 and Texprocess 2026, two of the world's leading exhibitions for technical textiles and garment processing. They will feature more than 1,700 exhibitors from 49 countries, including over 1,500 at Techtexil and around 200 at Texprocess.

## **THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain**

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee registered marginal gain against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Wednesday. At close, the local currency settled at 279.21, a gain of Re0.01 against the greenback. On Tuesday, the local unit closed at 279.22.

## **Gold prices continue to grow**

KARACHI: Gold prices continued to grow significantly on Wednesday, following international market's persistent rise, traders said. Fresh gains pushed local gold prices up by Rs 15,200 to Rs 479,262 per tola with 10 grams soaring by Rs 13,031 to Rs 410,889 per 10 grams,

## **DAWN NEWSPAPER**

### **Subsidised fuel for bikes, rickshaws via mobile app**

- Fuel quota system may also be extended to 800cc cars
- Rationing linked to CNIC, vehicle registration
- Users generate vouchers; system verifies quota automatically

### **Cities will account for most 'heat deaths' by 2050**

- University of Chicago study warns of steep rise in mortality rates amid climbing temperatures • Faisalabad, Multan, Gujranwala, Lahore, Peshawar, Hyderabad, Rawalpindi and Islamabad among cities at risk

### **Petroleum dealers defer strike**

Petroleum dealers have postponed their planned strike scheduled for Thursday (today) in view of the fragile situation arising from the Middle East war, which could disrupt oil supply chains.

### **Optional ToU tariffs for industry introduced**

ISLAMABAD: The government on Wednesday announced that it was introducing an optional multi-tariff time-of-use (ToU) mechanism for industrial consumers for optimal utilisation of grid supply through pricing signals.

### **Islamabad strengthens trade links with Tehran**

ISLAMABAD: In a move aimed at strengthening border trade management and improving documentation of cross-border flows, Pakistan has established a new customs station at Jeerak in Panjgur district, Balochistan, along the Pakistan-Iran border.

### **Freight, fuel hikes squeeze consumers**

KARACHI: Prices of essential items have shown a mixed trend as the Gulf war, which started on Feb 28, pushed up transportation costs following a surge in energy prices due to disruptions.

## **KU study finds tamarind is 'key carbon sink'**

KARACHI: A recent study exploring the potential of various trees in carbon sequestration has found tamarind performing 'better' than many widely planted exotic species, including eucalyptus and lignum, underscoring the need for a scientific approach to urban plantation and management.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Haj flights operation to start from April 18**

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Religious Affairs is all set to launch the Haj flight operation to airlift over 119,000 intending pilgrims from Pakistan to Saudi Arabia on April 18. The Ministry of Religious Affairs on Wednesday officially released the Haj flight schedule.

### **Optional multi-tariff power plan for industry on the cards**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is considering introducing an optional multi-tariff electricity system for industrial consumers aimed at improving energy efficiency, reducing peak demand and supporting industrial competitiveness.

### **Western powers were unable to secure shipping in the Red Sea. Hormuz will be harder**

LOS ANGELES/LONDON: The Western allies trying to negotiate a way to protect the Strait of Hormuz for energy shipping face a stark reality: a similar effort in the Red Sea that started years earlier cost billions of dollars and ultimately failed against Yemen's Houthis.

## **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

### **Govt proposes optional multi-tariff system for industries**

The government is considering introducing an optional multi-tariff Time-of-Use (ToU) mechanism for industrial consumers to improve efficiency and rationalise electricity pricing, the Power Division said on Wednesday.

### **Mobile app-based fuel quota system on cards**

ISLAMABAD: The government is working on a comprehensive package of quota-based fuel supply systems aimed at ending subsidies across the board.

### **Industrial tariff reform plan under review**

ISLAMABAD: The Power Division is considering the introduction of a new optional tariff mechanism for industrial consumers, aimed at improving electricity utilisation efficiency and enabling cost-reflective pricing based on time-of-use consumption patterns.

### **EVs face grid, land, trust deficits**

KARACHI: Pakistan's EV push has gained momentum as two firms announced plans to install 500 charging stations nationwide within two years, underscoring both ambition and structural challenges.

## **ایکسپریس نیوز**

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