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BUSINESS RECORDER

[PIA resumes direct flights to London after 6-year hiatus](#)

ISLAMABAD: After a gap of six years, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has formally restored its flight operations to London, marking a major milestone in the national carrier's international network as its first flight departed from Islamabad carrying 325 passengers.

[Int'l Day of Zero Waste marked: President for urgent efforts to reduce food loss, waste](#)

ISLAMABAD: The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Asif Ali Zardari, in his message on the International Day of Zero Waste, has called for urgent and sustained efforts to reduce food loss and waste, describing it as a critical challenge with far-reaching implications for food security, household wellbeing, and environmental sustainability.

[Forex reserves reach USD21.7bn: Schehzad](#)

ISLAMABAD: Pakis-tan's foreign exchange reserves have increased to around USD 21.7 billion, reaching a four-year high and extending gains for 33 consecutive weeks, as the country continues to show macroeconomic stability along with improving key economic indicators, Adviser to the Finance Minister Khurram Schehzad said on Sunday.

[Marginal gains](#)

KARACHI: The Pakistan rupee extended its marginal upward trend for another week, appreciating by Re0.08 or 0.03 percent against the US dollar in the interbank market. The local unit closed at 279.17, against 279.25 it had closed the week earlier against the greenback, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

[Weekly Cotton Review: Prices surge by Rs1000/maund, likely to soar to Rs20,000](#)

KARACHI: Cotton prices in Pakistan have recorded an increase of one thousand rupees per maund, with ginners expressing expectations that rates may soon reach twenty thousand rupees per maund. Despite the price movement, trading volumes remained limited and market activity has yet to fully recover.

DAWN NEWSPAPER

[Govt mulls 'smart lockdown'](#)

ISLAMABAD: The government is seriously considering the enforcement of a "smart lockdown" in the country as part of unp-recedented austerity measures, prompted by the ongoing global fuel crisis stemming from the US-Israel war on Iran and the latter's response by targeting US military installations in oil-producing Gulf states.

Govt comes up with hybrid plan to tackle power crisis

- Two to three hours of daily load-shedding expected on average besides tariff hikes
- LNG supply to drop to near zero from next month; gas supply to power sector to drop sharply from April
- Railways dispute impacting coal transport to power plants

First PIA direct flight to London in six years takes to the skies

ISLAMABAD: The first Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) direct flight to London in six years took to the skies on Sunday afternoon after a special inauguration ceremony at Islamabad International Airport.

Cotton prices witness unprecedented surge in Punjab

LAHORE: The Pakistani cotton market has witnessed an unprecedented surge as prices reached a new record high of Rs19,500 per maund, marking a sharp increase of Rs1,500 in just one week.

Climate change challenges

Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change has come into sharp focus at the start of 2026, with alarming signals emerging from its northern highlands. Data from the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) indicates an unusually warm winter in Gilgit-Baltistan.

Ban on polythene bags goes largely ignored and unenforced in Sindh

- Market visit shows eco-friendly alternatives 'too expensive' for most consumers
- Expert casts doubt on govt efforts to enforce ban on one-time use plastic bags
- Officials concede lack of swift enforcement measures due to legal challenges

Action against fancy, illegal number plates from April 1

KARACHI: Motorists in Karachi have been given the date of April 1 to comply with vehicle registration laws, after which a comprehensive crackdown campaign will be launched against the individuals with non-standard number plates and those driving without a licence.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Pakistan eyes \$20bn offshore wealth as global tensions spur repatriation push

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is exploring its options to bring back \$20 billion held by expatriate citizens abroad, as growing geopolitical tensions, particularly in the Middle East, prompt investors to reassess the safety of their assets, official sources said.

Oil price shock threatens Pakistan economy as global tensions escalate

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's economic challenges are set to intensify sharply amid rising global oil prices, triggered by the US-Israel attack on Iran and its counter attacks, and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, with experts warning that failure to curb petroleum demand could significantly worsen the country's fiscal position.

PIA resumes direct London flights after six-year gap

ISLAMABAD: PIA on Sunday resumed direct flights to London after a six-year hiatus, with the inaugural flight departing from Islamabad. The airline confirmed the development in a post on X, adding that flights will also operate from Lahore to London.

Business community supports Pakistan's peace push in ME crisis

Rawalpindi: Patron-in-Chief of the Azerbaijan-Pakistan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (APJCCI) Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari has strongly emphasised the critical importance of ongoing mediation efforts led by Pakistan to de-escalate the intensifying conflict involving Iran, Israel, and the United States, says a press release.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

Govt allocates Rs125b to shield fuel consumers

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has allocated Rs125 billion through savings and development budget cuts to cushion consumers against rising global oil prices, as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said public relief remained his main priority amid ongoing regional tensions and supply disruptions.

Hybrid vehicles, EVs can save from \$100/barrel oil shock

KARACHI: Pakistan stands at a precarious and era-defining crossroads as certain oil benchmarks cross \$150-200/barrel threshold. Every sudden surge in global oil prices acts as a massive cardiac event for our fragile national economy surviving with IMF and friendly countries' debt rollovers.

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