

# **Towel Manufacturers' Association of Pakistan**

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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **Transporters' strike: USD500m worth of export containers stuck at factories: PTEA**

ISLAMABAD: The Patron in chief of the Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) Khurram MUKHTAR has issued an urgent warning that the nationwide transporters' strike, now in its fifth consecutive day, has stranded an estimated USD500 million worth of export containers at factories during what is traditionally the industry's peak shipping season.

### **EU changes GSP+ mechanism: MoC**

ISLAMABAD: The Commerce Ministry said on Wednesday that the European Union (EU) has changed the mechanism for GSP plus extension and there will no longer be an automatic extension in the new scheme starting from January 2027.

### **Consumers of Discos & KE: Govt seeks to recover Rs34bn for Q2FY26**

ISLAMABAD: The government has sought recovery of around Rs34 billion, or Rs1.34 per unit, from consumers of Discos and K-Electric for the second quarter (April-June) of 2026, citing lower electricity consumption and a resultant increase in capacity charges, while industrial consumers have urged NEPRA to defer the proposed increase.

### **Petrol price cut by Re0.94, HSD's hike by Re0.54**

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has updated ex-depot fuel prices, offering minor relief to petrol consumers but slightly increase High Speed Diesel (HSD) rates. The price adjustment includes Rs 1 per litre increase in the petroleum levy (PL) applied to HSD, effective August 13.

### **PHMA voices its concerns over transporters' strike**

KARACHI: The Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PHMA) has expressed serious concern over the ongoing strike of transporters, warning that the disruption in goods transportation is causing severe difficulties for exporters and posing a serious threat to Pakistan's export supply chain.

### **7.05pc hike in Karachi water, sewerage tariffs approved**

KARACHI: The Sindh government has approved a 7.05 percent increase in water and sewerage tariffs of the Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KWSC) for the financial year 2026-27. The revised rates will be applicable from July 1, 2026.

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

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee extended its marginal gains against the US dollar on Wednesday. The local unit closed the day at 277.66, a gain of Re0.01 against the greenback. On Tuesday, the Pakistani rupee settled at 277.67 against the dollar.

### **Gold prices continue upward trend**

KARACHI: Gold prices continued to grow, accumulating more value on Wednesday, as the world bullion rates further soared, traders said. The fresh increase drove the yellow metal prices to Rs 463,936 per tola and Rs 397,750 per 10 grams, up by Rs 4,200 and Rs 3,601, respectively, the All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewellers Association said.

### **Cotton market remain steady with satisfactory volume**

LAHORE: The local cotton market on Wednesday remained steady and the trading volume remained satisfactory. Cotton Analyst Naseem Usman told Business Recorder that the rate of cotton in Sindh is in between Rs 18,200 to Rs 18,300 per maund, while Phutti in the province is trading between Rs 7,000 to Rs 7,700 per 40 kilograms.

## **DAWN NEWSPAPER**

### **Consumers protest Rs34bn tariff burden**

ISLAMABAD: Consumer representatives on Wednesday protested against a proposed additional quarterly tariff burden of Rs34 billion by power companies, driven by higher capacity charges arising from loadshedding, lower sales and solar penetration, resulting in an estimated tariff impact of around Rs1.35 per unit for three months.

### **External debt jumps by \$5bn**

KARACHI: The government's external debt and liabilities jumped by \$5 billion in the fourth quarter of FY26 to \$90.86bn, according to data released by the State Bank. The country's gross external debt and liabilities reached \$138.85bn at the end of the last quarter of FY26 (June 30, 2026) with an addition of \$3.62bn during the year.

### **Pakistan, Belarus agree to boost trade**

Pakistan and Belarus have agreed on a range of measures to enhance bilateral trade and investment. The two-day Joint Ministerial Commission meeting ended with a commitment to facilitate online B2B sessions covering seafood, fruits, vegetables, seeds and dairy products.

### **Water-starved citizens 'squeezed' further for more Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation revenue**

KARACHI: While the Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KWSC) is widely blamed for failing to provide water in many areas connected to its piped network across the metropolis, the utility has burdened Karachi residents with higher costs as it notified a uniform 7.05 per cent increase in water and sewerage charges for its residential and bulk consumers.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Consumers face Rs33.8bn power hit as solarisation cuts grid sales**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's power consumers face a Rs33.78 billion quarterly tariff adjustment, including a potential Rs1.34 per-unit increase, despite government efforts to renegotiate independent power producer agreements, as distribution companies blame solarization, lower farm demand and an unusually cold April for falling electricity sales.

### **Transporters strike hampering textile exports: PTEA**

FAISALABAD: The Patron-in-Chief of the Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA), Khurram Mukhtar, warned that the nationwide transporters' strike, now in its fifth consecutive

day, has stranded an estimated \$500 million worth of export containers at factories during what is traditionally the industry's peak shipping season.

### **PHMA warns transport strike threatens export supply chain**

KARACHI: The Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PHMA) has expressed serious concern over the ongoing transporters' strike, warning that the disruption to goods movement is creating difficulties for exporters and threatening Pakistan's export supply chain.

### **FPCCI offers to mediate between transporters, govt**

KARACHI: Following the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has also offered to facilitate negotiations between goods transporters and the government.

### **PSW, Sindh Board of Revenue sign SLA on stamp duty**

KARACHI: Pakistan Single Window (PSW) has signed a service level agreement (SLA) with the Board of Revenue Sindh (BoRS), formalising arrangements for the digital collection of Sindh Stamp Duty through the PSW platform, according to a statement on Wednesday.

### **Govt cuts petrol price by 94 paisa, hikes diesel 54 paisa per litre**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan cut petrol prices by 94 paisa but raised diesel by 54 paisa per litre, with the new rates taking effect Thursday, according to a Petroleum Division notification.

### **US consumer prices increase as expected in July**

WASHINGTON: US consumer prices increased slightly in July, potentially weakening the argument for an interest rate increase from the Federal Reserve next month.

### **Gold rates up Rs4,200 per tola**

KARACHI: Gold prices increased by Rs4,200 per tola on Wednesday in the local market following a rise of \$42 to \$4,415 per ounce in the international market. The APSGJA stated that 24-karat gold rates reached Rs463,936 per tola.

## **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

### **Pakistan, Belarus to deepen cooperation**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb met Belarusian Energy Minister Denis Moroz to discuss bilateral economic relations, trade and investment, the finance ministry said on Wednesday.

### **California Senate hails Pak-US ties**

CALIFORNIA: The California State Senate unanimously passed a "historic resolution" celebrating the "enduring relationship" between Pakistan and the US, while recognising the "significant contributions" of the Pakistani-American diaspora to California's economy, culture, and social fabric, the embassy of Pakistan in Washington said in a statement.

### **Pakistan offers maritime muscle to protect shipping**

Pakistan on Wednesday said it was prepared to cooperate with Saudi Arabia and other members of a maritime coalition intended to protect commercial shipping and global supply chains.

### Power firms seek to recover Rs34b from consumers

ISLAMABAD: Despite a revision in agreements between the government and independent power producers (IPPs), capacity payments still continue to haunt end-users as power distribution companies (DISCOs) have called for passing on the burden of Rs34 billion to consumers, mainly on account of capacity charges.

### DISCOs buyers eye dollar returns

ISLAMABAD: Prospective buyers of Pakistan's three power distribution companies have set out demands for a return on their investments in foreign currency, sought sovereign guarantees that their deals would not be reopened in future, and they will not be required to buy expensive electricity.

### Debt, liabilities near Rs100tr

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's total debt and liabilities mounted to nearly Rs100 trillion by June 2026, eating up Rs12 trillion in servicing costs in the last fiscal year, amid signs of reversal of high indebtedness due to an improvement compared to the size of the economy.

### ایکسپریس نیوز

ایف بی آر کا ودبولڈنگ انکم ٹیکس ریٹ کارڈ جاری، شرح کی فہرست سامنے آگئی  
ریٹ کارڈ میں مختلف شعبوں، ادائیگیوں اور لین دین پر عائد ودبولڈنگ ٹیکس کی شرحیں درج کی گئی ہیں

سندھ حکومت نے کراچی کیلیے پانی اور سیوریج کے بلوں کی شرح میں اضافہ کر دیا  
گزٹ نوٹی فکیشن کے مطابق چارجز میں 7.5 فیصد اضافہ کیا گیا ہے جس کا اطلاق یکم جولائی 2026 کے بلوں سے ہوگا

حکومت نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی نئی قیمتوں کا اعلان کر دیا  
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سونا عالمی و مقامی مارکیٹوں میں آج بھی مہنگا ہو گیا  
عالمی مارکیٹ میں سونا 42 ڈالر فی اونس اور مقامی سطح پر 4200 روپے فی تولہ مہنگا ہو گیا