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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **Private sector credit swells: ADR climbs to around 38pc**

KARACHI: Advance-to-Deposit Ratio (ADR) of banking sector climbing to around 38 percent by November 2025, driven by a robust Rs 1.5 trillion expansion in private sector credit, underscoring banks' growing willingness to deploy liquidity as economic conditions improve.

### **SMEs revival plan finalised with Kearney's help**

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Industries and Production, in collaboration with the international consultancy firm A.T. Kearney, has finalized a comprehensive business plan for the revival of the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), which would soon be presented to the Prime Minister for final approval.

### **Manually-registered persons: FTO asks FBR to carry out probe into data**

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) has asked the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to carry out a thorough investigation of the data of recent manually registered persons by the Field Formations in order to forestall any revenue leakages.

### **THE RUPEE PKR: marginal improvement**

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee recorded marginal improvement against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Monday. At close, the local currency settled at 280.16, a gain of Re0.01 against the greenback. During the previous week, the Pakistan rupee posted marginal gain as it appreciated by Re0.08 or 0.03% against the US dollar in the inter-bank market.

### **Gold, silver drop sharply**

KARACHI: Gold and silver prices fell sharply from historic height on Monday, reflecting a global market downturn, traders said. Local gold prices dropped by Rs5,500 and Rs4,715, reaching Rs470,162 per tola and Rs403,088 per 10 grams, respectively, APSGJA said.

## **DAWN NEWSPAPER**

### **PSX hits new peak on UAE investment hopes**

KARACHI: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Monday extended its record-setting rally for a second consecutive session, propelling the benchmark KSE-100 index past the 173,000 mark amid optimism over talks with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to convert \$1 billion of its financial support into long-term investment aimed at easing Pakistan's external debt burden.

### **3-year SME sector business plan readied**

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Industries and Production has finalised a three-year business plan for the small and medium enterprises (SME) sector, aimed at boosting productivity, exports and women's participation, though its effectiveness will largely hinge on provincial implementation.

### **Govt prioritises critical power projects**

ISLAMABAD: Planning and Development Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Monday directed relevant ministries to finalise a prioritised list of the most critical power projects for the next three years. Of this amount, Rs1.1tr had been spent up to June 30, while the throw-forward stood at Rs492.4 billion.

### **Oil prices rise**

LONDON: Oil prices rose by more than \$1 on Monday as traders braced for potential supply disruptions in the Middle East due to rising tensions in Yemen, and Russia accused Ukraine of launching a drone attack on its President Vladimir Putin's residence.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Pakistan to import 88 LNG cargoes from Qatar in 2026**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will import 88 LNG cargoes out of which 24 cargoes will be diverted to the international market under the Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) for 2026 agreed with Qatar. The 24 cargoes will be diverted to the international market under the Net Proceeds Differential (NPD) clause.

### **FBR assures traders of no harassment**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has assured traders that they would not be harassed under any circumstances, and that their issues would be resolved, adding that strict action would be taken against FBR officials who blackmail traders, or involved in corruption.

### **SCCI seeks cargo clearance to Afghanistan & CARs**

PESHAWAR: The Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) said on Monday that over 10,000 Pak-Afghan and transit trade trucks have been stuck at Karachi seaport due to the prolonged border closure, causing massive financial losses to traders on both sides.

### **25 state-owned entities to be privatised**

Pakistan plans to privatize 25 state-owned entities after PIA, with long-term contracts for Islamabad, Karachi, and Lahore airports rather than outright sales, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Privatization and Privatization Commission Chairman Muhammad Ali said Monday.

### **Aptma flags risks to cotton pricing as Karachi Cotton Exchange remains shut**

ISLAMABAD: The textile industry has raised serious concerns over the continued closure and sealing of the Karachi Cotton Exchange building, warning that the disruption is undermining cotton price discovery and impairing the functioning of the Karachi Cotton Association (KCA).

## **PRGMEA warns rising costs, disruptions threaten textile export momentum**

LAHORE: The Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PRGMEA) has raised alarms that mounting cost pressures, structural constraints and local operational disruptions are increasingly threatening the textile and apparel sector's export growth and global competitiveness.

## **Critical minerals push opens door for Pakistan in US supply chains**

Pakistan is emerging as a potential beneficiary of the global scramble for critical minerals, as rising US interest in antimony draws fresh attention to the country's underdeveloped mining sector, according to a report by the Financial Times.

## **Pakistan imports 200,000MT of HSD in November**

KARACHI: Pakistan imported more than 200,000 metric tonnes (MTs) of high-speed diesel (HSD) in November of the current fiscal year after the regulator allegedly overstated demand projections, oil sector sources told The News on Monday.

## **PM set to approve three-year SME boost plan**

ISLAMABAD: Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are set for a major transformation, as a comprehensive three-year business plan, to be approved by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, aims to formalise operations, enhance productivity and expand access to finance. The plan also includes provisions to promote women's participation, unlocking the sector's full economic potential.

## **SMEDA, SECP agree to deepen collaboration to formalise SMEs**

LAHORE: The Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) have agreed to strengthen collaboration to support the growth and formalisation of Pakistan's small and medium enterprise (SME) sector.

## **Naval research institute urges businesses to tap maritime investment opportunities**

KARACHI: Highlighting Pakistan's vast untapped maritime potential, Commander Logistics and Director-General of the Naval Research and Development Institute (NRDI) Rear Admiral Muhammad Sohail Arshad on Monday called on the business community to proactively pursue opportunities across shipping, shipbuilding, offshore exploration, maritime technology, logistics and coastal infrastructure.

## **KMC to spend Rs46 billion on uplift projects in current financial year**

The Karachi Metropolitan Corporation will spend Rs46 billion on citywide development projects during the current financial year. Mayor Barrister Murtaza Wahab made this announcement on Monday, setting an ambitious target for his team to complete 799 schemes by June 30.

## **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

### **CPEC 2 brings Chinese textile units, and a new rival for local mills**

LAHORE: It seems like Pakistan's so-called 'vibrant' textile sector is on its way towards a modest improvement in terms of earning export revenues for calendar year 2025; however, for 2026, a majority of textile pundits are sensing a declining trend due to tariff reshufflings and strategic shifts by global players, particularly the United States under Trump 2.0 and the People's Republic of China, as both seek to protect their domestic industries.

### **PM to review comprehensive SME plan**

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Industries and Production Haroon Akhtar Khan chaired a meeting with the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (Smeda) and international consultancy firm AT Kearney to review a comprehensive business plan for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

### **PSX beats property, dollar**

KARACHI: Pakistan's equity market delivered one of its strongest performances in recent history during 2025, decisively outperforming most competing asset classes and reinforcing the Pakistan Stock Exchange's (PSX) growing appeal among domestic investors.

### **Karachi-Dhaka direct flights to start in January**

Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Imran Haider expressed hope that Karachi-Dhaka direct flights will start in January during his meeting with Bangladesh government Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House in Dhaka.

### **ایکسپریس نیوز**

#### **پاکستان اسٹاک ایکسچینج میں آج بھی شاندار تیزی، انڈیکس تاریخ کی بلند ترین سطح پر**

پاکستان اسٹاک ایکسچینج میں شاندار تیزی کے نتیجے میں آج بھی انڈیکس تاریخ کی بلند ترین سطح کو چھو گیا۔ کاروباری ہفتے کے دوسرے روز بازار حصہ میں 624 پوانٹس کی شاندار تیزی کے ساتھ مارکیٹ کا آغاز ہوا، جس کے نتیجے میں کے ایس ای 100 انڈیکس بڑھ کر ایک لاکھ 74 ہزار 521 پوانٹس کی نئی بلند ترین سطح پر پہنچ گیا۔

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