

# **Towel Manufacturers' Association of Pakistan**

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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **Govt unveils first-ever digital 'HIES'**

ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday unveiled the first-ever fully digital Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES) 2024–25, a landmark data milestone that reveals sharp improvements in literacy, internet access, and immunization while offering policymakers an unprecedented evidence base for economic and social planning.

### **Dec CPI inflation slows to 5.6pc YoY**

ISLAMABAD: Decline in the prices of essential vegetables kept the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation stable at 5.6 percent on a year-on-year (YoY) basis in December 2025, despite a seasonal spike in the prices of wheat, eggs, vegetable oil, fruits, and dry fruits.

### **MoC set to frame overarching rules for insurance sector**

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Commerce (MoC) is set to overhaul rules governing the insurance sector to strengthen Pakistan's financial system and investment climate; however, its first attempt—proposing over 200 amendments to the Insurance Ordinance has been rejected by the Cabinet Committee on the Disposal of Legislative Cases (CCLC

### **Major oil, gas reserves discovered in Kohat**

ISLAMABAD: As a New Year gift for the nation, the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) on Thursday announced a major oil and gas discovery over the Datta Formation at its exploratory well Baragzai X-01 (Slant) located in Kohat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

### **EFP elects Majyd Aziz as President**

KARACHI: The Employers' Federation of Pakistan (EFP) has unanimously elected prominent industrialist Majyd Aziz as President and noted technocrat Muhammad Feroz Alam as Vice President for the term 2026–28.

### **Clarification by FBR**

ISLAMABAD: It has come to the notice of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) that a letter attributed to the FBR is being circulated on social media, creating an impression that exporters' income tax returns will be scrutinized with the intent to impose unjust taxation. This impression is incorrect and not based on factual grounds.

### **Sindh govt decides to demolish 'dangerous' buildings**

KARACHI: The Government has decided to evacuate and demolish the dangerous buildings, and to provide housing to the affected residents on urgent basis.

### **Gold, silver lose further grounds**

KARACHI: Gold and silver prices extended their downward trend on the first trading day of the new year on Thursday, after closing lower on the final day of the previous year, traders said. The new year trading session closed gold rates lower by Rs2,400 to Rs454,562 per tola and Rs2,058 to Rs389,713 per 10 grams,

## **DAWN NEWSPAPER**

### **SBP reserves rise \$4.2bn in 2025**

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) increased its foreign exchange reserves by \$4.2 billion during calendar year 2025, though the pace of accumulation slowed in the year's second half. Official data show SBP's reserves stood at \$11.7bn on Jan 3, 2025, rising to \$15.915bn by the end of December — an increase of \$4.2bn.

### **Consumer inflation slows to 5.6pc in December**

ISLAMABAD: Consumer inflation slightly eased to 5.6 per cent in December 2025 from 6.1pc in November due to a decline in perishable food products, official figures released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) showed on Thursday.

### **Traders question inflation figures despite relief**

- Vegetable price slump offsets costlier staples
- Tomato glut eases prices, hurts growers
- Flour, milk and meat rates climb

### **Murad asks new Sindh police chief to intensify efforts to curb street crime in Karachi**

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday directed the newly appointed Inspector General of Police (IGP) Javed Alam Odho to intensify efforts to eliminate street crime in Karachi. He issued the instructions during a meeting with the police chief here at the CM House.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Textile industry sounds alarm over proposed duty-free imports at Sost Dry Port**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's textile industry has raised strong objections to a proposed customs facilitation regime, warning that duty-free and zero-rated imports of textile items could severely damage domestic manufacturing and worsen the challenges faced by the already stressed upstream sector.

### **Aptma calls for video analytics at ginning stage to stop undocumented cotton trade**

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma) has urged the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to implement video analytics monitoring at the ginning stage of the cotton supply chain, asserting that this is the critical point where undocumented cotton ('gol maal') enters the market.

### **Commerce secretary pledges support to lift exports to \$60bn**

QUETTA: Federal Secretary for Commerce Jawad Paul has said that, under the vision of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the government will remove difficulties faced by traders across the country, including Balochistan, to increase national exports to \$60 billion.

### **Switch from final tax regime to minimum tax regime under Finance Act, 2024: FBR move to scrutinise returns fills exporters with alarm**

KARACHI: The Federal Board of Revenue's (FBR) directive to scrutinise tax records of exporters has triggered concerns, prompting several exporters associations to convene emergency meetings. However, the tax authority rejected claims of a crackdown on exporters, saying it is not planning unjust taxation and is only reviewing income tax returns to apply changes made under the Finance Act 2024.

### **PM directs prioritising exploration of oil, gas reserves**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday chaired a meeting on the petroleum sector, directing authorities to prioritise the exploration of new oil and gas reserves and fully digitise the country's oil and gas supply chain to curb smuggling, enhance transparency and reduce the burden of fuel imports on the national exchequer.

### **Iran-Pakistan ties at historical high: envoy**

ISLAMABAD: Expressing gratitude for Pakistan's support to Iran during the June 2025 war with Israel, the Iranian ambassador on Thursday reaffirmed commitment to stronger Tehran-Islamabad ties and joint efforts for regional and international stability.

### **Banking, cement outperform as Pakistan stocks post 51pc gain in 2025**

KARACHI: The KSE-100 index delivered a total return of 51.2 per cent in 2025, with banking and cement stocks leading gains across key sectors as easing macroeconomic pressures and improved earnings visibility drove investor appetite.

### **T-bills attract \$20m in net foreign inflows**

KARACHI: Pakistan's short-term local government bonds saw net foreign inflows of \$20 million in December, compared with \$42.2 million in outflows recorded in the previous month. Overseas investors poured \$77.29 million in treasury bills as of December 25 but divested \$57.27 million, data from the State Bank of Pakistan showed on Thursday.

## **SBP forex reserves increase by \$13m to \$15.9bn**

Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves held by the central bank rose by \$13 million to \$15.915 billion during the week ending December 26, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said on Thursday. However, the country's total liquid foreign reserves fell by \$10 million to \$21.012 billion.

## **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

### **PM hails significant oil and gas discovery in K-P**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday congratulated the nation on the discovery of significant new oil and gas reserves in Kohat district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, calling it a major milestone for Pakistan's domestic energy sector.

### **Families see relief from falling food prices, but urban cost pressures persist**

KARACHI: The inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) stood at 5.6% year-on-year in December 2025, down from 6.1% in the previous month but higher than 4.1% in December 2024, indicating price pressure on households despite the month-on-month decline.

### **State Bank's reserves edge up to \$15.91b**

KARACHI: Pakistan's liquid foreign exchange reserves saw a modest increase in the final week of 2025, with the SBP reporting a \$13 million rise in its holdings. As of December 26, 2025, the SBP's foreign currency reserves stood at \$15.915 billion, up from \$15.902 billion in the previous week.

### **Electricity consumers given Rs8.35 per unit relief in 2025, Power Division claims**

The Power Division has released its annual performance report for 2025, highlighting 'historic reforms, improved financial discipline, significant consumer relief and major strides towards sustainable development' in the energy sector.

## **ایکسپریس نیوز**

### **پاکستان اسٹاک ایکسچینج تاریخ کی بلندیوں پر؛ آج پھر نیا ریکارڈ قائم**

پاکستان اسٹاک ایکسچینج میں مسلسل نئے ریکارڈ قائم ہو رہے ہیں، آج بھی بازار حصص میں تاریخ ساز تیزی دیکھی جا رہی ہے۔

### **چھوٹے تاجروں نے 2025 کو کاروباری، مہنگائی کے اعتبار سے بدترین سال قرار دیدیا**