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BUSINESS RECORDER

1H trade deficit swells to USD19.20bn: Dec exports fall 20.41pc YoY, 4.26pc MoM

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's exports continued to witness a downward trend for five months in a row as the exports were down by 20.41 percent in December on a year-on-year (YoY) basis, swelling the trade deficit to USD 19.20 billion in the first half of the financial year 2025-26.

Captive power gas: Govt extends monthly levy to third-party suppliers

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has approved the extension of the monthly levy rate, as determined and notified for captive power consumers of Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) and Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), to consumers of third-party companies engaged in the sale of gas to captive power plants.

'Export Emergency'

When a country's largest export sector begins to openly warn of collapse, policymakers can no longer afford denial or delay. The Pakistan Textile Council's (PTC's) call for an "Export Emergency" is not a lobbying slogan—it is a red alert for an economy already struggling to stay afloat.

Three-day national SME expo from 24th: SAPM

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Industries and Production to organise a two-day national-level SME cluster expo titled "Made in Pakistan: SME Cluster Showcase 2026" at the Lahore Expo Centre from January 24 to 26, 2026. Following the finalisation of the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) plan, the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Industries and Production,

KE adds nearly 140MW for industries during 2025

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE) added a sanctioned load of nearly 140MW through 339 new industrial connections during 2025 as Pakistan moved towards economic stabilisation amid the ongoing IMF programme. "These connections supported sectors including manufacturing, textiles, FMCG, ports, and export-oriented industries, reinforcing Karachi's role as Pakistan's economic engine,"

Business leader greets new IGP Javed Odho: Police urged to curb street crime in Karachi

KARACHI: Karachi Timber Market President Suleman Soomro on Friday congratulated the newly appointed Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh, Javed Alam Odho, and the new Karachi Police Chief, Azad Khan on assuming the charges of new posts.

Govt proposing 5pc levy on mobile phone imports

ISLAMABAD: Under the new Mobile and Electronic Device Manufacturing Policy (MEDMP), the government is proposing a five percent levy on mobile phone imports, reflecting its broader strategy to encourage local manufacturing through fiscal measures.

THE RUPEE PKR: marginal improvement

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee registered marginal improvement against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Friday. At close, the local currency settled at 280.11, a gain of Re0.01 against the greenback. On Wednesday, the local unit closed at 280.12.

Gold, silver prices rebound sharply

KARACHI: Gold and silver prices rebounded sharply on Friday, tracking a surge in the global market, traders said. An increase of Rs5,700 drove up local gold prices to Rs460,262 per tola,

DAWN NEWSPAPER

Exports plunge over 20pc in December

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's merchandise exports dipped 20.41 per cent to \$2.317 billion in December 2025 from \$2.911bn over the corresponding period last year, making it the fifth consecutive month of decline in the current fiscal year, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) said on Friday.

Aurangzeb lauds FBR for record tax collection

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has described higher revenue collection in December as a strong validation of the government's fiscal reform agenda and sustained focus on compliance, enforcement, and digitisation.

Short-term inflation rises 2.41pc on costly flour, rice

ISLAMABAD: Short-term inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Index (SPI), increased 2.41 per cent year-on-year in the week ending January 1 owing to an increase in the retail price of wheat flour and rice, official data showed on Friday.

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Trade gap widens 24pc in Dec amid over 20pc fall in exports

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's merchandise trade deficit (exp-import gap) widened nearly 23.8 percent year-on-year in December 2025 to \$2.855 billion, official data showed Friday, as exports slipped by more than a fifth, while imports from overseas increased.

BD national airline gets Pakistan's nod for Karachi-Dhaka direct flights

ISLAMABAD: Direct flights between Pakistan and Bangladesh are set to resume after the federal government granted permission to Bangladesh's national airline to operate flights between Dhaka and Karachi, sources told Geo News on Friday.

Petroleum product sales fall 5pc in December

KARACHI: Sales of petroleum products fell 5.0 per cent in December compared with November in the current financial year, largely due to weaker demand for high-speed diesel (HSD).

Pakistan to showcase mineral potential at Riyadh Future Minerals Forum

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will showcase its mineral wealth and investment opportunities at the upcoming Future Minerals Forum (FMF) in Riyadh later this month, as part of efforts to attract foreign investment and deepen cooperation with Saudi Arabia in the minerals and energy sectors.

Govt set to raise Rs5tr via T-bills and bonds in 1Q2026

KARACHI: The government aims to borrow Rs4.9 trillion from banks through treasury bills and bonds in the first quarter of 2026, according to the auction calendar issued by the State Bank of Pakistan on Friday.

SMEDA pledges expanded support for SMEs in 2026

LAHORE: The SMEDA has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening Pakistan's SME ecosystem in 2026, with a focus on access to finance, digital training, formalisation and export readiness.

Pakistan, Azerbaijan close to \$2bn investment deal

Pakistan and Azerbaijan moved closer to unlocking \$2 billion in Azerbaijani investment as Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar held talks on Friday with Azerbaijan's economy minister to fast-track a framework for funding key sectors of Pakistan's economy.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

Trade deficit widens to \$19b

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has booked over \$19 billion trade deficit during the first half of the current fiscal year as exports further plunged and imports increased faster than projections on the back of trade liberalisation, keeping the external sector stability under pressure.

Informal gold trade drains revenue, distorts prices

LAHORE: Pakistan's largely informal gold market is eroding economic value, weakening consumer confidence and discouraging investment, with more than 90% of trading taking place outside formal channels, the Pakistan Business Forum (PBF) has warned.

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.

PSX tops 179,000 as equities extend rally

KARACHI: Pakistan equities extended their bullish run at the start of 2026, with the benchmark KSE-100 Index surging 1.52% on Friday to close slightly above 179,000, driven largely by sustained buying from local institutional investors.

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