

# **Towel Manufacturers' Association of Pakistan**

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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **SMEs come under sharper govt focus**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday called on relevant institutions to expedite efforts to ensure that banks and financial institutions offer more accessible loans to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), following concerns over the challenges faced by the sector.

### **APTMA urges Ogra to review RLNG actual sales price for 2015-22**

LAHORE: APTMA has approached OGRA seeking rehearing for determination of RLNG actual sales price for the period 2015 to 2022 primarily on Grounds of UFG Misallocation and Non-Disclosure of the Computation Trail. APTMA has pointed out that over the 84-months actualization period; around 47 million tonnes of LNG was consumed.

### **Super tax case: Rs114bn collected in terms of Sec 4B of IT Ord, FCC told**

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Constitutional Court was informed that Rs114 billion were collected in terms of Section 4B of the Income Tax Ordinance, while the federation spent Rs117 billion, from its sources, on the rehabilitation of the temporarily displaced persons (TDPs).

### **Freelancing sector witnesses 91pc growth**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's freelancing sector has seen a remarkable 91 percent growth in 2025, reflecting the rising role of young professionals in strengthening the national economy and highlighting the government's renewed focus on empowering youth through technology and skills development.

### **LESCO overbilling cases: AGP restrains FIA from initiating probe**

ISLAMABAD: The Auditor General of Pakistan has asked the Federal Investigation Agency to refrain from initiating inquiries into overbilling cases without prior technical validation and to coordinate with the Nepra and the Provincial Office of Inspection.

### **Solar system: Chinese firm arrives to provide hi-tech storage solutions**

KARACHI: Renowned Chinese micro-inverter manufacturer Hoymiles has entered Pakistan to provide high-tech and long-duration energy storage solutions for residential, commercial, and industrial buildings utilizing solar systems for electricity consumption.

### **FBR imposes penalty on RTO tax official**

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has imposed a major penalty on a tax official of Regional Tax Office (RTO), Lahore for deleting CCTV footage of stealing of 20 cartons of cigarettes from the premises of the office, said a notification issued here on Monday.

### **Grievance redressal mechanism: FTO says taxpayers be given easy access**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Tax Ombudsman Zafar ul Haq Hijazi Monday conveyed to the Forum of Pakistan Ombudsman (FPO) that the taxpayers should be given easy access to grievance redressal mechanism through a simplified outreach strategy.

### **FBR reconstitutes body for granting ST integration licence**

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has again reconstituted committee to evaluate applications for grant of licence for integration of registered persons under the Sales Tax Rules, 2006. In this regard, the FBR has issued a notification here on Monday.

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

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee reported marginal improvement against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Monday. At close, the local currency settled at 280.10, a gain of Re0.01 against the greenback. During the previous week, the Pakistan rupee welcomed 2026 with another gain as it appreciated by Re0.06 or 0.02% against the US dollar in the inter-bank market.

### **Gold, silver prices jump**

KARACHI: Gold prices posted huge gains with silver rising sharply on Monday, tracking a global uptrend, traders said. A big surge in world market rates pushed up local gold prices by Rs9,200 to Rs464,762 per tola and Rs7,888 to Rs398,458 per 10 grams, APSGJA said.

## **DAWN NEWSPAPER**

### **PM directs easy bank loans for small and medium enterprises**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday directed the relevant institutions to expedite measures for providing loans to small and medium enterprises on easy terms through banks and other financial institutions.

### **PSX soars past 182,000-barrier despite economic woes**

For no apparent positive triggers, the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) extended its bullish spell in the first session of the week as bulls continued their charge, catapulting the benchmark KSE-100 index to an intraday high of 184,000, a gain of almost 5,000 points in a single session on Monday.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Sell-side due diligence begins for five power utilities as advisers step in**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has stepped up preparations to privatize five state-owned power distribution companies as financial advisers have already begun sell-side due diligence, a key milestone tied to commitments under the International Monetary Fund bailout program, official documents showed Monday.

### **Gas supply improves this winter, says petroleum minister**

ISLAMABAD: With winter demand at its peak, Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik on Monday reviewed the country's gas supply situation and winter load management measures, expressing satisfaction over improved gas availability for domestic consumers compared to last year.

## **Furnace oil exports hit 778,000 tonnes in H1 FY26**

KARACHI: Pakistan exported 777,687 metric tonnes of furnace oil during the first half of the current fiscal year FY26, driven by weak domestic demand. Data shared by the oil sector with The News shows that the country exported 137,500 metric tonnes of furnace oil in December alone, as refineries moved to dispose of rising inventories amid sharply reduced local offtake.

## **SBP governor to inaugurate SME finance expo in Lahore**

LAHORE: Governor of State Bank of Pakistan Jameel Ahmad is expected to inaugurate the SME Finance and Banking Expo being organised by the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) to address the financial challenges faced by small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

## **PCJCCI highlights Gilgit-Baltistan's growing role under CPEC**

LAHORE: The Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has underscored the growing strategic and economic importance of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), saying the initiative has emerged as a catalyst for inclusive growth, regional connectivity and sustainable development in Pakistan's northern areas.

## **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

### **Government tightens gas supply, reviews Winter load management**

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik chaired a meeting on Monday to review the gas supply situation, winter load management and consumer complaint redressal across the country.

### **Salaried class pays over Rs266 billion in income taxes**

Salaried individuals paid Rs266 billion in income tax during the first half of the current fiscal year, contributing nearly one rupee out of every Rs10 collected in income taxes across the country.

### **Pakistan's global clout growing: Chinese envoy**

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador Jiang Zaidong has said that Pakistan has become increasingly influential on the global stage, expanding its diplomatic ties and enhancing its international voice.

### **Jahangir Road deteriorates despite repairs**

KARACHI: Jahangir Road, which was constructed two years ago under the supervision of the KDA according to international standards, has fallen into a severely dilapidated condition,

## **ایکسپریس نیوز**

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