

# **Morning Briefing**

## USD 2.5bn surplus in trade with US: Aurangzeb:

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb said that Pakistan's exports to United States of America (USA) is \$4.4 billion as compared to imports of US\$1.9 billion with the trade surplus of \$2.5 billion during current Financial Year 2024-25 (up to March). <u>Click here for more</u>

### APTMA for removing yarn & fabric from ambit of EFS:

The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has urged the federal government to remove yarn and fabric from the ambit of the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS), proposing a strategic policy shift aimed at restoring competitiveness to the domestic textile sector without breaching Pakistan's commitments under the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Extended Fund Facility (EFF). <u>Click here for</u> <u>more</u>

#### PD seeks Rs1.27/unit positive adjustment:

Power Division has sought a positive adjustment of Rs 1.27 per unit in electricity tariffs for April 2025 to recover Rs 13 billion under the monthly Fuel Charges Adjustment (FCA) mechanism for consumers of Distribution Companies (Discos). <u>Click here for more</u>

## CPEC to be extended to Afghanistan:

Islamabad, Beijing and Kabul have agreed to deepen Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) cooperation and extend the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Afghanistan. Deputy Prime Minister/ Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar, Member of the CPC Political Bureau and Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China Wang Yi, and Acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Amir Khan Muttaqi, held an informal 5th trilateral meeting in Beijing on Wednesday, said Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson in a statement here. <u>Click here for more</u>

## Public sector LPG import scam identified:

The management of Sui Southern and SLL (SSGC LPG Limited) landed in trouble for allegedly abusing the exemption from PPRA rule while importing LPG. <u>Click here for more</u>

## New textile policy likely to exempt 11% sales tax on domestic cotton, NA told:

The government on Wednesday told the National Assembly that the US has imposed 30pc reciprocal tariffs on imports from Pakistan, which is currently suspended for 90 days while exporters are generally of the view that the tariff poses a challenge for them. <u>Click here for more</u>

### Power generation surges 22% in April:

The country's power generation recorded a 22 per cent year-on-year (YoY) increase in April of the current fiscal year, driven by higher demand following a reduction in electricity tariffs by the government. <u>Click here for more</u>

## Govt cuts National Savings profit rates amid falling market yields:

The Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) has reduced profit rates across a range of government-backed savings instruments, with some products seeing cuts of up to 100 basis points, as market interest rates continue to ease. <u>Click here for more</u>

Net LIPI/FIPI Position			
	USD mn	CYTD	
Foreign	-0.52	-75.8	
Individuals	1.03	11.19	
Companies	-1.3	53.26	
Banks/DFIs	-0.36	477.15	
MF	-0.01	-471.51	
Broker	0.53	-13.93	
Insurance	1.85	-14.75	

FIPI Sector-wise		
	USD mn	
E & P	0.1	
омс	0.1	
Banks	-0.5	
Tech	-0.74	

Major Indices					
Index	Value	Change	FYTD	CYTD	
KSE-100	119,931	+0.8%	+52.9%	+4.2%	
SENSEX	81,597	+0.5%	+3.2%	+4.4%	
Nikkei 225	37,299	-0.6%	-6.4%	-6.5%	
Hang Seng	23,828	+0.6%	+35.5%	+18.8%	
S & P 500	5,845	-1.6%	+6.8%	-0.6%	
FTSE 100	8,785	+0.3%	+7.6%	+7.6%	

Commodities				
	Unit	Price	Change	
WTI	USD/bbl	61.51	-0.10%	
Brent	USD/bbl	64.82	-0.14%	
Coal	USD/ton	88.60	+045%	
Gold	USD/oz	3,364.30	+0.67%	
Silver	USD/oz	33.60	+0.46%	
Rubber	USD/kg	1.90	+1.40	

Inter-Bank Currency Rates				
	Last Close	Change	CYTD %	
PKR/USD	281.9674	+0.02%	+0.04%	
PKR/JPN	1.9589	+0.26%	-1.54%	
PKR/THB	8.6084	+1.09%	+4.82%	

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