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The below news items are extracted after sending yesterday email:

590+ Taxes & Levies (including FED, GIDC, Budgets, IMF, ORS/BS 19+ FST cum Customs Duty but excluding those which are exclusively about Customs Duty)

1. [Five categories of manufacturers/importers: FBR to charge sales tax on basis of value of supply-BR](#)
2. [Investigation & Disposal of Complaints: FTO Secretariat upgrades regulation draft-BR](#)
3. [FCC order and extraterritorial taxation-BR](#)
4. [PD could not bear excessive taxation: Malik-BR](#)
5. [IMF Slavery for Loading Taxes on Public & Businesses and not to reduce their Private Planes, increment, Protocols, public money wastage](#)

Economy & Inflation matters (including Import, Export & CPEC)

1. [Learning from China's economic philosophy and policy —IV-BR](#)
2. [The fragility behind the fiscal gains-BR](#)
3. [Businessman calls for construction financing system- BR](#)
4. [FDI recovery remains elusive-BR](#)
5. [FPCCI rejects proposed July FCA increase-BR](#)
6. [Japan provides Rs15.5m grant for transportation project-BR](#)
7. [Leveraging BRI financing: Pakistan presents USD4.85bn climate investment plan-BR](#)
8. [Google launches Digital Pasban to boost online safety in Pakistan- BR](#)
9. [COMSATS Internet Services successfully deal with 'operational turbulence'-BR](#)
10. [Globe Residency REIT declares cash dividend-BR](#)
11. [Dar reviews strategy to boost trade with EU, allies-BR](#)
12. [National fisheries policy being prepared to unlock \\$10 billion potential: minister-DTS](#)
13. [Gemstone export boost: Govt set to roll out strategy, says adviser to PM-BR](#)
14. [Export competitiveness hinges on shared sustainability responsibility: Experts-BR](#)
15. [GPCCI, PRGMEA sign MoU-BR](#)
16. [Pakistan, Syria agree to strengthen bilateral trade-BR](#)

460+ Company Laws

[Draft of market conduct rules for insurers issued-BR](#)

300+ Banking, Finance & Investments (including Monetary Policy, Foreign Exchange, FATF, AML/CFT & NBFC)

1. [SBP BSC, KP SIDB hold meeting on 'SME Value Chain Financing'-BR](#)

2. [SBP extends housing loan tenor to 30 years-DD](#)
3. [July profit repatriation falls 11.5pc YoY-BR](#)
4. [Pakistan's total FX reserves reach \\$22.51bn as SBP holdings rise-PPT](#)
5. [Aurangzeb shares latest debt position with Senate-BR](#)
6. [Circular debt rise-BR](#)
7. [Foreign investors repatriate \\$261.4m in profits and dividends in July-PK](#)
8. [Government plans Rs250 billion SPV for FESCO, GEPCO and IESCO privatisation-PPT](#)
9. [Foreign firms repatriate \\$261 million profits and dividends in July, down 11.5% YoY-PPT](#)
10. [Pakistan expects up to \\$100 million under first DPR programme-DTS](#)
11. [Pakistan's first DPR programme: IFC, Bank Alfalah sign project agreement-BR](#)
12. [SOEs directors: Framework for appointment, evaluation, disclosure tightened-BR](#)
13. [USD 150 Billion Foreign Loans & 12](#)
14. [Crypto shares climb after Treasury's doubled buybacks boost risk assets-ET](#)

Market (Stock, Currency, Gold, Textile, Cotton & PMEX)

1. [PSX: Stocks gain over 800 points in early trade-BR](#)
2. [PSX extends losses on political uncertainty-DD](#)
3. [Rupee gains three paisa against dollar-DTS](#)
4. [Dollar wobbles as investors balk at US Treasury's rescue efforts-BR](#)
5. [Gold steadies, heads for third straight weekly gain-BR](#)
6. [Gold price per tola gains massive Rs13,700 in Pakistan-BR](#)
7. [Gold prices skyrocket again after surge of over Rs13,000 per tola-ET](#)
8. [Gold price rises Rs 13,700 per tola to Rs 471,936-DTS](#)

POL, Gas, other Minerals & Electricity (including Solar & Water)

1. [Petrol price up by 27 paise, HSD's by Rs1.64-BR](#)
2. [Oil set for second weekly rise as unsettled US-Iran war crimps supply-BR](#)
3. [Govt increases diesel price by Rs1.64, petrol's by Re0.27 per litre-BR](#)
4. [Oil set for second weekly rise as unsettled US-Iran war crimps supply-BR](#)
5. [Govt increases diesel price by Rs1.64, petrol's by Re0.27 per litre-BR](#)
6. [Oil hits more than three-week high-BR](#)
7. [Refinery upgrades could pave way for diesel price cuts: PPDA chief-BR](#)
8. [Q1FY27 earnings could remain strong: HSD margin cap may limit refinery upside: Topline-BR](#)
9. [Hormuz ship crossings hover in single digits, data shows-BR](#)
10. [OMCs demand immediate increase in margin-BR](#)

11. [JI chief vows to escalate protest until petroleum levy is scrapped-BR](#)
12. [JI describes fuel price reduction as 'insufficient'-BR](#)
13. [PPL, OGDCL boards: CCoSOEs approves appointment of independent directors-BR](#)
14. [Jam Pack Media Press Briefing - If POL prices are not reduced by Rs 120 or more, next Plan announced by Jamaat e Islami and now Public support for JI stand & Dharna reason is evident to masses](#)
15. [Govt hikes petrol price by Rs0.27, high-speed diesel by Rs1.64-DD](#)
16. [Govt increases petrol by 27 paisas, HSD by Rs1.64 for Aug 21-ET](#)
17. [Petrol up 27 Paisas, diesel Rs1.6l/litre for August 21-PPT](#)
18. [Govt increases petrol by Re0.27, diesel by Rs1.64 per litre-TNS](#)
19. [Petrol, diesel prices increased marginally-APP](#)
20. [Oil hits 3-week high on Middle East supply concerns amid war impasse-ET](#)
21. [Pakistan to sign refinery upgrade agreements within 7-10 days, says petroleum minister-PPT](#)
22. [Rising LPG prices push Karachi tea cafes back to coal-BR](#)
23. [PD to establish new SPV for privatisation of three Discos-BR](#)
24. [The energy security imperative-BR](#)
25. [KE seeks SIFC support to resolve ICP issue-BR](#)

320+ Human Resources (including Training, Health, Precautions & Safety - other than above areas)

1. [GPF rates for government employees revised-BR](#)
2. [Procurement of surgical, medical disposables in Punjab: Opposition seeks explanation for Rs18.94bn tender cancellation-BR](#)

Weather Updates

1. [The Weather-BR](#)
2. [Record rainfall, multiple monsoon spells: Punjab takes steps to ensure drainage in Pindi: Azma- BR](#)
3. [Residents of twin cities face another day of rain, flooding fears-DD](#)

Karachi

1. [Sharjeel orders cuts in transport fares-BR](#)
2. [Jamaat e Islami has proved that they are working for whole Pakistan Public](#)
3. [Two Civil Defence officials sacked over Gul Plaza fire-DD](#)
4. [Sindh, Chinese firm agree to set up AI-ready data centre in Karachi-DD](#)
5. [Roads blocked, traffic congested in Karachi's PIDC area due to lawyers' protest-DD](#)

Other Pakistan

1. [Kamran Khan Sb is providing details of SCP order to transfer Imran Khan Sb from Jail to Alshifa Hospital Islamabad; Conflicting view of PML N Ministers & Review petitions filed by Govt in SCP](#)
2. [PM Shehbaz renews invitation to PTI for talks-BR](#)
3. [PM for translating friendship with Syria into cooperation-BR](#)
4. [Pensioners: PM launches ‘Proof of Life’ certificate system-BR](#)
5. [Defence forces, NCA amendment bills sail thru parliament-BR](#)
6. [‘Punjab is the only province taking the lead thru use of IT’-BR](#)
7. [Suthra Punjab workers: Punjab CM has ordered timely payment of salaries-BR](#)
8. [Shifa University organises Seerat-un-Nabi \(PBUH\) conference-BR](#)
9. [Fahd, Sindh governor discuss role of digital media-BR](#)
10. [NA Speaker unhappy with empty ministerial front-row seats-BR](#)
11. [SC returns govt’s review plea against IK’s transfer to hospital-BR](#)
12. [Dar confirms return of six injured Pak sailors, two bodies-BR](#)
13. [TTP, BLA in contact with each other: Bilawal-BR](#)
14. [Financial irregularities wouldn’t be tolerated, CM warns Suthra Punjab companies-TN](#)
15. [LG polls in Punjab likely after Dec 15- BR](#)
16. [Speakers pay tribute to services of Prof Ali Murtaza Dharejo-BR](#)
17. [Ex-PM Imran Khan moved back to Adiala jail from hospital-BR](#)
18. [Violation traffic laws: ITP takes action against 44,078 vehicles-BR](#)
19. [IK’s transfer to Shifa Hospital: PTI urges govt to implement SC’s order-BR](#)
20. [Imran Khan shifted to Shifa International Hospital-BR](#)
21. [Strong earthquake strikes central Peru, no damage reported- BR](#)
22. [LG elections: Aitzaz laments the lack of effort by the parties-BR](#)
23. [Low-level flooding reported at several points in Punjab-BR](#)
24. [Sindh Rescue 1122: Chinese firm offers automated fire-fighting technology-BR](#)
25. [Countrywide crackdown on illegal call centres decided-BR](#)
26. [IPP allocated key portfolios in Gilgit-Baltistan-BR](#)
27. [Fazl, other opposition leaders agree to form ‘united opposition’-BR](#)
28. [CM meets IPP lawmakers-BR](#)
29. [Pakistani, South Korean companies sign six B2B MoUs: Second round of CEPA talks to be held soon: Jam-BR](#)
30. [12 file nominations for AJK reserved seats-DD](#)
31. [ECP agrees to Punjab’s proposal to hold local body polls between Dec 15, 2026, and Jan 15, 2027-DD](#)
32. [PML-N candidate elected unopposed to reserved seat for overseas Kashmiris in AJK Legislative Assembly-ET](#)
33. [ECP agrees to hold Punjab local polls between Dec 15 and Jan 15-ET](#)
34. [PTI signals reconciliation with military-TN](#)
35. [Punjab tells arms dealers to make digital inventories-DD](#)
36. [Balochistan High Court CJ calls for review of law college standards-DD](#)

36. [Nadra officials among four granted bail in fake CNICs case in Karachi-DD](#)
37. [Senate health committee approves e-cigarette regulation bill, retains four-year BDS programme-DD](#)
38. [Over 21,000 Pakistanis deported from Gulf countries](#)
39. [Govt tightens rules for state-owned enterprises board-DD](#)
40. [Google puts \\$500,000 behind Pakistan's digital safety push-DD](#)
41. [AJK president, rights body deplore US envoy's Kashmir remarks-DD](#)
42. [Heavy cross-border shelling reported in KP's Mohmand-DD](#)
43. [Minister says Imran taken back to Adiala jail after hospital visit, declared 'medically fit' by doctors-DD](#)
44. [JI warns it will expand ongoing sit-ins into wheel-jam, shutter-down strike-DD](#)
45. [NA passes bills related to military, nuclear command structure as Bilawal objects, opposition walks out-DD](#)
46. [5 terrorists killed in intelligence-based operation in Balochistan's Panjgur-DD](#)
47. [Imran Khan will not confront military if freed, Zulfi Bukhari says-DD](#)
48. [PTA, Google sign agreement to make digital platforms safer for children-ET](#)
49. [Following NA, Senate also passes Defence Forces Act 2026, amendments to NCA Act 2010-ET](#)
50. [PTI founder Imran Khan returns to Adiala after Supreme Court-ordered medical check-up-TNS](#)
51. [Bills related to military, National Command Authority sail through NA, Senate-TNS](#)
52. [PTA, Google sign MoU to strengthen child online safety-TNS](#)
53. [PM Shehbaz reiterates offer of meaningful dialogue with opposition-TNS](#)
54. [SC returns govt review plea against Imran's hospital transfer with objections-TNS](#)
55. [PM Shehbaz calls for deeper Pakistan-Syria ties, expanded bilateral engagement-TNS](#)
56. [Speakers call for empowered local govts to address governance crisis-TN](#)
57. [CM Maryam meets IPP lawmakers amid shifting political situation-TN](#)
58. [Senate, NA pass bills restructuring military, nuclear command-TN](#)
59. [PM Shehbaz says govt ready for constructive dialogue with opposition-TN](#)
60. [President appreciates Kazakhstan ambassador's contribution to strengthening bilateral ties-APP](#)
61. [President Zardari congratulates Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on election as Bangladesh President-APP](#)
62. [PM calls upon institutions to raise voice against terrorism-APP](#)
63. [Brazilian FM felicitates DPM on signing of Makkah Joint Defence Agreement-APP\](#)
64. [PM seeks stronger Pakistan-Syria ties in trade, defence and education-APP](#)
65. [DPM Dar calls for enhanced Pakistan-Switzerland cooperation in trade and investment-APP](#)
66. [Imran Khan shifted to Shifa International Hospital from Adiala Jail-PK](#)

United States

1. [US will impose 'toughest sanctions in history' on Iran: Bessent-BR](#)

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3. [US hits Hezbollah with fresh sanctions, emphasizing ties to Iranian government-BR](#)
4. [US national debt surges past \\$40 trillion for first time-DD](#)
5. [Trump threatens to isolate Iran: Who are its trading partners?-ET](#)
6. [US debt hits staggering \\$40tr under Trump, Biden as Washington struggles to rein in borrowing-TNS](#)
7. [US has entered ‘new phase’ of economic pressure on Iran: Vance-TN](#)

Other international

1. [Key European leaders demand Israel halt W. Bank settlement project-DD](#)
2. [Syria rejects Israeli justification for strike on airbase over alleged Turkish military buildup: Report-ET](#)
3. [Israel’s strike in Syria ‘provocative and dangerous,’ deepening rift with US: opposition leader-ET](#)
4. [Russian ballistic missiles kill 12 in Ukraine's Kyiv, spark fires-ET](#)

(A) Six Newspapers Websites [Business Recorder (**BR**), Daily Dawn (**DD**), Express Tribune (**ET**), The News (**TNS**), The Nation (**TN**) & Associated Press of Pakistan (**APP**)] and

(B) Three other Business Websites [Pakistan Revenue (**PK**), Profit Pakistan Today (**PPT**) & Daily Times (**DTS**)]

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Best regards

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