

Important News and Impacts

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Economy

Trump says Iran wants deal, Houthis strike Saudi Arabia - Negative

TAIZ, Yemen/DUBAI: US President Donald Trump said on Monday that Iran wanted to reach a deal with Washington, signaling a possible diplomatic opening as fighting across the Middle East widened and threatened global oil supplies.

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SBP maintains monetary policy at 11.5% - Neutral

The State Bank of Pakistan's Monetary Policy Committee on Monday kept the policy rate unchanged at 11.5 per cent, in line with market expectations. "The MPC has decided to keep the policy rate unchanged at 11.5 per cent in its meeting held on September 14, 2026," said a statement by the SBP.

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SBP's reserves hit all-time high at USD21.4bn - Positive

KARACHI: With arrival of Eurobond inflows, the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) foreign exchange reserves have surged

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GST on locally-made 2000cc EVs brought down to 18pc – Positive

ISLAMABAD: The government has reduced sales tax from 25 to 18 percent on locally manufactured hybrid electric vehicles with engine capacity up to 2000cc. The reduced rate of sales tax would be applicable from September 13, 2026.

In this regard, the Finance Division has issued a notification (S.R.O.1525 (I)/2026) on Monday.

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ECC approves Brownfield Policy upgrade agreement - Positive

The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet today approved the draft upgrade agreements under the Pakistan Oil Refining Policy for Upgradation of Existing/Brownfield Refineries, 2023, as amended in August 2026. The agreement will be signed by all refineries subject to the availability of the Prime Minister this month.

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Sector

Millat Tractors enters distribution deal with China's Weichai Lovol – Positive

Millet Tractors Limited (PSX: MTL) has entered into a Distribution

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