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Key events/news to watch out includes: -

PM announces cuts to fuel use, govt spending

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday ordered sweeping cuts to government spending and fuel use, launching a nationwide austerity drive as Middle East tensions push global oil prices and inflation higher. The meeting, chaired by the prime minister, also approved a five percent cut to the non-ERE budget for FY2026-27. It banned the purchase of new government vehicles and froze procurement of durable goods other than IT equipment. The prime minister said sacrifice must begin with the government and the elite, adding that a fuel subsidy for low and middle-income groups had already been introduced, with motorcycles, rickshaws and 800cc vehicles receiving Rs100 per litre in relief. He directed all relevant institutions to cut unnecessary expenditure, use national resources prudently, and ensure swift implementation of the new measures.....for more

Forex reserves hit five-year high of USD26.8bn

The country's total liquid foreign exchange reserves have risen to a five-year high of USD 26.8 billion, following the arrival of Eurobond proceeds last week. According to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the central bank received USD 3 billion in Eurobond proceeds following the government's successful auction in the international market. With the Eurobond proceeds and other inflows, the SBP's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 3.061 billion to USD 21.389 billion as of September 11, 2026, compared with USD 18.328 billion a week earlier. During the week under review, net foreign exchange reserves held by commercial banks also increased by USD 14 million to USD 5.402 billion, up from USD 5.388 billion a week earlier. Cumulatively, the country's total liquid foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 3.075 billion to a five-year high of USD 26.791 billion as of September 11, 2026, compared with USD 23.715 billion a week earlier.....for more

LNG shortages hit Pakistan badly

Pakistan is among the worst-hit nations by liquefied natural gas (LNG) disruptions due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and could future-proof its domestic energy and power supply by increasing its focus on renewables and coal. "Qatar and the UAE together supply about 99pc of Pakistan's LNG — mostly for power generation, fertiliser production and industrial use. LNG accounts for about 30pc of total gas supply," said the Gastech Conferences in its report 'The Outlook for Gas and LNG Markets in Asia' released at its 54th annual event. It said that beyond addressing immediate challenges, policymakers in Asia may now be reviewing how to future-proof domestic energy and power systems with renewed focus on energy security. This could be done by accelerating renewables, such as swift-build, utility-scale solar, wind farms and commercial rooftop solar, plus storage deployment. They would also be looking at speeding up investment in long-term infrastructure, including gas storage and updating power generation mixes and giving gas plants better flexibility.....for more

SBP assures petroleum dealers of subsidy payment within 48 hours

Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik on Thursday held a meeting with representatives of Petroleum Pump Dealers' Associations to brief them on the mechanism for the implementation of the Prime Minister's Fuel Relief Scheme. The meeting was informed that funds for three months have been earmarked for the Fuel Relief Scheme, out of which Rs25 billion for the first month has already been provided to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to facilitate timely reimbursement under the scheme. The representatives were given a detailed briefing on the operational mechanism of the relief scheme, including the process for providing relief to eligible consumers. Queries and concerns raised by the petroleum pump and dealers' associations were addressed during the meeting.....for more

Govt lowers petrol price by Rs0.43 per litre, raises HSD by Rs3.47 per litre

The government on Thursday cut the price of petrol by Rs0.43 per litre but raised that of high-speed diesel (HSD) by Rs3.47 per litre. Following the revision, petrol will retail at Rs390.79 per litre while HSD will cost Rs424.92 per litre. The government continues to levy Rs114 per litre in taxes and duties on petrol and Rs100 per litre on diesel. According to the Petroleum Division's notification, the new prices will be applicable on Sept 18 (Friday). According to Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), the increase is primarily linked to higher petrol and diesel prices in the international market. The regulator said the prices were revised based on international market rates, premiums and other relevant factors.....for more

PSX Statistics

17-Sep-26	Index	DoD	MTD	CY26TD	FY26TD
KSE100 Index	169,043	0.6%	-4.5%	-2.9%	-6.2%
KMI30 Index	240,617	0.7%	-4.4%	-3.2%	-6.5%
KSE 30	50,298	0.6%	-4.6%	-5.6%	-6.4%
KSE ALL	102,245	0.7%	-4.8%	-2.3%	-6.1%

International Index (returns are USD based) — 17-Sep-26

Index	Index Level	CY26TD	Index	Index Level	CY26TD
KSE100	**169,043**	**-1.88%**	BSE 30	74,315	-12.80%
SHASHR	4,064	-2.34%	NKY	64,136	27.41%
HSI	24,604	-4.0%	FSSTI	5,661	21.84%
SASEIDX	10,778	2.7%	VNINDEX	1,823	2.16%
CCMP	26,418	13.7%	UKX	10,816	8.91%
Dow Jones	51,778	7.7%	SPX	7,638	11.57%

Forex

17-Sep-26	Current	WTD	CY26TD	FY26TD
USD/PKR - Inter Bank	277.26	0.0%	1.0%	0.3%
USD/PKR - Open Mkt	278.45	0.1%	1.7%	0.3%
GBP/PKR	378.78	0.0%	1.0%	-1.7%
AED/PKR	76.40	0.2%	1.3%	0.5%
JPY/PKR	1.83	0.0%	3.0%	-1.1%
EUR/PKR	324.53	0.3%	2.8%	-0.7%

Fixed Income (Secondary and Primary Market Yields)

Tenor	PKRV	Cut Off	Tenor	PKRV	Cut Off
03-M T.Bill	11.43%	11.60%	03-Y PIB	12.19%	11.75%
06-M T.Bill	11.64%	11.90%	05-Y PIB	12.21%	11.80%
12-M T.Bill	11.99%	11.99%	10-Y PIB	12.40%	12.30%

Fixed Income Global Market

Tenor	Yield	CY26TD	Tenor	Yield	CY26TD
10-Y PAK PIB	**12.40%**	**0.93%**	10-Y GER PIB	3.47%	0.62%
10-Y US PIB	4.94%	0.77%	10-Y JPY PIB	2.96%	0.91%
10-Y AUS PIB	5.26%	0.53%	10-Y UK PIB	5.22%	0.75%

Commodities

International	Last Price	CY26TD	Local	Last Price	CY26TD
WTI (bbl)	101.22	77.5%	Coal (ton)	125.00	45.0%
Brent (bbl)	103.93	72.7%	Gold (oz)	4,341.70	0.5%
Arablight (bbl)	106.00	71.6%	Cotton (lb)	94.60	27.3%
Cotton (maund)	19,300	24.5%	Urea (bag)	4,701	9.4%
Cement (North)	1,547	11.2%	DAP (bag)	16,883	16.4%
Cement (South)	1,547	7.0%	Gold (10grms)	387,100	-2.6%

Board Meetings

GATI	18-Sep	3:30 PM	GOC	18-Sep	11:00 AM
MUREB	18-Sep	10:00 AM	BGL	21-Sep	12:00 PM
NATF	18-Sep	10:00 AM	PIBTL	21-Sep	12:30 PM
PPVC	18-Sep	9:30 AM	FNBM	21-Sep	5:00 PM
NCL	18-Sep	11:00 AM	PKGI	21-Sep	4:00 PM
HTL	18-Sep	3:00 PM	STCL	22-Sep	12:00 PM

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