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آفس سلائز اینڈ اسٹیشنری ایشیا کراچی میں شروع صدر کراچی چیمبرنے افتتاح کیا، 60اشالزتوجیکامرکز رہے،5 کروڑ ڈالر کے معاہدے متوقع رویے کی قدر میں خطرناک حد تک کی سے ملک مبتگائی کی زومیں آگیا، جنید ماکڈا كرا چي (اسناف ريورز) انزيشنل آخس سيارز ايند | ذريعب- يحيى آني كيصدر ني كها كروي كاردر اسفیشری ایش انش کابده کرایی س آغاز ہوگیا۔ کراچی میں خطرناک حد تک کی ہوئی ہےجس کے متبع میں ملک چیبرآف کامن ایڈانڈسٹری کے صدرجیندا سائیل ماکڈا مبتائی کے بران کی لیٹ میں آچکا ہے۔ کراچی چیبر کے صدر فے کہا کہ ہم مبتائی کی طرف جانیے ہیں، اپنی في كراي اليبيوسينزي فراش كافتتاح كياد الدمون يرانبول في كباك ياكتان كامعيشت كى ترقى كيلي جين صنعتول كوفروغ ويناموكا اى كامرك كصدر واكمز تورشيد مربور ساتھ وے رہا ہے۔ چین اپنی چیونی صعیر نظام نے کہا کہ ہونان کموڈی اور انٹر پیشنل آفس سلائز اینڈ اسيشرى الشياتمائش مين 5 كرور والرك معابد متوقع يأكتان ين نقل كرناجابتاب انبول في كما كرحكومت

الين ايم اير كارق كليے رجى اقدامات كرے، الريستان يں۔ انبول نے توقع ظاہر کی ہے کہ 3روز و نمائٹوں يل آف بلاز ایند اسنیشزی نمائش صنعت کی آگی کا بهترین 40 بزارے دائدافراد شرکت کریں گے۔

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انٹرنیشنل آفس سپلائز اینڈ اسٹیشنری ایشیانمائش کا آغاز 5 کروڈ ڈالر کرموامہ رمیتاد قبی 40مزار سے زیادہ اور کروٹا

5 کروڑ ڈالر کے معاہدے متوقع، 40 ہزارے زائد افرادش کت کرینگے کرائی (بڑس رپوٹ) کرائی ایکیوسینز میں کردوپیک قدرش طرناک مدتک کی دول بہترس کے اعزیشل آئی بیائر ایڈ امیشزی ایشیان کو کا آغاز اینچے میں ملک مبتلائی کے بحران کی لیٹ میں آوگا ہے

ا اعظیمتس آفس سیالتر ایند اسیشتری اشیانی کا آغاز مینچی ملک مبنگائی کے بران کی لیب ش آچکا ہے اور آمدات مزید مبلکی اور اس کے بیٹیے میں درآمدی اشیامی اور آمدی اشیامی کی سروع کا مباک کی کستان کی معیشت کی ترقی کیلئے بیٹن مہلکی ہوگی، ای کا مرس کے صدر داکم خورشید نظام نے کہا کہ

کرتے ہوئے الہا کہ پاکستان کی معیشت کی ترفی کیلئے بیشن استی ہوتی ای کامری کے صدر ڈاکٹو خورشید نظام نے کہا کہ ا کیم بر برساتھ وے رہا ہے ، بیشن اپنی چھوٹی مستنیس پاکستان کی دؤ ڈی اور انڈونشنل آفس سپائز اینڈ اسٹیشنری ایشنیائش میں 5 کروڈ ڈالر کے معاہدے متوقع ہیں، ترجی اقد المات کرے ، انڈیشنل آفس سپائز اینڈ اسٹیشنری انہوں نے توقع ظاہر کی ہے کہ 3 روز ڈالر کی معاہدے موقع ہیں،

اناكن صنعت كي آلي كالبهترين وريد ب، انبول في العدا كافراد فرك ريك.

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مل مبرگانی بحران کی لیپ میں آ چکا ہے، حکومت اسکے امداف کی وضاحت کرے، جنید ماکڈ ا کراچی (کاموں رپورٹر) اعراض آ آئن سپاائز اینڈ اسٹیٹری ایٹیاء ٹمائش کا آغاز ہوگیا۔ کراچیجیز آف اسٹیٹری ایٹیاء ٹمائش کا آغاز ہوگیا۔ کراچیجیز آف

درآ دات حزید جمال اوراس کے نتیج شن درآ هدی اشیاد می ا مبلی ہوتی، مورڈوں کا انتیزم وقت ہے، جس شن 45 ون گزرگئے ہیں۔ جینید ما گذائے کہا کہ مکوت کے پاس بہت جہلیز رسے جمال کے اس معال کا کے جہالی میں معاملات کے پاس بہت

ے چیکٹیجر میں منجطنے میں پکھ وقت درکار ہوگا کین حکومت کو چاہے کہ اپنے اگلے اہداف کی بھی وضاحت کرے۔ کراچی چیمبر کے صدر نے کہا کہ ہم موتائی کی طرف جانچے میں انج مشتو کوٹر وٹ دیناموگا۔ ای کا مرب

صدر واکثر خورشید نظام نے کہا کہ ہونان کموؤٹی اور اعز چھی آفس ہالائز ایڈ اشیشزی ایشیاء نمائش میں 5 کروڑ والر کے معاہدے مع تعج ہیں۔

كافي (كامرى ريورز) اعريش أنس الاواية اشيشرى ايشياه نمائش كا آغاز موكيا- كراتيجم آف كامرى ايند اغررى (كى ي آنى) كصدر جنيد ماكذا نے نمائش کا افتتاح کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکتان کی معیشت کی ترقی کیلئے چین محربورساتھ دے رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چین اپنی چیوٹی صفیں یا کتان می عل كرنا طابتا ب- جنيد ماكذاتي كها كه حكومت الس ايم ايز ك رقى كيلئة وجيحي اقدامات كرب النويحل أعس سلامً اید اشیشری نمائش صنعت کی آگای کا بهترین در بعد ے۔ کی ی آئی کے صدر نے کہا کدو نے کی قدر میں خطرناک حدیث کی ہوئی ہے جس کے مقیع میں ملک



كراجي چير آف كامرى كے مدرجيدا ماكل كذا التر يض أفس بالزايذ اليشرى الله مفاق كا اقتاح كرد بي

THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER, 2018

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ملک میٹائی بران کی لیسے میں آچاہے ، عکومت انگلے امراف کی وضاحت کرے ، جینہ یا کڈ ای دخل بسلام کراچیا ہے ۔ جینہ یا کڈ این کیا کہ عکومت ایس اسٹیشن ایش ان آت کا کہ علام تر بسی ان آت کیا کہ علام تر بسی ان آت کہ اور جیس کا مراس اینڈ ایڈ انٹر مزی (کے ہی ہی آئی) کے صدوجید ایس ان اور ان کسلام تر بی اور جیس کے ایم میں ان کے کے مدونے کہا کہ یا سائن کی اور ان کے دوئے کہا کہ یا گا کہ اور اسٹیشن کی ان گا ہی کا مدونے کہا کہ اور ان کور کے دوئے کہا کہ یا کہ ان کی ان کسلام دی ہوئے ہی ہوئی ہی ہوئی ہی ہوئی ہی ہوئی سائن میں کے مدونے کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ نے کہا کہ انہوں نے کہا کہ نے کہا ک

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KCCI chief concerned over devaluation of rupee, fears unbearable inflation

KARACHI, Oct 10 (PR): President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) Junaid Esmail Makda, while expressing deep concerns over serious devaluation of rupee against dollar, said that dollar has risen sharply to all time high of Rs134 which has to be controlled otherwise, it will have a devastating impact on all segments of society, particularly the middle and lower segments of the society, besides making the poor more poorer due to unbearable inflation.

In a statement issued, President KCCI said that the State Bank has devalued Pakistani rupee from time to time during the last six to eight months and the rupee plunged terribly against dollar on Tuesday in response to government's decision to rush towards the IMF. "We fear that the rupee may fall further in the coming months keeping in view Pakistan's dwindling foreign exchange reserves", he said, adding that such abrupt devaluations in the past brought about economic distress, which lasted for they consist of raw materials

devaluation for a country like metals), intermediate goods or Pakistan will have negative machinery. Any devaluation economic implications in the would increase their cost thus

long run, he opined.

Junaid Makda further less competitive. elaborated that although the exporters will be happy to see rising value of dollar and the country's economic indicators will also display some improvement in exports but this increase can only be attributed to dollar value as the export volume remains the same, in fact, our exports have descended sharply to many destinations around the world because of rising cost of doing business. "It must be kept in mind that the rising dollar would lead to costlier imports and the exporters will also bear the brunt due to rise in cost of imported raw materials, pushing the economy into further deep crisis", he cautioned.

He said that despite so many measures taken to discourage the imports Regulatory Duty on many items, Pakistan's imports remain inelastic and a weaker rupee will not help. Mostly,

several years. Currency (petroleum, chemicals and making Pakistani exporters

> Junaid Makda said that it has taken almost 10 years to rebuild investor confidence to an extent as foreign investors are gradually making a comeback. If the currency is devalued, it would send a negative signal to potential investors.

> President KCCI further warned that the depreciation will terribly affect the lives of the masses as it will increase prices of all essential items and result in sky-rocketing inflation that eventually lead to higher fiterest rates which may surge to double digit.

He advised that the Federal Government to take measures to stop further devaluation of rupee against dollar before it's too late. Instead of approaching the including the imposition of IMF, steps have to be taken to create an enabling business environment which is the only way forward to pull the economy out of crisis, he

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كايمى ماركيول كرايول مين 20 فيصداضاف يرتاجر برجم

اضافه غير منصفانه ب، تا جراضا في كرائك كافيصله بونے تك چلان جمع نه كرائي : مجيد ميمن

جوے کہا کہ کے ایم ی مارکیوں کے گرایہ داروں کو حاری پولینی علم کے جالان بھی واپس لیے جاتیں اور بلدیاتی مارکیوں کی قانون کے مطابق و کید بھال کی جائے۔ اسال ٹریڈرز کے وقد میں محمود حامد، ملک احبان، آصف شهزاد، عبدالجيد باوله، عثمان شريف، نويد احمد، بابرخان بلش ،اویس حامعی ،رفتی جدون ، علیم شاه ، تعیم ذکی ،سیف الرحن و دیگر رہنماشال تھے۔وفد کے مطابق ایتر کاروباری حالات کے باعث تاجر ناساعد حالات كاشكارين جيد كرشته 8سالون ش 5مرتبك ایم ی مارکیوں کا گرامہ بڑھا یا جا چکا ہے اور اس میں مزيداضاف رام غيرمصفانه-

كايى (كام ك ريور) كرايى كى يلدياتى ماركيثوں كے وفد نے كرايوں يس 20 فيصد اضافے كو واليل لين كامطال كرت موئير ماركيث ليافت آباد کے 600 دوکا نداروں کی بھی جمال کرنے اور مارکیث میں میٹراکائے کے لیے کے ایم ی کی جانب سے فوری طور براین اوی کے اجراء کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ کرائی کی بلدیاتی مارکوں کے تاجروں کے ایک وفد نے کے ی ى آئى كى خصوصى كميثى برائے اسال از يڈرز كے چيئز مين عبدالجيديكن كى قيادت يش جيزين برنس ين كروب و سابق صدر کراچی چیبر سراج قاسم تیلی اور کراچی چیبر ع صدرجنیدا اعلی ما کذا کوایت مطالبات پیش کرتے روز نامەنوائے وقت كرا چى (6) 11 اكتربر 2018ء



کرا پی چیبر کے صدر جنید ما کذ اانٹرنیٹل آفس ساائز اینڈ اسٹیشزی ایشیا مذائش کا افتتاح کررہے ہیں۔ اس موقع پرنا ہے صدر آصف شنج جادید سے دیگر شرکا موجود ہیں

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Dollar steadies in interbank, falls in open market

By Shahid Iqbal

KARACHI: The interbank market remained calm on Wednesday after a stormy session the day before but the open market in foreign currency saw erratic behaviour most of the day, with the dollar falling in the evening after \$10 million remittances were received into the market.

The interbank market saw a 7.5 per cent depreciation of local currency against the US dollar on Tuesday, but the dollar traded below Rs134 all day on Wednesday.

"Most of the day we traded dollar in the range of Rs133.60 to Rs133.75 while it closed at Rs133.80 as tom rate (tomorrow rate)," said one currency dealer in the inter-bank market.

There was an unease but no panic buying of dollars. Bankers that *Dawn* spoke with were confident that no further depreciation of rupee was on the cards.

However, the open market saw volatility during the day while the currency dealers were selling dollars as high as Rs137 in early session of the market. The buying rate was about Rs133 which meant the dealers were earning Rs4 per dollar on buying and selling rates, far higher than normal.

"The situation changed when we received about \$10 million remittances that were stuck up due to three-day closure of New York due to Columbus day. We received dollars around 3pm and supplied to the market which immediately resulted in fall of dollar prices to Rs133 and Rs134.50 as buying and selling rates," said Malik Bostan, President of Forex Association of Pakistan.

In most exchange company outlets visited by Dawn, dollars were not available during the day but became available in the evening.

"Buyers were not there, we could sell just 30 per cent while 70pc of \$10m remained unsold," he said.

Currency dealers in the open market said the large supply of dollars could further reduce the dollar price in the open market which can fall even below the official banking rate.

"What is the final rate is the main concern for all of us," said Anwar Jamal, another currency dealer in Karachi. Small currency dealers were cautious over holding dollars as their reserves.

In July the official rates were higher than the open market rates and finally the official rate also fell well below the depreciated level. The rupee was depreciated by 5 per cent to Rs128 in July but it fell back to Rs121.50 after general elections held on July 25. The open market rates were much below the official rate and traded in the range of Rs109 to

Food prices start creeping up

By Aamir Shafaat Khan

KARACHI: The day after the rupee saw its largest single day fall in over a decade, food prices in wholesale and retail markets already began their inevitable

journey up.

Some food items are imported, like cooking oil, and others such as tea whitener use imported packaging and inputs. Pakistan imports around \$6.2 billion worth of food items, with palm oil accounting for \$2bn and tea and pulses of over \$1bn, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics data.

Pakistan Vanaspati Manufacturers Association (PVMA) Chairman Tariq Ullah Sufi said few manufacturers have initially surged the price of ghee and cooking oil by Rs3-4 per kg/litre on Wednesday while the actual impact hovers around Rs7-8 per kg/litre.

"This is the first shock of rupee-dollar parity on prices and nobody knows about the fate of our currency. Consumers will have to brave another burden of more price shocks in the future it seems, given rising gas and power tariff to come," he said.

The country consumes four million

tonnes of ghee and cooking oil per year in which the former accounts for 60 per cent while the latter holds 40pc share, he said.

PVMA Executive Member Atif Rasheed said ghee and cooking prices may remain under pressure as 95pc of their raw materials - from palm oil to packaging material, tin, etc - are imported. He said dollars for import purposes cost between Rs135-Rs136.50. The day before, this same rate was Rs124. This sharp increase will necessarily work its way into the consumer price eventually.

Karachi Wholesalers Grocers Association Chairman Anis Majeed said traders have passed on a 5pc jump in wholesale prices of various imported edible items despite 8pc rupee devaluation against the greenback. "In case rupee loses further ground then the traders will further jack up prices," he warned.

Pakistan Tea Association Chairman Shoaib Paracha initially calculated an increase of Rs30-50 per kg in view of the

rupee devaluation.

According to Tahir Abbas, equities researcher at Arif Habib Ltd, every 1 per cent depreciation of the rupee leads to a 0.1pc increase in the Consumer Price Index, the main index used by the government agencies to measure inflation.

Exports grow by

By Mubarak Zeb Khan

ISLAMABAD: Exports grew by 4.6 per cent during the first quarter of the current fiscal year despite government's efforts to bring double-digit growth, according to data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on Wednesday.

The paltry growth in export proceeds will hurt government's efforts to ease difficulties on the external front.

In rupee terms, export proceeds rose 23.12pc in the first three months of the current fiscal year, owing to substantial depreciation in the exchange rate since last

State Bank of Pakistan has devalued the rupee by approximately 10pc in the first week of September. In the open currency market, dollar is currently trading at around Rs138. Since December last year, the rupee has lost of its value 30 pc against the greenback.

Export proceeds during the period – July to September rose to \$5.4 billion from \$5.2bn over the corresponding months of last year.

However, export proceeds posted a nominal growth of 3.55pc month-on-month in September as it reached to \$1.73bn from \$1.66bn over the corresponding month of

On the other hand, growth in import and trade deficit slowed with the latter declining by 1.61pc to \$8.87bn in the first quarter versus \$9.01bn from same period last year.

In the first quarter, import grew by a nominal 0.63pc to \$14.26bn from \$14.17bn the year before. However, on monthly basis, the import bill fell by 0.18pc year-on-year to \$4.43bn.

The data suggests that the slowing trade deficit might have hit a low peak this year. If subsequent months show similar tepid growth in the trade deficit, the new government's fortunes on external sector could see a turnaround.

The tepid growth in exports comes despite Rs32bn cash support during the last 18 months to the textile and clothing exporters under a special prime minister package and policy for the sector.

Pakistan's trade deficit rose to an all-time high of \$37.6bn during the FY2017-18 increasing by 15.8pc from

the FY2016-17.

The present government since taking charge in August has been vocal to overcome the rising import bill and current account deficit which reached to alarming high level of \$18.5bn last year.

After exhausting all available forums, the government finally decided to seek bailout package from the International Monetary Fund.

Exports and remittances are two of the key foreign contributors to country's foreign exchange reserves Depleting reserves - enough to cover one and a half month worth of imports - are at the heart of the immediate economic challenge troubling the incumbent government. The depletion has been a result of galloping trade deficit.

Pakistan's external sector indicators have begun to recover as seen during the first quarter of current fiscal year visible in the 13.45pc jump in remittances coupled with the flattening trade deficit and imports.

BONDS

Moody's warns Pakistan on high debt refinancing

By our correspondent

KARACHI: Pakistan is likely to face high refinancing cost for its international bonds maturing over the next two years that would increase the country's debt burden, ratings agency Moody's said on Wednesday.

Moody's Investors Service said international bonds issued by frontier market governments in Asia Pacific and Africa are coming due over the next two years in a tighter refinancing environment.

Pakistan tops the countries that "will prove the most exposed to more costly debt financing as (its) internaand 2020," Moody's said in a report ti- percent in a single day. tled 'Sovereigns — Frontier markets: tribute to exposure to financing risks'.

are pronounced and sustained, such a ative pressure" on the credit profile. situation would weaken the debt afraise their debt burden, especially if ings agency said.

Currently, at least eight Pakistani bonds are trading in the international fetched the country one billion dollars in 2014 is maturing next year.

Pakistan was among the economies that rushed to international market to raise funds amid low interest rate scenario in the past.

Last year, the government raised \$2.5 billion in dollar-denominated Eurobond and sukuk.

In December last year, Moody's assigned B3 rating to Pakistan, reflecting a credit profile that balances robust growth potential and a relatively large economy, against low income levels, infrastructure constraints and very low global competitiveness.

The country is already facing immense pressure on its balance of payment position as the country's foreign reserves plunged more than half a billion dollars at one fell swoop, forcing authorities to spring into action to avert external account crisis by letting tional sovereign bonds mature in 2019 the rupee value down around eight

Moody's said a further drain on for- | t Maturing international bonds con- eign exchange reserves would raise the risk of lower capital inflows and "If the tighter financing conditions higher refinancing costs, "posing neg-

In a previous report, Moody's s fordability for these countries, and warned that the government's high debt burden, very narrow revenue local currencies depreciate," the rat- base, fragile external payments position and high political risk constrain y the credit profile.

"Pakistan's economy demonstrates market. A five-year Eurobond that relatively robust GDP growth, limited by supply-side constraints on the economy," it said. "While the scale of the economy is relatively large, Pakistan's per capita income is very low, indicat- in ing limited capacity to absorb negative shocks.'

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TAXATION

FBR barred from seeking banks' data

By Shahnawaz Akhter

KARACHI: Government disallowed the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) from seeking suspicious transactions and written-off loans reports from banks, in the recently-approved mini-budget, officials said on Wednesday.

The officials said banks and other financial institutions were required to provide the FBR with currency transaction and suspicious transaction reports under the Income Tax Ordinance 2001.

Further, the banks were also required to provide a consolidated list of written-off loans exceeding one million rupees in a year.

"Both these conditions have been abolished through an amendment into the ordinance," an official said, requesting anonymity.

The National Assembly approved Finance (Supplementary) Bill 2018 on October 3 to bring changes in the budget for the current fiscal year of 2018/19.

A FBR official said the as- unauthorised officials. sembly approved the amendshare accountholders details.

the finance ministry that the re- ing to the affairs of its cusquirements were redundant as tomers except in circumthe banks were compliant in stances in which it is, in submitting such details to the State Bank of Pakistan.

The official said the government barred the banks from

Banks are bound to provide details of accountholders receiving profit exceeding one million rupees for filers and Rs500,000 for non-filers in a year

obtaining details to resolve litigation issues filed by the banks. proved finance bill introduced

tral bank asked the financial in- which banks would provide destitutions to ensure that cus- tails of profit on debt. tomers' confidential data should not be disclosed to banks are bound to provide de-

financial institution shall not non-filers in a year.

The official said banks told divulge any information relataccordance with law, practice and usage customary among bankers, necessary or appropriate for a bank to divulge such information," the SBP said in a statement. "It has, however, been observed that the above directives envisaged under the law are not being meticulously followed."

The official said the Directorate of Intelligence and Investigation Inland Revenue FBR is authorised to conduct scrutiny of tax evasion in cases of money laundering.

The directorate is already in liaison with the SBP and Financial Monitoring Unit to obtain details, the official added.

The official said although some restrictions were eased for banking companies the ap-Earlier this week, the cen- another restriction under

Under the new law, the tails of their accountholders re-"Section 33A of the Banking ceiving profit on their deposits ment into Section 165A, which Companies Ordinance, 1962, exceeding one million rupees makes banks responsible to interalia, requires that bank / for filers and Rs500,000 for



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COMMERCE

Trade deficit narrows to \$8.869bln in July-September

By our correspondent

KARACHI: Trade deficit narrowed 1.61 percent to \$8.869 billion in the first quarter of the current fiscal year of 2018/19 as regulatory duties snipped non-essential imports into country, analysts said on Wednesday.

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) data showed that trade deficit was registered at \$9.014 billion in the corresponding quar-

ter a year earlier.

Merchandise exports rose 4.56 percent to \$5.39 billion, while imports inched up 0.63 percent to \$14.26 billion during the three-month period.

In September, imports amounted to \$4.43 billion, almost same as in the corresponding month last year, but noticeably down

11.25 percent over the previous month.

Brokerage Topline Securities said the decline in imports on monthly basis was likely due to lower import of furnace oil "as few power plants were closed amid liquidity constraints due to energy sector's circular debt".

Zeeshan Afzal, an executive director at Insight Securities said the monthly number suggested the lowest import of goods since

February last year when imports stood at \$4.419 billion.

"Rupee depreciation and regulatory duties caused slowdown in imports." A fizal said.

in imports," Afzal said.

In 2017, the Federal Board of Revenue issued a list of 731 items, including cars as well as mobile phones on which five to 80 percent regulatory duties were imposed to discourage imports. Growing imports built up pressure on the current account deficit that widened to \$18 billion or 5.7 percent of gross domestic product in FY2018, up a hefty 43 percent over the previous fiscal year.

Rupee has lost a cumulative 26 percent against the US dollar since December 2017, which is said to give incentives to export

industries.

In September, exports increased 3.55 percent year-on-year to \$1.728 billion, while they decreased 11.25 percent over August.

Topline Securities, in a flash note, said the decline over August was likely due to lower exports of agriculture commodities "that may pick up pace going forward as government has recently allowed sugar export of one million tons".

PBS data showed that trade deficit narrowed 2.43 percent yearon-year and 9.16 percent month-on-month to \$2,703 billion in September. Analysts said rupee depreciation would likely to increase

cost of doing business.

"But, it can also improve margins of local industries that go for

manufacturing import substitutes," Afzal said.

Analysts said impact of rupee depreciation on export competitiveness depends on in which direction currencies of regional competitors are moving. If their currencies also lose values, rupee deprecation might not be as much beneficial in incentivising exporters as envisaged.

المراجعة ال

ہمارا ملک ایک ہے کیکن اس میں قوانین دودو چلتے ہیں،سابق نائب صدر کرا چی چیمبر آف کا مرس مہنگائی کی وجہ سے ملک کے اندر مزید مہنگائی ہوگی مہنگائی کی وجہ سے ملک کے اندر مزید مہنگائی ہوگی میں اور ہے کی وجہ سے ملک کے اندر مزید مہنگائی ہوگ

جوٹیکس نہیں دیتے ،انہیں کوئی پوچھنے والانہیں ، جوٹیکس ادا کرتے ہیں ان پرمزید ٹیکسوں کا بوجھ ڈالا جار ہاہے کراچی (اطاف ریوز) کراچی جیمر آف ایر 11 فیصد میں کے ذکتر جاری کرے دے ارکابازار ایرمز پوٹیسوں کا بوجہ ڈالا جار ہے۔ کی دیہے کہ 22

رِ 17 فیصد طین کے وقتر جاری کر کے اوٹ مارکا بازار کے پر پید قلیف و کا اور جو ڈالا جار باہے کی وجہ ہے کہ 22 کرم کرد یا ہے۔ جس کی وجہ ہے کہ 22 کرم کرد یا ہے۔ جس کی وجہ ہے کہ 29 ہزار لوگ فیکس و سے فضاء ہے دوجار میں اوران کی کیس شغوائی میں میں انہوں نے کہا کہ کوٹ و کی کہ فیڈ کس کر اوران کو پاکستان میں سرمایے کاری کی دوجت و بق ہے فیڈ مرل بورڈ آف رویے انہوں نے کہا کہ تاراما ملک ایک دوسری جائے کیس وصول کرنے والے ادارے اس

ہے گئن اس میں قوا نین وودو ملتے ہیں ایک ان لوگوں اللہ سے ملکی سرمایہ کاروں تھ کررہے ہیں پاکتانی کے کے اس کا ساق کے کردہے ہیں پاکتانی کے لیے جو گئی اور آئیں کوئی ہو چنے والا سرمایہ کار ایف بی آر کی زیاد تیوں کی وجہ سے وصی میں اور دوسرا کرجول کئی اوا کرتے ہیں ان امراض کا شکار ہورہے ہیں۔

راپی (اشاف ر پورک) راپی چیبر اف کامرس کے سابق نائب صدر میدالزداق اگرنے کہا کہ کراپی کے صنعکار تیزی کے ساتھ وہنی امراض میں جتلا بورب بیں بکلی کس سے ایف کی آرک جانب سے لیس کے لیے خلف ٹوٹس چیج کے بعد تاجراور

صنعکارخوف کی بیاریوں کا شکار ہونے گئے ہیں گزشتہ روز میڈیا ہے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ کدایف لی آرکی جانب سے زیرور ملڈ ٹیکٹ اٹس بیکٹر ن

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گزشتہ 10 سال کے حالات کی وجہ سے بیرون مما لک سے کوئی یہاں آنا ہی نہیں جا ہتا یا کتان ہے مجت کرنے کا تقاضہ یہی ہے کہ کرا چی ہے بھی محبت کی جائے ،وفاقی وزیر برائے آئی ٹی

آئی ٹی انڈسٹری میں نو جوانوں کے لیے بہت مواقع ہیں لیکن انہیں بیمواقع فراہم نہیں کیے گئے

خطاب میں وفاتی وزیرخالد مقبول صدیقی کا کہنا تھا کہ واؤدكى بكه بى دريش فيڈريش كي مبران كساتھ وزراعظم عمران خان اوبيتاري بي كمام رسائل میٹنگ ہوناتھی تاہم فیصل سزواری کا میڈیا سے تفتلو الشير حكومت كي حانب على في الله الله الكين مل كبنا تفاكرتم يبال معيشت كے معاملات و يكھنے ایم کوایم باکتان کابرے اسٹک ہولڈرز سے آئے تھے، ڈالر، کیس اور دیکر پوکٹٹی کی قیمتوں میں مشاورت كرنے كا مقصد سے كركرا في جو يورے ہونے والے اضافے بربات کی بجلد وزیراعظم مك كويال ربائ توياكتان ع عبت كرف كا قناضه ماکتان سے ماقات ہوگی اسے اور صنعتاروں کے يكى بي كدكرا يى سي بحل محبت كى جائے ايراس كميونى سائل ہے آگاہ کریں گے فیصل سبزواری نے کہا ہمیں بتائے کہ ہم حکومت کو کیا کہیں کہ کراجی کو بھی كدايم كوايم كراتي اورعواي جاعت بيم كوسش سانس لينه كاموقع ل يحير، ياني ، بكلي رانسيورث نبيس کریں کے وفاقی حکومت کو جہاں تک سپورٹ ہو بالواس يرجم بكويك زبان بوناط ي كري كي ميك فيل ازي فيد ريش كي عبد يداران =

كراجي (اشاف ريورش) متحده قوى موومنك یا کتان کا وفد ملک میں روپے کی ڈی ویلیوایش اور برتے ہوئے معاشی حالات برتبادلہ خیال کے لے فیڈریشن ماؤس پیچھ کیا۔ وفاقی وزیرڈاکٹر خالد متبول صدیقی کی قیادت میں وفد میں عامر خان، فيصل سبر واري، خواجه اظهيار الحن، كنور نويد جميل اور دیکر شامل تھے۔ ایم کیو ایم کے رہنماؤں کے ہونے والی اس بنگای ملاقات کے مقاصدا کم کیوائم کواس کیے حاصل نہ ہو یائے کیونکہ فیڈریشن ہاؤس یں وزیام کے مثیر برائے تجارت عبدالرزاق

Shahid elected PCDMA chairman

RECORDER REPORT

KARACHI: Shahid Waseem and M Saleem Nini have been elected unopposed as chairman and vice chairman of Pakistan Chemical and Dyes Merchant Association (PCDMA) respectively for the year 2018-19, while Aqeela has been elected as member of executive committee.