



## WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL WATCH

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

Major Industrial highlights of the week:

- Pakistan's factory output showed strong growth, rising 5.75% over eight months, with January output jumping over 10% YoY, indicating industrial recovery momentum.
- The closure of Hormuz has increased urea import costs, raising concerns about fertilizer pricing and agricultural input expenses.

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