

# WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL WATCH

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Major Industrial highlights of the week:

- Pakistan’s textile industry intensified calls for a growth-oriented budget, seeking relief on energy tariffs, taxation, liquidity, and restoration of export facilitation mechanisms. Industry bodies argued that targeted reforms could unlock significant gains, with estimates suggesting an additional \$500 million in exports and 20,000 new jobs, while some stakeholders projected a broader \$5 billion export boost if structural bottlenecks are addressed.
- Pakistan’s steel industry highlighted concerns over a “double duty burden” under the EPZ framework and rising energy costs, warning that excessive taxation and high input costs are undermining competitiveness.

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<a href="#">Weekly Cotton Review: Market witnesses sharp price surge</a> <b>Business Recorder, 11 May 2026</b>		<a href="#">Pakistan's steel sector flags double duty burden under EPZ framework</a> <b>MG News, 11 May 2026</b>	<a href="#">PM orders expedited work on new fertilizer plants, explores import options from Central Asia</a> <b>Profit Pakistan, 12 May 2026</b>	<a href="#">Cement: Growth meets margin pressure</a> <b>Business Recorder, 11 May 2026</b>
<a href="#">Textile Industry Demands Cash, Tax and Energy Relief in Next Budget</a> <b>Pro Pakistani, 12 May 2026</b>		<a href="#">Steel sector raises double taxation, energy cost concerns in meeting with commerce minister</a> <b>Profit Pakistan, 11 May 2026</b>	<a href="#">Farmers Lose Sleep After Fertilizer Prices Near Rs. 16,000 per Bag in Pakistan</a> <b>Profit Pakistan, 12 May 2026</b>	
<a href="#">Finance Minister backs textile industry's push for growth oriented Budget</a> <b>MG News, 12 May 2026</b>			<a href="#">PM seeks to explore alternative sources of fertilizer from Central Asian countries</a> <b>Business Recorder, 13 May 2026</b>	
<a href="#">Textile industry submits budget 2026–27 reform push as govt expands tax, energy and digital monitoring agenda</a> <b>Profit Pakistan, 12 May 2026</b>				
<a href="#">Pakistan's Textile Sector Could Add 20,000 Extra Jobs and \$500 Million Exports Soon</a> <b>Pro Pakistani, 13 May 2026</b>				

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**Business Recorder, 13 May 2026**

[Textile sector eyes \\$5bn boost](#)

**DAWN, 13 May 2026**

[Textile sector presents budget proposals](#)

**The Express Tribune, 13 May 2026**

[Leading textile bodies propose comprehensive set of policy reforms](#)

**Business Recorder, 13 May 2026**

[Chinese textile giant sets up major Pakistan manufacturing facility, eyes \\$500mn annual exports](#)

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[KOICA & NTU Faisalabad lay foundation of 'Pak-Korea Technical Textile Centre'](#)

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