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1 As per the United States Department of Agriculture, Pakistan is no longer the fourth largest producer of cotton as Brazil has recently overtaken it.

2 During the past two years Pakistan have steep plunge in imports of textile machinery once again. Textile machinery imports for FY18 clocked in at \$325 million which is the lowest since the bottom of \$252 million in FY09.

3 Textile sector recorded the highest amount of non-performing loans (NPLs) at Rs185.6 billion in 2QCY18 with an infection ratio of 18.9%, reported the State Bank of Pakistan in Statistical Bulletin-December 2018.

4 US-based Tukatech opened three computer design labs in October for digital pattern, textile, and apparel design, including 50 TUKAcad stations for digital pattern-making and several TUKA3D stations for virtual sample-making at the National Textile University (NTU) in Faisalabad.

5 Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan said that a long-term strategy is being devised to meet the needs of textile industry in the country. The minister in a statement said all available resources would be mobilized in collaboration with provinces to achieve the set target of 15 million bales cotton production next year.

6 The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) urged the government to settle more than Rs 100 billion in outstanding sales tax refunds that have resulted in a serious liquidity crunch for manufacturers and exporters.

7 Organic cotton cultivated in Pakistan, primarily in Balochistan, will be certified by global agencies from next year, the World Wildlife Fund-Pakistan (WWF-P) and the Karachi Cotton Association (KCA) announced in February.

8 State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) in a recent report observed that with adequate availability of raw materials in the country, Pakistan could have excelled in global synthetic textiles market such

as Vietnam, Bangladesh, and Cambodia, which are leading exporters of synthetic textiles following China.

9 Chief coordinator Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PRGMEA) Ijaz A. Khokhar urged upon the government to take effective steps for making the value-added textile industry competitive and vibrant in global market.

10 As the tariff war between China and the United States has not eased, Pakistan's textile industry is likely to get higher orders from US importers. Pakistan's textile industry is receiving a large number of import queries from the US. ♦

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1 Bangladesh, the second largest ready-made garment exporter in the world, has taken a leading position in sustainable green industrialization with the world's several top-ranked Green factories.

2 The Indonesian government fix targets to increase the nation's value of exported textiles and garments to US\$ 75 billion by the year 2030, implying that this industry would contribute around 5% to global exports.

3 The technical textile industry in India has the potential to grow at a rate of 15% to 20% annually to touch US\$ 30 billion over the next five years. Despite the huge potential, the investment in technical textiles sector has not gained much momentum in the past.

4 According to the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Bangladesh's RMG sector now has 67 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green factories. Among them 13 are LEED Platinum rated while more than 280 garment factories in Bangladesh would get the LEED certification soon.

5 The Indonesia Textile Association once released an estimate that Indonesia could boost its market share in the world's textile market to 5% by 2030. Indonesia's share is now estimated at around 1.8%. By that reckoning, textile exports from Indonesia would reach a value of around US\$ 75 billion by 2030.

6 According to the BTMA during 2014 to 2018 period, Bangladesh textile manufacturers have invested Tk6,900 crore in the primary textile sector to meet the demands of fabrics and yarn.

7 Exports of Egyptian cotton grew by 181.6% from December to February this year. The Egyptian government has appointed an official steering committee to safeguard the future of the Egyptian cotton brand.

8 Indian products attract 3.5% (yarn), 10% (fabric), and 14% (made-ups) duty in China, while Vietnam, Cambodia, Pakistan, and Indonesia enjoy duty-free access to the Chinese market.

9 Chairman of the Indonesian Textile Association of West Java (API Jabar) Ade Sudrajat said the global demand to increase exports of textiles and textile products increased 5% in 2017 and increased 8% in 2018. The current target is to meet domestic needs up to 100% and to reach the export value of US\$30 billion.

10 Bangladesh's export earnings from the apparel sector in the FY 2020-21 would be US\$ 11 billion less from the US\$ 50 billion target set by the government. The estimate shows that the earnings from RMG in the FY21 would be US\$ 38.73 billion, against US\$50 billion targets. ♦