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1 In a meeting with the delegation of APTPMA, President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi said that the textile sector was contributing 60% in Pakistan's total exports and 40% in industrial employment. The president also appreciated the role being played by the private sector in the economic development of the country.

2 The Pak-China FTA revision will likely be beneficial in increasing textile exports given that there is finally duty-free access for Pakistan's exports in key segments much like ASEAN countries.

3 Rs. 44 billion to the local textile industry under Prime Minister Exports Enhancement Package to enhance the country's exports.

4 The Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) has expressed grave concern over the sluggish growth in exports as unending export downfall has continued unabated. The high cost of production, competitiveness, inconsistency in government policies and uncompetitive energy prices have contributed to this crisis situation.

5 The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) Chairman Syed Ali Ahsan has said that a competitive and viable domestic textile industry is in the larger interest of the textile sector across the value chain.

6 Import of textile machinery in Pakistan decreased from the US \$556.83 million in 2016-17 to only US\$ 325.05 million in 2017-18, thus showing a decline of 42%. Declining textile exports due to a high cost of production and the inability to adapt to evolving international consumer trends.

7 Textile exports for March-19 registered a decrease of almost 10% on a yearly basis which was the lowest monthly number since May-17. The decrease could be attributed to dismal yarn exports which fell by 28% on as compared to March-18 mainly due to less demand from China amidst US trade tensions and good domestic demand.

8 Readymade garments are one of Pakistan's top exports but a number of constraints are inhibiting the sector's true potential. A particularly problematic issue is the availability of skilled labor for garment manufacturing. ♦

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1 According to the report released by Oxfam, women in Bangladesh and Vietnam making clothes for the US\$ 23 billion Australian fashion industry are going hungry because of wages as low as 51 cents an hour.

2 Almost 85% of Bangladesh exports to the Netherlands are apparel products. According to recent data, total apparel export from Bangladesh to the Netherlands was US\$ 986.93 million in 2018. The Netherlands has been supporting Bangladesh through providing financial and technical aid to water resources and coastal management projects in Bangladesh.

3 Bangladesh's exports earnings from the apparel sector will increase by US\$ 200 million additionally in the next two years if the international trade

conflicts escalate, said Asian Development Bank (ADB).

4 Jiangyin BaoRui Textile, one of China's biggest textile companies, signed a deal that will see the Chinese giant start producing fabrics and finished clothes in the country through a local partner, Apparel Manufacturing Group (AMG). The signing ceremony was held in China.

5 Knitting is a major segment in the textile value chain, constituting 27% of the total fabric produced in India. Of the knitted fabric produced, 15% is exported. Some of the major knitwear clusters in India are Tripura, Ludhiana, Kanpur, and Kolkata said the Textiles Minister.

6 P Nataraj, Chairman, the Southern India Mills 'Association, thanked the government for extending

2% interest subsidy for modernizing spinning machines that are over 15 years old.

7 The government of Indonesia has made it easier for customers to distinguish between authentic batik and cheap knockoffs from abroad, by using just their smartphones. The Ministry of Industry introduced Batik Analyzer, a smartphone application, during this year's Nusantara Batik Exhibition in Jakarta.

8 Japan recently announced it will fund \$446,428 to improve the competitiveness of the garment and textile value chain in Palestine to promote employment, especially in the northern governorates of the West Bank.

9 The Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) Anchor Borrowers Programme (ABP) is targeting 100,000

cotton farmers this year, Hajija A'isha Abubakar, Nigeria's Minister of State for Industry, Trade, and Investment, conveyed to a stakeholders' forum in Zaria in Kaduna state on good cottonseed production.

10 Philippine exporters are pushing for a law on tropical fabrics that have not been implemented for more than a decade now, saying it could help revive the country's textile industry.

11 Turkey is the seventh biggest cotton producer in the world. It has the biggest machinery park in the world. The biggest factory manufacturing quilt covers are in Turkey. The country is one of the top three towel suppliers in the world. ♦