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A NEW ERA FOR KARACHI PORT

FOUR DREDGERS IN ACTION

Karachi Port Trust marks a historic first, as National Dredging & Marine Services (Private) Limited begins dredging operations.

Four different types of dredgers working simultaneously to deepen the key channel and the berths.

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INAUGURATION OF FERRY TERMINAL



The Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry, inaugurated Pakistan's first Ferry Terminal at Karachi Port Trust on 9th January 2026.

Addressing the ceremony, the Federal Minister stated that this milestone aligns with the vision of the Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, as well as a long-term framework outlined in Maritime Vision 2047–2147. He noted that the commencement of ferry operations is expected to support the development of the blue economy, promote maritime and religious tourism, and facilitate the revival of passenger sea travel.

The Federal Minister further opined that the newly developed terminal has the capacity to accommodate approximately 200–250 passengers, marking a significant step in restoring sea-based passenger services in Pakistan, which had largely ceased following the conclusion of operations of **Safina-e-Arab in 1976.**

On the occasion, Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), highlighted that the Ferry Terminal has been developed with a strong emphasis on passenger convenience, safety to promote the blue economy, encourage maritime and religious tourism, and operational efficiency. He added that the facility is equipped with modern infrastructure in line with international standards and expressed confidence that the initiative will contribute to employment generation and increased economic activity.

Following the inauguration, the Federal Minister MoMA, Chairman KPT, senior officials, and members of the media visited the terminal and toured MV Sea Stride, operated by M/s Sea Keepers.







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FEDERAL MINISTER FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS REVIEWS KEY MARITIME INITIATIVES AT KARACHI PORT TRUST





The Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry, visited Karachi Port Trust on 5th January 2026 to review key operational and strategic matters pertaining to the maritime sector.

During the visit, the Federal Minister was received by Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M) S.Bt (Retd), who presented a detailed briefing on port operations and priority initiatives. The briefing was attended by senior management, including Director General (Operations) Rear Admiral Ateeq-ur-Rehman Abid HI(M) and Director General (Engineering) Rear Admiral Kashif Munir HI(M), along with other senior officials.

Particular emphasis was accorded on the progress of proposed Joint Maritime Firefighting and Rescue Services initiative. The initiative envisages the establishment of standardized and integrated firefighting and rescue mechanisms across major maritime entities, including Port Qasim Authority, Gwadar Port Authority, and Korangi Fish Harbour Authority, with objective of enhancing inter-agency coordination and strengthening emergency response capabilities within the maritime domain.

The Federal Minister underscored the strategic importance of the initiative and directed the concerned authorities to ensure timely and effective implementation in accordance with approved frameworks and operational parameters.

FEDERAL MINISTER FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN KPT VISIT KATI

The Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry, accompanied by Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M) S.Bt (Retd), visited the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) on 7th January 2026. The delegation was received by the President of KATI, Muhammad Ikram Rajput, along with members of the association. The visit was undertaken to engage with industrial community and to deliberate on measures aimed at enhancing coordination between port authorities and industrial sector, with particular emphasis on logistics efficiency, trade facilitation, and export promotion. During the session, the Federal Minister outlined the Government's strategic roadmap for modernization of maritime infrastructure and promotion of greater private sector participation. Chairman KPT briefed participants on ongoing operational enhancements and development initiatives being undertaken at the port. The meeting concluded with an interactive session, providing an opportunity for members of business community to share their perspectives and observations.



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FEDERAL MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS VISITS KPT TO STRENGTHEN MULTIMODAL CONNECTIVITY



The Federal Minister for Railways, Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi, visited Karachi Port Trust on 8th January 2026 and chaired a high-level meeting to deliberate on matters of mutual interest and strategic coordination. The Minister was received by Chairman KPT, Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd). The meeting reviewed outstanding issues, ongoing initiatives of Pakistan Railways and Karachi Port Trust, and explored opportunities for advancing an integrated multimodal transport framework. Particular emphasis was placed on facilitating passenger and Zaireen movement through enhanced rail-sea connectivity, including linkages with emerging ferry services, in alignment with national maritime and transport integration objectives. Discussions also focused on strengthening railway infrastructure and connectivity with Karachi Port to support projected growth in cargo throughput and to enhance overall logistics efficiency. Chairman KPT highlighted the importance of augmenting cargo handling capacity of Pakistan Railways from port terminals. The Federal Minister Railways informed that Pakistan Railways is undertaking concerted efforts to enhance cargo facilitation and operational capacity. He indicated that, within the next five months, measures are planned to significantly improve freight movement, including the introduction of up to four daily rail services from the port area. Chairman KPT further underscored the substantial potential for rail-based transportation of bulk and heavy cargo, including steel coils and rock phosphate, which would yield mutual benefits for both organizations and contribute to reducing logistics costs for wider business community. Both Karachi Port Trust and Pakistan Railways reaffirmed their commitment to maximizing the utilization of existing railway infrastructure and resources to enhance operational efficiency, promote sustainable transport solutions, and support national trade and economic growth objectives.



FEDERAL MINISTER FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS KARACHI PORT'S OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN MEDIA INTERACTION

Honourable Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry, in an interview on a news channel on 27th March 2026, highlighted the sustained operational momentum of Karachi Port Trust in managing transshipment cargo, underscoring its growing role as a reliable and efficient maritime hub. The Minister noted that port operations remained fully functional even during Eid holidays, reflecting the commitment, professionalism, and operational resilience of port authorities and terminal operators in ensuring uninterrupted service delivery. He further outlined the Government's forward-looking agenda for the maritime sector, including the development of new port infrastructure and the planned establishment infrastructure of a dedicated Energy City. These initiatives are aimed at enhancing Pakistan's capacity to attract foreign investment, strengthen energy logistics, and expand its economic footprint in the region. The Minister emphasized that ongoing reforms and infrastructure development within the maritime domain are aligned with national priorities to promote trade facilitation, improve connectivity, and position Pakistan as a competitive player in global maritime commerce.



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DR. DANISH AMAN PRESIDENT PTA (SZ) HOSTS DINNER IN HONOUR OF MINISTER FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS

The Pakistan Tanners Association led by Dr. Danish Aman, hosted a dinner in honour of the Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry, on 6th January 2026. Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), attended the event as Guest of Honour. The event was attended by a large number of distinguished representatives from the business and industrial community, including members of the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI). The gathering provided a platform for constructive engagement on matters relating to maritime development, trade facilitation, and industrial growth. The Federal Minister highlighted the Government's strategic vision for the maritime sector, emphasizing ongoing efforts to modernize port infrastructure, enhance logistics integration, and promote sustainable development under a forward-looking maritime framework. He underscored the importance of strengthened collaboration between public institutions and the private sector to unlock the full potential of the blue economy.

Chairman KPT briefed participants on key initiatives being undertaken to improve operational efficiency, expand port capacity, and to facilitate trade through modern and integrated port services. He also outlined emerging opportunities for investment and partnerships within the maritime domain. The event concluded with a renewed commitment from stakeholders to foster closer coordination and support national efforts aimed at enhancing maritime connectivity, boosting exports, and driving sustainable economic growth.









KPT ENSURES EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF TRANSSHIPMENT OPERATIONS AMID REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Karachi Port Trust successfully managed increased volumes of transshipment cargo through proactive operational planning and coordinated response measures, in light of evolving regional dynamics. In alignment with emerging operational requirements, KPT facilitated the efficient discharge of transshipment cargo of CGLA vessel MV Photon berthed at Karachi International Container Terminal (KICT). This development underscores the port's operational readiness and its capacity to accommodate successive vessel calls within compressed timeframes. The continued diversion of transshipment cargo to Karachi Port reflects increasing confidence among international shipping lines in the port's reliability, resilience, and service efficiency during a period of regional uncertainty. This trend further reinforces Pakistan's strategic position within regional maritime trade corridors and highlights the potential for sustained growth in transshipment activity. Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), commended the timely planning and effective inter-departmental coordination that enabled seamless handling of additional cargo volumes while maintaining operational continuity and service standards. He further emphasized that such performance reflects KPT's commitment to strengthening port competitiveness, enhancing logistics efficiency, and contributing to the broader objectives of Pakistan's maritime sector development and blue economy initiatives.



KPT AND PRIVATE TERMINALS WAIVES 100% DEMURRAGE ON AUCTIONABLE CONTAINERS TO EASE PORT CONGESTION

Karachi Port Trust in coordination with private container terminal operators, has implemented a targeted, time-bound waiver of 100% demurrage charges on auctionable containers, applicable to cargo cleared within seven days of auction held on 9th March 2026. This policy measure has been introduced as part of a broader strategy to address port congestion and optimize terminal utilization. The initiative reflects a coordinated public–private response to operational bottlenecks and is aimed at enabling Pakistan Customs to expedite the clearance of long-pending containers. By accelerating the disposal of auctionable cargo, it is expected to significantly reduce yard congestion, improve cargo fluidity, and enhance overall port performance.



CONCESSION ON TRANSSHIPMENT TARIFF ADVANCING KPT AS A REGIONAL HUB

In a strategic move to enhance its competitiveness within the regional maritime spectrum, KPT has undertaken a comprehensive rationalization of tariffs for transshipment vessels. The initiative is designed to position Karachi Port as a cost-effective and efficient transshipment hub, aligned with Pakistan's broader maritime development vision. Central to this reform is a substantial reduction in port dues and berthing charges, directly linked to transshipment volumes. The base discount has been enhanced from 5% to 20%, complemented by a tier incentive structure offering additional concessions for higher cargo volumes. Notably, vessels handling significant transshipment cargo are eligible for discounts of up to 60% on port dues, reinforcing the port's value proposition for international shipping lines.

Further rationalization measures include the capping of wet charges for vessels with higher Gross Registered Tonnage (GRT), thereby reducing overall port call costs. Incentives have also been structured to encourage frequent vessel calls, promoting regular engagement by shipping lines and strengthening Karachi Port's position within global shipping networks. In line with sustainable maritime practices, additional concessions have been introduced for vessels utilizing environmentally friendly fuels, including a 5% reduction in berthing charges. Moreover, dry bulk handling charges have been reduced by up to 60%, further enhancing cost efficiency across cargo segments. Collectively, these measures reflect on forward-looking and market-responsive approach of Karachi Port Trust enabling to improve operational competitiveness, attracts transshipment traffic, and supports sustainable growth. The initiative is expected to contribute to increased cargo volumes, greater port utilization, and the strengthening of Pakistan's role in regional and international maritime trade.



CARGO / CONTAINER HANDLING & SHIPS MOVEMENT AT KARACHI PORT

JAN - MAR, 2025 vs JAN - MAR, 2026

TOTAL CARGO HANDLED (Million Tons)	IMPORTS (Million Tons)	EXPORTS (Million Tons)	TOTAL TEUs HANDLED (Million Tons)	TOTAL SHIP MOVEMENTS (Nos.)	BULK CARGO SHIP CALLS (Nos.)
14.192	8.855	5.338	0.667	509	74
vs 13.801	vs 8.924	vs 4.877	vs 0.694	vs 512	vs 48
▲ +2.83%	▼ -0.78%	▲ +9.44%	▼ -3.96%	▼ -0.59%	▲ +54.17%

CARGO HANDLING OVERVIEW (Million Tons)

CATEGORY	IMPORTS			EXPORTS			TOTAL (IMPORTS + EXPORTS)		
	JAN-MAR 2025	JAN-MAR 2026	% GROWTH	JAN-MAR 2025	JAN-MAR 2026	% GROWTH	JAN-MAR 2025	JAN-MAR 2026	% GROWTH
Dry General Cargo	5.879	5.216	-11.27%	3.177	2.995	-5.73%	9.057	8.212	-9.33%
Dry Bulk Cargo	0.232	0.742	+219.85%	1.364	1.997	+46.44%	1.596	2.739	+71.63%
Liquid Bulk Cargo	2.813	2.896	+2.98%	0.336	0.345	+2.68%	3.149	3.241	+2.95%
TOTAL DRY CARGO	6.111	5.958	-2.50%	4.541	4.993	+9.94%	10.652	10.951	+2.80%
GRAND TOTAL	8.924	8.855	-0.78%	4.877	5.338	+9.44%	13.801	14.192	+2.83%

IMPORTS vs EXPORTS (JAN - MAR 2025 vs JAN - MAR 2026)

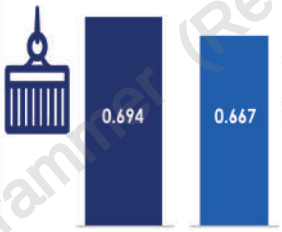
(Million Tons)

IMPORTS: 8.855 Million Tons — 62.4% — vs 8.924 — ▼ -0.78%



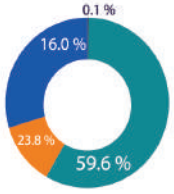
EXPORTS: 5.338 Million Tons — 37.6% — vs 4.877 — ▲ +9.44%

CONTAINER HANDLING (TEUs IN Million)



TOTAL TEUs ▼ -3.96% vs 0.694

TERMINAL WISE BREAKDOWN (JAN - MAR 2025 vs JAN - MAR 2026)



	TEUs (Mn)	%GROWTH
SAPTL	0.398	+0.40%
KICT	0.159	-6.66%
KGTL	0.108	+9.94%
KPT BERTHS	0.001	-95.11%

SHIP MOVEMENT (In Nos.)

	JAN-MAR 2025	JAN-MAR 2026	% GROWTH
Container Ships	290	255	▼-12.07%
Bulk Cargo Ships	48	74	▲ +54.17%
Gen. Cargo Ships	49	42	▼-14.29%
Oil Tankers	125	138	▲ +10.40%
TOTAL	512	509	▼ -0.59%

KEY INSIGHTS

- Total cargo handled increased by 2.83% to 14.192 million tons.
- Imports declined slightly by 0.78%, while exports grew strongly by 9.44%.
- Dry Bulk Cargo recorded the highest growth of +71.63% overall.
- Container handling declined by 3.96% to 0.667 million TEUs.
- Bulk cargo ship calls increased by 54.17%, indicating higher bulk trade activity.
- SAPTL handled 59.6% of total TEUs, remaining the largest terminal.

Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

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FIRST-EVER BUNKERING OPERATION LAUNCHED AT KARACHI PORT TRUST

Karachi Port Trust has achieved a key milestone by facilitating the first-ever bunkering operation through an environment-friendly Green Corridor. The initiative launched under the Pakistan Bunkering Initiative 2026 in collaboration with M/s Vitol, will initially supply around 300,000 metric tons of marine fuel to 300–400 vessels annually through Pakistan's first bunker barge Marine ISTA, with direct loading from Karachi Port.

In the next phase, the introduction of the Marine Charge Hybrid Bunker Barge and supporting infrastructure will expand the capacity over 500,000 metric tons annually.

This initiative underscores the strategic focus of Karachi Port Trust on enhancing port efficiency, promoting environmentally responsible operations, and positioning Karachi Port as a competitive and sustainable maritime hub within the region.





VITOL DELEGATION MEETS CHAIRMAN KPT

Mr. Ammar Hussaini, Bunker Trading & Marketing Manager of Vitol Singapore, called on Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), Chairman KPT, on 18th March 2026, to discuss the Vitol bunkering project at Pakistan's seaports. Representatives from Vitol Bahrain, Vitol Resources Pakistan, and Cnergyco Refinery also attended the meeting.

Mr. Ammar Hussaini comprehensively briefed while Chairman KPT emphasized the need for additional barges at Karachi Port to strengthen maritime energy security for international vessels. KPT's bunkering initiative has attracted one of the world's largest independent trading houses to commence operations from Karachi Port.





KPT SIGNS HISTORIC MoU WITH ROMANIA'S PORT OF CONSTANȚA



Karachi Port Trust and Maritime Ports Administration SA, Port of Constanța, Romania, signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 31st March 2026 in Karachi to enhance maritime cooperation, trade connectivity, and economic relations between the two countries.

The MoU was signed by Chairman KPT, Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), and General Manager Constanța Port, Mr. Mihai Teodorescu, in the presence of the Ambassador of Romania to Pakistan, Dr. Dan Stoenescu, the Ambassador of Pakistan to Romania, H.E. Mr. Ilyas Mehmood Nizami along with senior officials and diplomats from both the sides.

The agreement provides a comprehensive framework for collaboration in port operations, engineering, technology, finance, maritime education, and information exchange, leveraging the strategic importance of both ports as key regional gateways.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman KPT highlighted the ongoing initiatives to modernize port infrastructure and enhance service delivery, while the Romanian side underscored Constanța's role as a major European maritime hub. Both sides termed the partnership timely in view of evolving global trade dynamics.





KGTML SIGNS CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR KARACHI PORT DEVELOPMENT

KPT's terminal Karachi Gateway Terminal Multipurpose Limited (KGTML) has signed a construction agreement with M/s AMCORP Engineering & Construction (Pvt) Ltd. on 20th February 2026. The construction agreement was formalized between CEO KGTML Mr. Khurram Aziz and CEO AMCORP Engineering & Construction Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Arif Raza Kazmi, in the presence of Chairman KPT, Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd).

KGTML has initiated the development of a modern bulk terminal equipped with fully automated and enclosed conveying, storage and handling systems for clean bulk cargo. The project will also introduce Pakistan's first fully automated bulk export terminal and specialized automated loaders, designed to ensure dust-free and efficient handling of gearless vessels and environmentally responsible operations.

The terminal is expected to be completed within 15 months and will significantly enhance bulk handling efficiency at Karachi Port while increasing export capacity to around 8 million tonnes per annum.





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ADB RECONNAISSANCE MISSION VISITED KPT TO REVIEW PORT–RAIL CONNECTIVITY





A ten-member high-level reconnaissance mission experts from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), led by Mr. Suenghyun Kim, Senior Transport Specialist, visited Karachi Port Trust on 22nd January 2026 to review existing and future port–rail connectivity and associated logistics infrastructure.

Chairman KPT, Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), briefed the delegation on KPT's cargo-handling capacity, its role as Pakistan's maritime gateway, and strategic connectivity requirements for efficient inland cargo movement. The ongoing and planned initiatives, including dredging to enhance draught depth and strengthening multimodal integration with terminal operators were also discussed.

Chairman KPT also highlighted that cargo movement from the port is presently reliant on road trailers, contributing to urban congestion and road-safety risks. While port operations run 24/7, outbound trailer movement remains restricted until after 11:00 PM. It was further highlighted that under the ML-1 framework, Karachi Port would be positioned to dispatch containerized and bulk cargo round the clock through improved rail connectivity.

The mission noted that enhanced port–rail integration would significantly benefit terminal operators, including South Asia Pakistan Terminals Limited, Karachi Gateway Terminal Limited, and Karachi Gateway Terminal Multipurpose Limited, enabling higher throughput and operational efficiency.

ADB conveyed its intent to align as a development partner with the Government of Pakistan, identifying the Karachi–Rohri rail corridor as the first priority project. The visit concluded with a tour of port facilities and terminal operations.





UZBEKISTAN TRANSPORT MINISTRY DELEGATION VISITS KPT

A high-level delegation from the Ministry of Transport, Republic of Uzbekistan, led by H.E. Omarov Mamanbiy Allabergenovich, First Deputy Minister of Transport, visited Karachi Port Trust on 1st February 2026. Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), welcomed the delegation, along with senior officials at KPT Head Office.

During the meeting, Chairman KPT highlighted the longstanding cultural and intellectual ties between the people of Pakistan and Uzbekistan. He also briefed the delegation on KPT's key development initiatives, including the East–West Connectivity Bridge, Ferry Terminal, Maritime Business District at TPX, and the South Wharf Expansion, along with major connectivity projects such as Lyari Elevated Freight Corridor, Karachi Northern Bypass, Malir Expressway, and rail freight expansion under ML-1.

The delegation appreciated the ongoing modernization and infrastructure development at Karachi Port and expressed interest in strengthening cooperation to facilitate trade and logistics connectivity between Pakistan and Central Asia.







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CHAIRMAN KPT ATTENDS 8TH PAKISTAN EDIBLE OIL CONFERENCE





On 10th January 2026, Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), Chairman Karachi Port Trust, attended the award ceremony of the 8th Pakistan Edible Oil Conference held at a local hotel in Karachi.

The ceremony was graced by the then Governor Sindh Mr. Kamran Khan Tessori as Chief Guest. The conference brought together around 1,000 local participants and over 200 international delegates, drawing appreciation from leading stakeholders of the edible oil industry and senior representatives from the public and private sectors.

Chairman KPT extended congratulations to Mr. Bashir Jan Muhammad, Mr. Rasheed Jan Muhammad and their team on the successful organization of the 8th Pakistan Edible Oil Conference.

On the occasion, Chairman KPT was presented an award by the Governor Sindh in recognition of Karachi Port Trust's continued support to the business community and its pivotal role in handling 54% of the country's imports and exports efficiently.

KPT ENSURES SEAMLESS OPERATIONS DURING EID-UL-FITR







Demonstrating its commitment to operational excellence, Karachi Port Trust continued uninterrupted cargo handling activities during Eid-ul-Fitr. Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), and Director General (Ops) Rear Admiral Ateeq ur Rehman Abid HI(M), visited key terminals and operational areas to review ongoing operations, in line with the guidance of the Honourable Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry.

During the visit, the operations at Karachi International Container Terminal (KICT) and South Asia Pakistan Terminals Limited (SAPTL) were reviewed. The dedication of terminal operators, customs officials, security personnel, and KDLB workforce were appreciated for ensuring seamless cargo handling during the Eid holidays.

This marks a historic first in KPT's 138-year history, with cargo operations continuing on the first day of Eid-ul-Fitr, reflecting the Port's commitment to trade facilitation and operational excellence.

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CHAIRMAN KPT VISITS KPT HOSPITAL AND KARWAN-E-HAYAT ON EID-UL-FITR







On the first day of Eid-ul-Fitr 2026, Chairman Karachi Port Trust, Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), visited KPT Izhar Abbasi Hospital where he interacted with admitted patients. During the visit, he distributed sweets and shared moments of compassion and encouragement.

Chairman KPT also visited Karwan-e-Hayat Psychiatric & Rehabilitation Centre, Keamari (KeH), where he extended warm Eid greetings to patients, staff and care givers.

19TH BOARD MEETING OF KARWAN-E-HAYAT



The 19th Board of Governors meeting of Karwan-e-Hayat was held on 14th March 2026 under the chairmanship of Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), at Karwan-e-Hayat Hospital, prior to the meeting, he visited the Rehabilitation Centre and appreciated the efforts of the management and staff in providing mental health care services.

The Board reviewed organizational performance and future initiatives, while the Chairman directed that meetings be held quarterly and emphasized strengthening fundraising efforts. Dr. Danish Aman, Pakistan Tanner Association (SZ) was appointed as a new member of the Board.

CHAIRMAN KPT VISITS KDLB TO REVIEW MEDICAL SERVICES





On 14th March 2026, Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), Chairman KPT, visited KDLB and KPT Hospital along with Dr. Danish Aman, Chairman PTA (SZ), and the Chief Medical Officers of both facilities.

During the visit, Chairman KPT interacted with hospital staff, conducted a detailed review of the medical facilities, and visited the children receiving care in the Paediatric Ward.

He also discussed with Dr. Danish Aman regarding the potential expansion of KPT Hospital, aimed at further enhancing healthcare facilities and improving medical services for the residents of Keamari area.

CHAIRMAN KPT REVIEWS OPERATIONS AMID CARGO SURGE





Chairman KPT, Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), visited on 29th March 2026 and reviewed port operations amid cargo surge, assessing safety, security, and capacity enhancement measures across key operational areas. The visit reaffirmed KPT's commitment to operational efficiency and readiness.

A Historic Moment for Karachi Port Trust

Karachi Port Trust proudly marks a moment of exceptional national distinction and institutional honour. On the occasion of Pakistan Day, 23rd March 2026, three senior officers serving as Director Generals at KPT were conferred prestigious national military awards by the Government of Pakistan in recognition of their outstanding services, professional excellence, and meritorious contributions to the country.

The following distinguished officers were honoured with national military awards:



Rear Admiral Ateeq ur Rehman Abid HI(M)
DG (Operations),KPT
Awarded Hilal-e-Imtiaz (Military)



Rear Admiral Kashif Munir HI(M)
DG (Engineering),KPT
Awarded Hilal-e-Imtiaz (Military)



Brig. Muhammad Younis SI(M)
DG (Administration), KPT
Awarded Sitara-e-Imtiaz (Military)

The conferment of these prestigious honours upon three Director Generals of KPT on a single national occasion constitutes a unique and proud milestone in the history of the organization.

KPT extends its profound felicitations to the award recipients and acknowledges their unwavering commitment, distinguished services and valuable contributions to the maritime sector and the nation.

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CHAIRMAN KPT REVIEWS OPERATIONS AND SAFETY PREPAREDNESS






Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), visited South Asia Pakistan Terminals Limited on 23rd January 2026 to review operational activities and firefighting preparedness following the fire incidents at US Consulate, Karachi International Container Terminal and outside South Asia Pakistan Terminals Limited Gate through swift deployment and coordinated firefighting operations.

During the visit, he inspected transit trade container management, scanner operations, railway infrastructure, and traffic flow, while emphasizing the importance of a proactive safety culture, regular training, and strengthening emergency response preparedness through periodic drills.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S RECOGNITION REFLECTS KPT'S COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

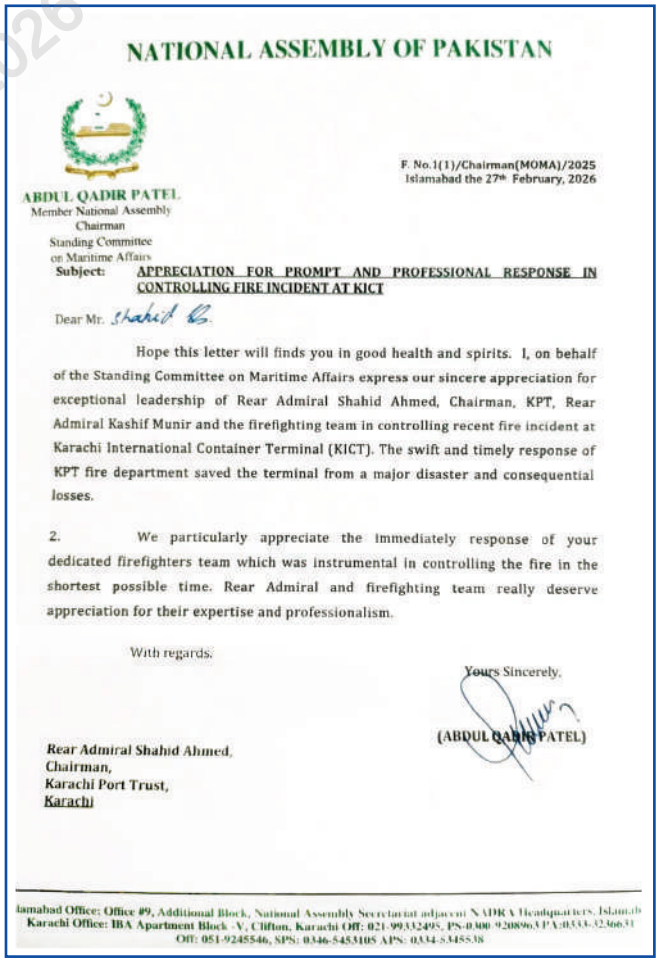
Karachi Port Trust received a letter of appreciation from Honourable Mr Abdul Qadir Patel, Member National Assembly and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs, acknowledging the swift and professional response of KPT in controlling the fire incident at Karachi International Container Terminal (KICT).

The letter commends the leadership of Chairman KPT and its dedicated firefighting team led by Rear Admiral Kashif Munir HI(M), Director General (Engineering) for their timely action and professionalism, which successfully contained the fire and prevented potential major losses.

KPT's Port Fire Department has not only responded effectively to this incident but has also successfully contained more than 110 fire incidents last year including Gul Plaza blaze demonstrating its operational readiness and professionalism.

Furthermore, KPT is actively upgrading its firefighting equipment and expanding its workforce to further enhance operational capacity and ensure even more rapid response in future.

This recognition highlights the focused attention of the parliamentarians on ensuring operational preparedness, efficiency and commitment of Pakistani Ports which is critically required to ensure safety and continuity of maritime operations at Pakistan's premier port.



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

ABDUL QADIR PATEL
Member National Assembly
Chairman
Standing Committee
on Maritime Affairs

F. No.1(1)/Chairman(MOMA)/2025
Islamabad the 27th February, 2026

Subject: APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSE IN CONTROLLING FIRE INCIDENT AT KICT

Dear Mr. Shahid B.

Hope this letter will finds you in good health and spirits. I, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs express our sincere appreciation for exceptional leadership of Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed, Chairman, KPT, Rear Admiral Kashif Munir and the firefighting team in controlling recent fire incident at Karachi International Container Terminal (KICT). The swift and timely response of KPT fire department saved the terminal from a major disaster and consequential losses.

2. We particularly appreciate the immediately response of your dedicated firefighters team which was instrumental in controlling the fire in the shortest possible time. Rear Admiral and firefighting team really deserve appreciation for their expertise and professionalism.

With regards.

Yours Sincerely,

(ABDUL QADIR PATEL)

Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed,
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KPT SHOWCASES SUSTAINABLE MARITIME INITIATIVES AT INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONFERENCE 2026



Karachi Port Trust participated in the 4th International Maritime Conference (IMC'26) from 15th-16th February 2026, at Minhaj University, Lahore and highlighted its role in promoting environmental sustainability and modern port operations. The conference featured panel discussions, technical sessions, and poster presentations, bringing together maritime professionals, industry experts, and academics. KPT also set up an exhibition stall to showcase its green growth strategies, which attracted significant interest from attendees.

Rear Admiral Ateeq-ur-Rehman Abid HI(M), Director General (Operations) attended as the Guest of Honour and addressed the challenges of climate change, water degradation, and marine pollution, emphasizing the integration of the Green and Blue Economies for sustainable maritime growth.



Mr. Fayyaz Rasool, Director MPCD, participated as a panelist and highlighted KPT's ongoing efforts to tackle marine pollution, with special focus on mangrove conservation.

Dr. Hassan Mohi-ud-Din Qadri, Deputy Chairman, Minhaj BOG, visited the KPT stall and appreciated the efforts of Public Relations and MPCD departments in presenting KPT's strategic and environmental initiatives.







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KPT ENHANCED PAY STRUCTURE AND RAMADAN SUPPORT FOR WORKFORCE

Karachi Port Trust has rolled out a series of welfare measures aimed at improving the financial well-being of its workforce under the stewardship of Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), during the month of Ramadan.





The monthly wages of sanitary staff have been significantly increased from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 40,000, with retrospective effect from July 2025. In addition, daily wage earners will benefit from an enhanced Eid grant, revised upward from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 70,000.

As part of KPT's annual welfare drive, Chairman KPT accompanied with the Director General Administration Brig. Muhammad Younis SI(M) distributed Ramadan ration packs, prioritizing support for sanitary staff and daily wage workers.

Furthermore, KPT supported Voice of Karachi (VOK) in the distribution of ration bags and Eid gifts among underprivileged communities residing at nearby islands. VOK appreciated the consistent support and engagement of KPT management in highlighting the organization's dedication to corporate social responsibility and community uplift.





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KPT STANDS WITH THE KASHMIRIS ON KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY

Karachi Port Trust organized a gathering in KPT Head Office to reaffirm its solidarity with the people of Kashmir on Kashmir Solidarity Day. Director General Operations, Rear Admiral Ateeq-ur-Rehman Abid HI(M), attended the gathering as chief guest.









Speaking on the occasion, Director General Operations, Rear Admiral Ateeq-ur-Rehman Abid HI(M), reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering support for the struggle of the Kashmiri people and their right to self-determination. He highlighted the sacrifices rendered by the people of Jammu and Kashmir and emphasized that a peaceful and lasting resolution of the Kashmir dispute, in accordance with the aspirations of the Kashmiri people and relevant UN resolutions, remains essential for regional peace and stability.

Simultaneously, Kashmir Day was observed across KPT schools and hospital. Students and staff participated through speeches, tableaus, soulful songs, and prayers, highlighting the sacrifices and resilience of the Kashmiris, sending a strong message of national unity and compassion.





Picture Gallery





Mr. Dinshaw B. Avari and Mr. Xerxes B. Avari, sons of the late M. Bayram Dinshaw Avari, along with family members, called on Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), Chairman Karachi Port Trust, on 27th February 2026 at KPT Head Office.

During the meeting, Mr. Dinshaw offered sports facilities and sailing training to KPT school children on gratis basis.

Chairman KPT presented a commemorative souvenir to the guests during the meeting.





Prof. Dr. Nassar Ikram, Vice Chancellor & President of Iqra University, along with Prof. Dr. Mansoor Ebrahim and Dr. Akram Hussain, called on Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), Chairman Karachi Port Trust, on 30th March 2026. The discussion focused on leveraging AI, digitalization, and smart systems to improve operational efficiency and modernize port operations.

Souvenirs were exchanged during the occasion.





Syed Omar Jilani, Chairman RJ Group, called on Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), Chairman Karachi Port Trust, on 11th March 2026. The meeting discussed prospects for foreign direct investment in Pakistan, including collaboration on the port-adjacent desalination project and KPT's proposed Mai Kolachi TP-V Wetland Park & Sewage Treatment initiative. The project aims to treat 100 MGD of sewage while contributing to environmental protection through the preservation of mangroves ecosystem.

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Syed Ghazanfar Sajjad, Group Chairman Telec visited KPT Head Office on 21st January 2026 to discuss avenues for potential collaboration. Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), briefed the guest on the organization's ongoing digitization and mechanization initiatives being undertaken in line with the Government's Maritime Vision 2047–2147. Chairman KPT presented a souvenir to the guest on the occasion.





The renowned Defence Analyst of Pakistan, Maritime Expert and First Commander of Pak Marines, Commodore Syed M. Obaidullah SI(M) (Retd), called on Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M) S.Bt (Retd), Chairman KPT on 2nd January 2026 at KPT Head Office. During the meeting, both dignitaries held detailed discussion on Pakistan maritime sector, with particular emphasis on the emerging opportunities within the blue economy and the strategic importance of Karachi Port Trust in supporting national maritime growth. Pictures were taken during meeting and while chairman is presenting a memento to the visiting guest.





Mr. Sohail Shams, Chief Executive Officer of United Marine Agencies (UMA), called on Chairman KPT, Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), at the KPT Head Office on 10th March 2026.

The discussion focused on transshipment cargo operations and the recently commenced bunkering services at Karachi Port. Matters of mutual interest and avenues for enhanced cooperation were also discussed. Chairman KPT reaffirmed the Port's commitment to facilitating efficient services for shipping lines calling at Karachi Port.

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CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY HELD AT KPT HEAD OFFICE

Karachi Port Trust organized a Certificate Distribution Ceremony at KPT Head Office on 25th February 2026 for the students of the Industrial Home and Computer Centre, Keamari. The certificates, awarded by Sindh Technical Board, Karachi, recognized the successful completion of technical and vocational training by students. In a simple ceremony, Brigadier Muhammad Younus SI(M), Director General Administration distributed the certificates and appreciated the dedication and performance of the students. The ceremony highlighted KPT's continued commitment to promoting education and skills development, particularly among underprivileged communities.





ONE-DAY SESSION ON STRESS MANAGEMENT AT KPT STAFF COLLEGE

Karachi Port Trust organized a one-day wellness session titled "Stress Management – A Journey to Inner Peace & Wellness" on 5th February 2026 at the KPT Staff College. The session aimed to promote mental and physical well-being among staff, which was conducted by Dr. Wajahat Hussain Yogi, Corporate Wellness Trainer, who focused on the practical techniques such as mindfulness, healthy lifestyle choices, and effective stress management strategies.

Officers and officials from various departments actively participated, gaining valuable insights to foster a healthier and more balanced work environment.





AWARENESS SESSION ON ISLAMIC BANKING AT KPT STAFF COLLEGE

KPT organized a one-day Awareness Session on Islamic Banking on 10th February 2026 at KPT Staff College to enhance employees understanding of Sharia compliant financial systems and services. The session was conducted by a representative of Meezan Bank, who provided participants valuable insights on the subject topic. Officers and employees from various KPT departments attended the session and appreciated the informative presentation which contributed to enhancing their financial understanding of Islamic Banking solutions.





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AWARENESS SESSION ON PAK QATAR FAMILY TAKAFUL AT KPT STAFF COLLEGE





Karachi Port Trust conducted an awareness session on "Pak Qatar Family Takaful's Corporate & Retirement Solutions" at the KPT Staff College on 12th March 2026.

The representatives from Pak Qatar Family Takaful provided an insightful information during the session to create awareness regarding the importance of structured savings, retirement planning and financial protection for employees and their families.

TRAINING SESSION ON EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION





A high-impact training session titled "Effective Organizational Communication Skills – A Tool for Organizational Change" was conducted at KPT Staff College on 16th January 2026.

The lecture was delivered by Ms. Durdana Ansari, OBE, Honorary Captain of the Royal Navy, Honorary President of the Royal Air Force, and Patron of the British Organization for People of Asian Origin. The session underscored the role of effective communication as a catalyst for organizational change, collaboration, and strategic alignment.

Officers from various departments participated actively, demonstrating KPT's focus on capacity building, professional growth, and inclusive learning practices.

IN-HOUSE CIVIL DEFENCE TRAINING AT KARACHI PORT TRUST





The Port Civil Defence Department conducted a one-day training session on "Use of Bandages and Emergency Method of Transportation" for Marine & Trade Apprentices on 11th February 2026 at the Apprentice Training Center, CM&EE Workshop, Manora.

The session focused on equipping participants with essential first aid skills, proper bandaging techniques, and practical emergency response skills. During the training, instructors emphasized the importance of quick decision making, coordinated response and adherence to safety protocols in emergency situations.

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STUDENTS EXPLORE THE WORLD OF SCIENCE AT TDF





Students of KPT School from classes VI to VIII visited The Dawood Foundation from 5th to 7th January 2026, where they had the opportunity to explore the fascinating world of science through interactive learning experiences and practical demonstrations. During the visit, students observed real-life scientific applications, innovative models, and thought-provoking experiments that enhanced their understanding of scientific concepts beyond the classroom environment.

MS/MPHIL STUDENTS VISIT



Karachi Port Trust welcomed MS/MPhil students of Maritime & Coastal Engineering (MCE) for an academic study visit, featuring a briefing on port operations, an interactive session with the Chief Hydrographer, and visits of terminal facilities.



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KPT STUDENTS EXCEL AT 18TH ANNUAL KBC INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA

Students of KPT Schools delivered a commendable performance at the 18th Annual KBC International Inter-School Rowing Regatta 2026 held under international competitive standards organized by Karachi Boat Club. KPT students Sufiyan Rehman and Haseeb ur Rehman secured Silver and Bronze medals, respectively, showcasing their skill and dedication. Chairman KPT Rear Admiral Shahid Ahmed SI(M), S.Bt (Retd), accompanied with Director General Administration Brig. Muhammad Younis SI(M), appreciated the students and presented cash awards to the medalists.

The international event attracted 32 national and international schools and universities, including teams from Russia and Malaysia. The competition highlighted emerging talent and the growing promise of outdoor rowing in Pakistan, with KPT students standing out among a highly competitive field.







5TH KPT RAMZAN SNOOKER TOURNAMENT





The 5th edition of KPT Ramzan Snooker Tournament concluded successfully at the KPT Sports Complex, with enthusiastic participation from 64 players, reflecting the growing interest in sports and healthy community engagement. The final match was attended by former international cricketer Mr. Abdul Razzaq and renowned snooker champion Mr. Muhammad Yousuf, along with Chief Guest Director General Administration KPT, Brig. Muhammad Younis SI(M). The tournament final witnessed an impressive performance by Ali Hamza, who secured victory against Zulfiqar Qadir with a 4-1 frame win. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where medals, trophies, and cash prizes were awarded to the winners and runners-up. The tournament highlighted KPT's continued commitment to promoting sportsmanship, recreational activities, and positive community engagement through healthy sporting initiatives.

PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION

ML-1: A GAME-CHANGER FOR KARACHI PORT TRUST

BY: MR. MUHAMMAD ZEESHAN ALAM



The ML-1 railway project is set to bring major improvements to *Karachi Port Trust (KPT)* by strengthening rail connectivity and easing congestion in Karachi, the Line serves as the country's main passenger and freight line with 75% of the country's cargo and passenger traffic passing through yearly.

Taking into account the importance of KPT which handles more than 55% of national imports and exports, the Minister of Railways, Mr. Hanif Abbasi announced that the mega project which is expected to start in July 2026 will begin directly from Karachi Port. As part of this initiative, the 54-kilometre railway section from KPT to Pipri will be upgraded and maintained by *Pakistan Railways (PR)* to support smooth multimodal cargo operations. KPT, along with terminal operators and other stakeholders, will also upgrade its internal railway lines to improve efficiency inside the port.

Under the plan, Pakistan Railways will run at least four freight trains daily within five months, giving priority to bulk cargo such as rock phosphate and steel coils. It may be noted that presently on average only one train per week is being operated from KPT, thereby exponential increase will be witnessed in railway operations from KPT. Similarly, multimodal passenger and Zaireen movement system, linked with ferry services, will also be developed, while PR will provide technical support to KPT as needed. Together, these steps will help reduce traffic congestion in and around Karachi Port and across the city, improve cargo movement, and lower transport costs—making ML-1 a true game changer for Karachi Port Trust, Karachi city and Pakistan Railways.

INNOVATING PORT OPERATIONS: ENHANCING SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY THROUGH AUTOMATION

BY: MALIK BABAR RASHID (TECH COORD TO GM ENGG.)



As global maritime trade continues to evolve ports worldwide are embracing automation and smart technologies to enhance operational efficiency and workplace safety. Karachi Port Trust (KPT), as Pakistan's premier gateway port, recognizes that modern port operations must balance productivity with risk mitigation. Automation reduces human exposure to hazardous environments, minimizes operational errors, and enables safer cargo handling through intelligent systems such as automated cranes, guided vehicles, and real-time monitoring platforms. The integration of smart technologies allows ports to optimize berth utilization, reduce vessel turnaround time, and improve asset management through data-driven decision-making. Smart ports leverage advanced communication networks, sensor-based systems, and centralized control rooms to ensure reliability, availability, and performance across terminal operations. These innovations not only lower operating costs but also strengthen environmental compliance and emergency preparedness, reinforcing a culture of proactive safety management.

Karachi Port Trust is actively aligning itself with global best practices by exploring future-ready solutions that support sustainable growth and operational excellence. Through continuous capacity building, investment in modern infrastructure, and adoption of intelligent technologies, KPT aims to transform into a user-friendly, efficient, and safe transshipment hub for the region. Embracing automation is not merely a technological upgrade—it is a strategic imperative to secure the port's competitiveness in the evolving maritime landscape.

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Beyond Cargo

Powering Global Maritime Excellence

Beyond cargo operations, KPT is actively facilitating international shipping through:

- **Efficient crew change services**
- **Swift medical emergency assistance**
- **Reliable international bunkering services**
- **Provision of fresh rations & stevedoring support**



These value-added services are not only strengthening port efficiency but also enhancing the soft image of Pakistani ports on the global maritime stage.

KPT - Driving Maritime Excellence, Delivering Beyond Boundaries

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