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Strengthening Arab Partnerships in the Iron and Steel Sector

Minister of Industry, Seifi Gharib, received Engineer Ahmed Ezz, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Arab Iron and Steel Union, at the Ministry's headquarters. This meeting aims to strengthen joint Arab cooperation in the field of metallurgical industries.

According to an official statement issued by the Ministry of Industry, the talks "discussed the prospects for developing the iron and steel industry in the Arab world and the pivotal role it can play in achieving Arab industrial integration, especially in light of the availability of raw materials and national production capabilities."

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Measures to activate the role of the General Secretariat, whose headquarters are located in Algeria, were also discussed, strengthening Algeria's position as a regional hub in this field and contributing to advancing joint Arab action towards greater industrial integration and sustainability.



Report: Performance of the Egyptian Rebar Market in H1 of 2025

The Egyptian rebar market witnessed fluctuations in production and sales in the first half of 2025, amidst local economic pressures and changes in demand and prices. The following are the most prominent indicators recorded in this period:

First: Domestic Rebar Production

Egypt's total rebar production in the period from January to June 2025 amounted to approximately 3.86 million tons, compared to 4.16 million tons in the same period last year, a 7% decrease.

The highest monthly production was recorded in April, at 743,500 tons.

The lowest was in June, at 551,800 tons.

On a monthly basis, performance varied, with March recording the highest annual decline of -17%, while February achieved an annual growth of 5%.

Egypt's Rebar Production in January-June 2025

Month	2025	2024	Change
January	672.9	802.8	-16%
February	701.6	668.7	5%
March	577.4	695.9	-17%
April	743.5	819.2	-9%
May	614.9	628.6	-2%
June	551.8	545.4	1%
Total	3,862.1	4,160.6	-7%

Second: Domestic Rebar Sales

Domestic market sales in the same period recorded 2.97 million tons, compared to 3.06 million tons in the corresponding period of 2024, a slight decrease of -3%.

January saw the largest decline in sales, at -36%.

In contrast, March achieved a 21% year-on-year sales growth.

A gradual improvement in business performance is observed in April and May.



Egypt's Rebar Sales from January to June 2025

Month	2025	2024	Change
January	453.7	711.1	-36%
February	554	487.6	14%
March	423.9	351	21%
April	618.4	579.3	7%
May	524.8	481.1	9%
June	391.1	449.3	-13%
Total	2,965.9	3,059.4	-3%

Third: Development of Average Domestic Selling Prices

Average rebar prices decreased in the first half of 2025 to EGP 37,651 per ton, compared to EGP 43,477 in the same period in 2024, representing a 13% annual decline.

Prices recorded the largest year-on-year difference in February, a decrease of -26%.

Despite this decline, prices remained relatively stable in May and June, with a slight decline of no more than 5-6%.

Average Rebar Prices in Egypt in January – June 2025

Month	2025	2024	Change
January	37,958	43,469	-13%
February	37,443	50,939	-26%
March	37,742	45,851	-18%
April	37,498	40,921	-8%
May	37,642	39,941	-6%
June	37,624	39,740	-5%
Average	37,651	43,477	-13%

The performance of the rebar market in Egypt in the first half of 2025 reflects clear challenges on the production side, offset by relative stability in sales, with a move toward adjusting prices to match demand levels and purchasing power in the local market.

Data indicates relative market resilience despite economic conditions, and the coming months may reflect positive indicators if sales continue to improve and prices remain stable.



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EU Decides to Reduce Anti-Dumping Duty on Egyptian Steel Imports to 11.7%

The European Commission has announced a reduction in the anti-dumping duty on hot-rolled steel imports from Egypt to a final rate of 11.7% for a five-year period, down from the provisional rate of 12.8%, according to a document released by the Vietnamese Ministry of Industry—one of the countries also subject to the duties.

According to the Commission, total imports of Egyptian steel during the investigation period ranged between 741,000 and 906,000 tons, with a market share of 2.2% to 2.7% in the EU's open market.

The investigation was launched on August 8, 2024, following a formal complaint by the European Steel Association (EUROFER), which alleged that Egyptian exporters were engaging in dumping practices that caused significant harm to the EU steel industry.

In April 2025, the Commission imposed provisional duties before confirming them as final. The final measures apply to Ezz Steel, Egypt's leading exporter, along with all other Egyptian exporters, at a uniform rate of 11.7%.

Although Egypt argued that its share of the European market remained relatively low, the Commission concluded that the level of imports was sufficient to affect the free market within the EU, thereby justifying the imposition of the duties.

Ataqa Steel Submits Technical Bid for Billet Production License

Egypt National Steel Company (Ataqa) has submitted a technical bid as part of the tender process for licenses to establish a continuous steel billet production facility with an annual capacity of 1.5 million tons.

The company stated that the General Authority for Industrial Development has approved its technical submission, allowing Ataqa to proceed to the bidding session scheduled for Sunday, August 10.

Ataqa reported a net profit of EGP 103.9 million in the first quarter of this year, up from EGP 60.9 million during the same period in 2024.

The company's sales also saw significant growth, reaching EGP 2.02 billion compared to EGP 1.01 billion in the first quarter of last year.

Egypt: Iron and Steel for Mines Sales to Reach EGP 125 Million in June

The Iron and Steel Company for Mines and Quarries reported total sales of EGP 124.99 million for the month of June 2025.

In a disclosure to the Egyptian Exchange, the company stated that sales from the Bahariya Oasis mines accounted for EGP 124.95 million, while sales from the Beni Khaled-Samaltut quarries amounted to approximately EGP 34,650.

It is worth noting that the company recorded a net profit of EGP 431.96 million for the period from July to the end of March 2025, compared to EGP 113.25 million during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Total revenues for the same nine-month period reached EGP 834.72 million, up from EGP 252.58 million a year earlier.



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Emsteel Reports AED 188 Million in First-Half Profit, a 7.7% Increase

Emsteel announced a net profit of AED 188 million for the first half of 2025, marking a 7.7% increase compared to AED 174.5 million during the same period in 2024.

Revenue rose by 9% to reach AED 4.3 billion, up from AED 3.956 billion in the first half of the previous year. This growth was driven by strong operational performance and continued momentum in the UAE construction sector, in addition to Emsteel's solid presence in the local market.

Sales of finished steel products grew by 24% year-on-year, reaching 1.616 thousand tons, supported by strong demand and full utilization of production capacity. This enabled the company to convert semi-finished products into finished goods that effectively meet market needs.

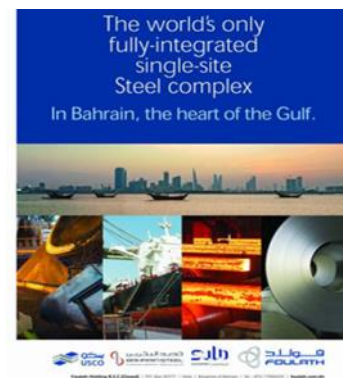
Despite a 4% year-on-year decline in average steel prices and a decrease in semi-finished product sales, which accounted for 9% of the steel business unit's revenue in the first half of 2024, the company maintained 9% revenue growth, reflecting the robustness of its operating model.

Eng. Saeed Ghumran Al Remeithi, CEO of Emsteel Group, commented: "Our strong first-half results for 2025 reflect Emsteel's resilience in adapting to ongoing global market fluctuations. The 9% revenue growth and continued strength in EBITDA are a testament to the success of our operational strategy."

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Global steel prices remain largely Stable in the first week of August

Global steel and iron product prices showed relative stability during the week ending August 2, 2025, while some raw materials and semi-finished products experienced minor fluctuations.

Steel scrap (HMS 1&2 mix 80:20) imported to Turkey from the USA remained unchanged at \$346/ton CFR.

On the other hand, iron ore (62%) from Australia continued its decline, falling by \$2 to \$101/ton CFR compared to the previous week.

In contrast, Russian billet prices saw a notable increase, reaching \$445–455/ton FOB, up by \$8, while billet from the CIS region exported to Turkey dropped to \$460–465/ton CFR, down by \$3.

Turkish rebar prices held steady at \$540–550/ton FOB, while rebar from the CIS region was priced at \$525–535/ton FOB.

In the flat steel segment, hot rolled coil from Turkey remained unchanged at \$550–555/ton FOB, and Russian hot rolled coil also stayed stable at \$440–450/ton FOB.

Cold rolled coil from Russia maintained its price at \$570/ton FOB. This variation in prices reflects the ongoing caution in global markets, as players closely monitor changes in energy costs and end-user demand, especially amid global industrial slowdown and supply chain disruptions.

The following is the **steel prices** statement in the global markets on 03 August 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	W-0-W
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 80:20)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	346	346	02/08/2025	0
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	101	101	02/08/2025	-2
Billet	FOB Russia	445	455	02/08/2025	8
	Turkey FOB	460	465	02/08/2025	-3
Rebar	FOB Turkey	540	550	02/08/2025	0
	FOB Ukraine	525	535	02/08/2025	-
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	550	555	02/08/2025	0
HR coil	FOB Russia	440	450	02/08/2025	0
HR coil	FOB Russia	570	570	02/08/2025	0

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ArcelorMittal's Q2 Profit Rises Despite Declines in Sales and Production

ArcelorMittal, the Luxembourg-based steel and mining giant, reported a significant increase in net profit for the second quarter of this year, despite lower sales, production, and shipment volumes.

According to the German Press Agency (dpa), net profit attributable to shareholders surged to \$1.79 billion, up from \$504 million in the same period last year.

Basic earnings per share (EPS) climbed to \$2.35, compared to \$0.63 in the second quarter of 2024. This sharp increase was partly driven by exceptional gains totaling \$0.8 billion, which had a positive impact on the company's financial performance.

Adjusted net income reached approximately \$1.01 billion, or \$1.32 per share, up from \$677 million, or \$0.85 per share, in the same quarter last year.

Meanwhile, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) dipped slightly to \$1.86 billion, compared to \$1.862 billion a year earlier.

Total sales also declined, amounting to \$15.93 billion, down from \$16.25 billion in the second quarter of 2024.

European Calls to Impose 50% Tariffs on Steel Imports

France and ten other European Union member states have called on Brussels to introduce new measures to protect the steel industry, as negotiations continue over export quotas allowed into the U.S. market.

In a document published on Monday, the eleven countries — including Spain and Poland — stated that the European Commission should consider imposing a 50% tariff on steel imports that exceed a specific duty-free quota.

The countries recommended that this duty-free quota be reduced by 40% to 50% from current levels, in an effort to shield European producers from unfair competition posed by cheaper imports.

These demands come amid an ongoing trade agreement between the EU and the United States, which includes a provision for a 50% tariff on European steel exports that exceed a yet-to-be-agreed-upon threshold.

Nevertheless, EU Trade Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič said both sides had agreed to cooperate in finding solutions to address global steel overcapacity.



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Chinese Steelmakers See Profit Recovery Amid Efforts to Curb Overproduction

China's steelmakers have begun to see a recovery in profits over the past month, with signs pointing to further improvement in the second half of the year — provided the government follows through on its commitments to address overcapacity.

According to data released by the National Bureau of Statistics on Sunday, profits from ferrous metal smelting operations surged nearly 14-fold year-on-year, albeit from a very low base in the same period last year. This rebound was supported by reduced production levels in June and a drop in raw material costs compared to stable finished steel prices.

The steel sector has faced severe headwinds in recent years due to the collapse of the real estate market — traditionally the largest driver of steel demand in China. As a result, the industry became a key target of Beijing's campaign against what it calls "excessive competition," an effort that has intensified in recent weeks.

While actual production caps have not yet been imposed, many mills appear to have preemptively reduced output in June, pushing total steel production for the first half of the year to its lowest level since 2020. This has raised questions about whether the government will need to enforce deeper cuts to curb oversupply.

On the demand side, consumption rose by 4.3% in the first half of the year, driven by the automotive and machinery sectors, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. While the construction sector remains weak, exports have continued their strong performance despite global trade headwinds.

Looking ahead, the outlook is becoming more optimistic, particularly with a potential rise in demand linked to a major dam construction project in Tibet. UBS noted in a recent report that over 60% of steelmakers are currently profitable, compared to just 30% in July 2024.

However, the recovery could still be threatened by rising raw material costs, especially the sharp increase in coking coal prices, which may put pressure on margins in the coming months.

India's Tata Steel Reports 116% Surge in Net Profit in Q1 FY 2025–2026

India's Tata Steel announced on Thursday, July 31, 2025, that its consolidated net profit for the first quarter of the fiscal year 2025–2026 (April–June) soared by 116%, reaching INR 20.78 billion (approximately USD 237.13 million) compared to the same period last year.

Despite the significant rise in profits, the company's consolidated revenue declined by 3%, totaling INR 531.78 billion (around USD 6.07 billion), according to its official statement.

Tata Steel reported that consolidated steel production volumes dropped by 8.4%, while sales fell by 3.7% due to maintenance-related shutdowns at its Jamshedpur blast furnace and at its subsidiary, Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited.

However, the company stated that it expects production and deliveries to normalize in the coming quarters.



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