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AISU: Launch of the “Meltshop Concept and Philosophy” Program in Cooperation with Ezz Steel

The Arab Iron and Steel Union, in cooperation with Ezz Steel, has launched the second program in its series of specialized training courses, titled “*Meltshop Concept and Philosophy*” The program runs from 16 to 27 November 2025, with the participation of technical personnel from member companies, including Emsteel, Qatar Steel, FOULATH – Bahrain, Libyan Iron and Steel Company, EL-FOULADH – Tunisia, and Maghreb Steel.

These programs come as part of the Union’s strategy to enhance the technical and operational capabilities of workers in the Arab iron and steel industry through training courses held at Ezz Steel’s facilities in the Arab Republic of Egypt. The courses cover key strategic topics such as direct reduction technologies, meltshop concepts, long and flat rolling operations, as well as hydraulic and pneumatic applications in steelmaking.

This program represents the second phase of a broader series of training initiatives carried out jointly by the Union and Ezz Steel, with additional specialized programs planned for the future.

Through this initiative, the Union aims to improve the technical and administrative competencies of personnel working across Arab iron and steel companies, while strengthening cooperation and knowledge exchange among its members, contributing to greater competitiveness of the Arab steel industry at both regional and international levels.



North Africa

Algeria: Expanded Coordination Meeting on the Development of the Gara Djebilet Mine and the Béchar–Tindouf Railway Line

A broad intersectoral coordination meeting was held on Wednesday at the headquarters of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mines in Algeria to discuss the measures required to launch the development of the Gara Djebilet iron ore mine, along with the Béchar–Tindouf mining railway line designated for transporting passengers, goods, and mineral materials. The meeting was chaired by the Minister of State, Minister of Petroleum and Mines, Mohamed Arkab, and the Minister of Public Works and Basic Infrastructure, Abdelkader Djaloui, with the participation of the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Interior, Local Authorities, and Transport, representing the minister. Also attending were the Secretary of State in charge of Mines, Karima Bekir Tafer, as well as CEOs and directors of the entities responsible for the project's implementation and operation, in addition to representatives of institutions affiliated with the various sectors involved. According to a joint statement, the meeting was held to implement the directives of President Abdelmadjid Tebboune issued during the Cabinet meeting on November 16, which called for launching the local use and processing of iron ore from the Gara Djebilet mine in the first quarter of 2026, and putting the Béchar–Tindouf mining railway line into full operation in January 2026. The meeting focused on coordinating technical and operational efforts related to the extraction and processing of iron ore at the Gara Djebilet mine, as well as monitoring the progress of key supporting infrastructure—foremost among them the 950-kilometer mining railway linking Béchar, Tindouf, and Gara Djebilet—which represents a fundamental pillar in establishing the project's industrial value chain. The participants agreed on taking all necessary measures within each sector's domain, while ensuring full coordination, to meet the President's directives regarding the start of local exploitation of iron ore in early 2026 and the handover of all sections of the western mining railway line by January 2026.

The project is described as a “first of its kind since independence,” marking a new economic direction aimed at strengthening industrial sovereignty by securing primary raw materials for Algeria's steel industry, maximizing domestic added value, and diversifying the economy away from hydrocarbons. This aligns with the Cabinet's decision to establish new iron ore processing plants in Tindouf, Béchar, and Naama, creating an integrated industrial chain linking extraction, processing, transformation, and transport to national steel complexes—led by the Tosyali plant in Oran, which will receive the first processed ore shipments via rail starting in 2026.

During the meeting, officials reaffirmed the strategic importance of the Gara Djebilet mine project and the ongoing railway construction, both of which represent a turning point in Algeria's national development path due to their significant economic and social impact.

Ezz Steel reduces rebar prices by EGP 4,000 per ton

Ezz Steel has announced a reduction in rebar prices starting November 16, 2025, by EGP 4,000 per ton, bringing the new price down to EGP 34,200 ex-works, after more than a year of price stability.

Statement	including VAT
Rebar	34,200 EGP

Inclusive of value-added tax (VAT).
1 USD = 47.01 EGP



Ashry Steel Seeks to Increase Exports and Strengthen the Presence of Egyptian Products in Global Markets

Ayman El Ashry, Chairman of Ashry Steel, affirmed during his participation in the Middle East Iron & Steel Conference that this event serves as an important platform to enhance the presence of the Egyptian steel industry in global markets. He noted that local products possess the capability and quality to compete with major international manufacturers, while the sector continues to keep pace with the latest production technologies and innovations in the steel industry.

He added that the industry is currently channeling new investments and expanding production capacities to increase the added value of local raw materials. He emphasized that the national strategy focuses on deepening local manufacturing and reducing reliance on imports, in addition to adopting green steel technologies to boost access to European markets.

El Ashry revealed that the group exports its products to 30 countries worldwide. The company has recently succeeded in producing and casting train wheels domestically after they were previously shaped in Europe—an achievement he described as a significant step that enhances the competitiveness of Egyptian industries. He also highlighted the company's leadership in the production of special steel grades used in automotive manufacturing, machinery, and railway sleepers, all of which require advanced technologies.

Regarding growth plans, El Ashry told CNBC Arabia that the company is preparing for an anticipated public offering next year. He noted that current production capacity stands at around 3 million tons annually, with plans to inject no less than \$300 million in new investments to expand and add production lines. He stressed that these efforts align with the state's direction to boost exports and reach the target of \$100 billion annually, given that the steel industry is one of the country's strategic sectors.

Record Surge in Egypt's Iron and Steel Exports in September

Egypt's iron and steel exports recorded a notable jump in September, rising by 42% to reach \$190 million, compared to \$134 million in September 2024, according to data from the Export Council for Building Materials, as reported by *Al Arabiya*.

This growth coincided with a 16% increase in Egypt's crude steel production during the same month, surpassing one million tons after several months of decline, based on figures from the World Steel Association, relayed by the Arab Iron and Steel Union.

Despite the monthly rise, Egypt's iron and steel exports during the first nine months of 2025 fell to \$1.4 billion, compared to \$1.65 billion in the same period of 2024, according to the Export Council.

Turkey topped the list of importers with \$209 million, followed by Brazil with \$148 million, the United States with \$125 million, Lebanon with \$85 million, Saudi Arabia with \$72 million, and Italy with \$57 million.

Meanwhile, Egypt's imports of iron and steel dropped by 21.13%, amounting to \$3.153 billion compared to \$3.998 billion in the same period last year. Russia ranked first among supplying countries with \$737 million, followed by China with \$668 million, Belgium with \$321 million, the United Kingdom with \$274 million, Turkey with \$257 million, the Netherlands with \$181 million, and Lebanon with \$117 million.

During the first nine months of the year, Egypt produced around 7.69 million tons of crude steel, marking a 3.2% decline from the same period last year. Rebar production reached 6 million tons, compared to 6.4 million tons in the previous year, while sales remained stable at 4.76 million tons.



El Marakby Steel invests \$23 million in new expansion projects

El Marakby Steel Group has announced plans to inject new investments estimated at \$23 million over the coming year, aiming to develop higher value-added finished products and deepen local manufacturing within its facilities. The announcement was made by Hassan El-Marakby, the company's CEO and Managing Director, in an interview with Eram Business on the sidelines of the Middle East Iron & Steel Conference currently being held in Dubai.

El-Marakby explained that the group's production capacity stands at 700,000 tons annually, while actual output is around 600,000 tons. He noted that current utilization rates range between 70% and 75%, with plans to raise them to over 90% in the coming period through the planned expansions.

He added that the Egyptian market accounts for roughly 70% of the company's sales, while the remainder is exported to about 40 countries. However, he pointed out that export operations are currently facing challenges due to higher U.S. tariffs on steel imports and the European Union's new requirements.

The group is also moving to strengthen its use of clean energy and reduce emissions, having allocated half a billion Egyptian pounds to establish solar power stations to supply its plants with clean electricity, with implementation set to begin next year.

Rebar Prices Decline in Egypt

Rebar prices in Egypt saw notable changes during the third week of November, as producing companies announced their updated price lists, which came as follows:

Ezz Steel set its price at EGP 34,200 per ton, marking a decrease of EGP 4,000 compared to last week, while Al-Suez Steel posted a price of EGP 33,700, down by EGP 1,300. Bashay Steel announced a price of EGP 34,000, reflecting a drop of EGP 3,000, whereas El-Marakby Steel set its price at EGP 34,000, down by EGP 1,000.

Al-Masriyyeen Steel recorded a price of EGP 34,100 per ton, marking a decrease of EGP 4,000. Meanwhile, Al-Ashry, El-Garhy, and Misr Steel kept their prices unchanged at EGP 34,800, EGP 36,000, and EGP 34,700 per ton, respectively.

El-Koumy Steel posted a price of EGP 33,000 per ton, down by EGP 200, while Al-Oula Steel set its price at EGP 31,500, showing a decrease of EGP 1,100. Al-Gioushy Steel maintained its price at EGP 33,300 per ton, with no change from the previous week.

Rebar prices were as follows compared to the week last:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer	w-w
Ezz Steel	38,200	▼	-4000
Suez Steel	37,900	▼	-1300
Beshay Steel	37,000	▼	-3000
El Marakby Steel	35,000	▼	-1000
Egyptian Steel	38,100	▼	-4000
Ashry Steel	34,800	-	0
Garhy Steel	36,000	-	0
Misr Steel	34,700	-	0
El komy Steel	33,200	▼	-200
El Ola steel	32,600	▼	-1100
Al Gioshy steel	33,300	-	0

Prices include 14% VAT



Saudi Arabia: Over SAR 237 Billion in Real Estate Deals at Cityscape Expo

Saudi Minister of Municipal, Rural Affairs and Housing and Chairman of the Real Estate General Authority, Majid Al-Hogail, said that the results achieved at the Cityscape Expo reflect the strength of Saudi Arabia’s real estate sector and the development of its investment environment, noting that more than SAR 237 billion in real estate deals were concluded during the days of the exhibition.

He added, during the closing ceremony of the Cityscape Global Exhibition in Riyadh, that these results confirm the credibility and attractiveness of the Saudi real estate sector, as well as the path the Kingdom is pursuing in developing the sector and advancing its cities. He pointed out that this achievement reflects the integration of efforts between government entities and the private sector and embodies the promising opportunities the Kingdom offers to investors from inside and outside the country. The Housing Program succeeded in raising the homeownership rate among citizens to 65.4% by the end of 2024, surpassing the 2025 target of 65%, thanks to regulatory and legislative reforms that enhanced the appeal of the real estate market and attracted substantial investments.

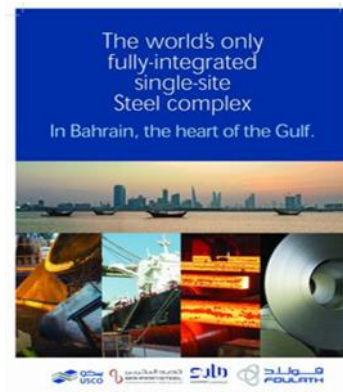
These achievements reflect the leadership’s strong commitment to meeting citizens’ aspirations and ensuring the provision of suitable housing in line with the goals of Saudi Vision 2030.

Partnership Between Hassan Allam and Telal Real Estate with the National Housing Company to Develop an Integrated Residential Project in Riyadh

Hassan Allam Holding and Telal Real Estate have signed an agreement with the National Housing Company (NHC) to develop the first mixed-use project in the Khuzam district, north of Riyadh, during Cityscape Global 2025. The signing ceremony was attended by the Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and Housing, along with senior executives from the participating companies.

The project will be developed by GROVA Development, the newly established development arm of Hassan Allam Holding, leveraging the group’s extensive regional experience in major infrastructure projects. Telal Real Estate will serve as the local partner, being one of the leading real estate developers in Saudi Arabia. The companies noted that the project reflects growing confidence in the Saudi real estate sector and aims to create a modern, sustainable urban destination in Khuzam, aligned with Riyadh’s fast-paced growth and quality-of-life objectives. NHC emphasized that the partnership supports its strategy to attract foreign investment and introduce global expertise to the Saudi market.

The project spans more than 228,000 square meters with an investment value exceeding SAR 3.3 billion, contributing to the goals of the Housing Program under Saudi Vision 2030, which seeks to raise homeownership rates to 70% and promote the development of integrated, mixed-use urban destinations.



Jindal Steel Oman to Erem Business: Steel demand in the Middle East remains very strong

Harsha Shetty, CEO of Jindal Steel Oman, affirmed that the Middle East continues to witness exceptionally strong demand for steel products throughout this year and the next, noting that industry players in the region are currently operating in “the right place at the right time.”

Shetty revealed an ambitious plan to establish a new steel plant in Duqm, Oman, with a production capacity of 5 million tons, dedicated to manufacturing low-carbon steel as part of the company’s shift toward green industries.

In an interview with *Erem Business* on the sidelines of the Middle East Iron and Steel Conference in Dubai, Shetty explained that Jindal Steel Oman currently produces 3.3 million tons of steel and operates a fully integrated direct-reduction unit starting from the mine to the finished product. The company’s facilities include a pellet plant with a capacity of 6 million tons, a direct-reduction plant with a capacity of 2 million tons, and an existing steel plant with a capacity of 3.3 million tons.

He noted that the company recently launched three innovative products for the construction sector, including **JS600**, a high-strength, lightweight steel grade that helps reduce steel consumption, enhances project sustainability, and increases the Floor Space Index (FSI). The company also introduced **Jindal CRS**, a corrosion-resistant steel produced by adding chromium and copper to extend asset life.

Shetty added that Gulf countries—where around 70% of infrastructure is located within 0 to 40 kilometers of the coastline—require highly durable steel to withstand the region’s harsh, corrosive marine environment, which demands enhanced protection for rebar.

He emphasized that performance tests have demonstrated a significant reduction in corrosion rates when using Jindal Steel products, adding that the company is also developing low-carbon steel solutions to support sustainability goals across the region.



World

Steel prices in the fourth week of November 2025

Global steel markets recorded mixed price movements during the fourth week of November 2025, with increases in some products, declines in others, and stability in several categories, according to data obtained by the Arab Iron and Steel Union.

Prices for imported 80:20 scrap to Turkey continued their upward trend, rising by one dollar to reach \$357/ton CFR, while 62% iron ore saw a similar one-dollar increase, trading at \$105/ton CFR Australia.

In the billet market, movements were mixed: Russian billet fell by one dollar to \$428–435/ton FOB, while Chinese billet rose by one dollar to \$430–432/ton FOB. Meanwhile, Turkish billet remained stable at \$445–455/ton CFR with no weekly change.

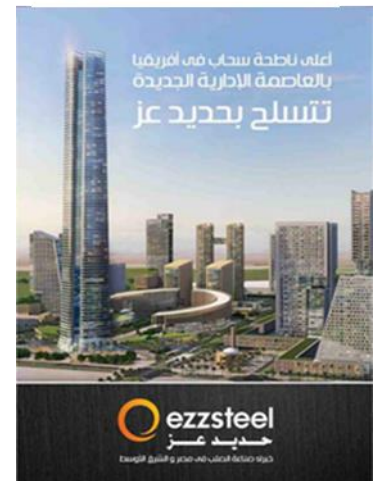
Among long products, Turkish rebar recorded the largest weekly gain with an increase of \$10, reaching \$555–575/ton FOB. In contrast, CIS rebar declined by \$3 to \$490–505/ton FOB. At the same time, Turkish wire rod prices increased by \$15, reaching \$570–590/ton FOB.

For flat products, Russian hot-rolled coils dropped by \$15 to \$430–445/ton FOB, while Chinese cold-rolled coils (1 mm) remained stable throughout the week at \$515–525/ton FOB.

The following is the steel prices statement in the global markets on 22 November 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	W-0-W	
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 80:20)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	357	357	22/11/2025	▲	1
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	105	105	22/11/2025	▲	1
Billet	FOB Russia	428	435	22/11/2025	▼	-1
	China FOB	430	432	22/11/2025	▲	1
	Turkey FOB	445	455	22/11/2025	-	0
Rebar	FOB Turkey	555	575	22/11/2025	▲	10
	FOB Ukraine	490	505	22/11/2025	▼	-3
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	570	590	22/11/2025	▲	15
HR coil	FOB Russia	430	445	22/11/2025	▼	-15
HR coil 1mm	FOB China	515	525	22/11/2025	-	0

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UK Mulls Options to Retaliate Against European Steel Tariffs

The UK government is preparing a package of retaliatory measures to counter the European Union's proposed increases in tariffs on steel imports, should efforts to reach an agreement that mitigates their impact fail.

According to sources cited by Bloomberg, London is considering escalating actions after domestic manufacturers warned that the EU's plans could trigger the most severe crisis in the history of the steel industry.

Last month, the European Union unveiled a proposal to cut nearly in half the quota of foreign steel exempt from tariffs, in addition to doubling duties to 50% on volumes exceeding those limits.

The sources added that the UK government is also exploring ways to accelerate the replacement of its existing steel safeguard measures and tighten import quotes, noting that the current measures are scheduled to expire in June.

In earlier statements, the UK government stressed its commitment to addressing the sector's overcapacity challenges, highlighting that it has supported the steel industry by securing preferential access for British exporters to the US market.

It also emphasized that it continues to consider stronger trade measures to protect its steel producers from "unfair practices," and reaffirmed its ongoing cooperation with the EU following the latest announcement.

Australia Continues to Impose AD Duties on Rebar Imports from South Korea and Spain

Australia's Anti-Dumping Commission has announced the results of its review of the anti-dumping duties imposed on rebar imports from South Korea and Spain, which were scheduled to expire on November 19, 2025, according to SteelOrbis.

The review was initiated following an application submitted by the local producer InfraBuild, and it covered the period from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The commission concluded that removing the anti-dumping measures on rebar imports from the two countries would, or would likely, lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and the material injury that the measures are intended to prevent.

Based on its findings, the commission recommended maintaining the duties while revising their rates as follows:

Country	Exporter	Current duty
South Korea	Daehan Steel Co., Ltd	4.7
	Dongkuk Steel Mill Co., Ltd	Floor price
	Other exporters	8.5
Spain	Compañía Española de Laminación, S.L.	9.4
	Other exporters except Nervacero S.A.	11.8

The products subject to these duties include rebar in various diameters up to 50 mm, classified under a set of tariff lines within Australia's Harmonized Tariff Schedule.



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Turkey Exports More Than 16 Million Tons of Steel in January–October

Turkey's steel exports rose during the period from January to October 2025 to reach 16.04 million tons, an increase of 9.5% compared to the same period in 2024, according to data from the Steel Exporters Association.

Rebar topped the sector's export list with a total of 3.27 million tons, recording annual growth of 18.1%. Hot-rolled coil exports reached 3.26 million tons, up 25.8% year-on-year. Exports of welded pipes amounted to 1.7 million tons (-0.5% y/y), sections reached 1.55 million tons (+3.7%), coated flat products 1.35 million tons (+1.4%), while wire rod exports declined to 900.4 thousand tons (-2.3%).

The export map also saw notable shifts during the period. Romania remained the largest market for Turkish steel, increasing its imports by 15.1% to 1.52 million tons. Italy received 1.28 million tons (+11% y/y), Morocco 811.2 thousand tons—more than double year-on-year—Spain 786.4 thousand tons (+33.4%), Ukraine 749 thousand tons (+31.4%), and Belgium 630.96 thousand tons, more than double compared to last year.

The foreign trade balance in the sector remained volatile throughout the year, as Turkey's steel imports exceeded its exports in most months. The widest gap was recorded in June, when imports reached 2.46 million tons compared with 1.72 million tons of exports. September was the only month in which exports (1.78 million tons) came close to imports (1.88 million tons), with a slight difference.

Overall, the growth across most export categories reflects a gradual recovery in the Turkish steel industry and a strengthened presence in the markets of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

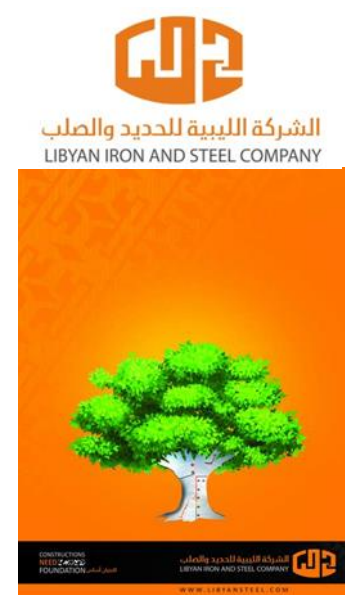
China's crude steel output drops to lowest level in October at 72 million mt

China recorded a significant decline in the production of pig iron, crude steel, and finished steel products in October, with output reaching 65.55 million mt, 72 million mt, and 118.64 million mt respectively. These decreases represent year-on-year drops of 7.9%, 12.1%, and 0.9%, in addition to month-on-month declines ranging between 0.76% and 4.5%, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics.

Unlike the usual trend for October — typically a strong month for demand — production this year posted its weakest performance since 2021. Monthly crude steel output once again fell below the 80-million-mt threshold, as was the case in July, August, and September, with a 2% decrease compared to September.

The decline was influenced by production cuts implemented by major cities in Hebei Province between October 27 and 31 as part of a level-two emergency response to pollution, alongside weak domestic demand and the impact of the extended National Day holiday at the beginning of the month.

During the first ten months of the year, China produced 711.37 million mt of pig iron, 817.87 million mt of crude steel, and 1.21759 billion mt of finished steel products, marking a year-on-year decrease of 1.8% and 3.9% for pig iron and crude steel, and a 4.7% increase for finished steel products.



UK Court: Australia's BHP Found Liable for Brazil Mine Disaster

The UK High Court has ruled that BHP is liable for the collapse of a tailings dam at an iron ore mine in Brazil in 2015, an incident that killed 19 people, destroyed entire villages, and polluted hundreds of kilometers of rivers. The ruling opens the door to compensation claims that could exceed \$47 billion, filed by around 620,000 affected individuals, despite a previous \$30 billion settlement with the Brazilian government.

Justice Finola O'Farrell stated that BHP bears strict liability as a polluter under environmental law, even though the company did not own the dam at the time of the disaster. She noted that BHP holds a 50% stake in Samarco, the Brazilian operator of the mine where the dam failed.

The company plans to appeal the ruling, which comes as it faces additional legal and commercial disputes, contributing to a drop in its London-listed shares. The final compensation amount is expected to be determined during the second and third phases of the trial, scheduled for completion between 2028 and 2029.

This development follows a legal battle that has spanned seven years in UK courts before the Court of Appeal cleared the way for a full trial in 2022, citing the presence of a BHP legal entity headquartered in London at the time of the incident.

India imposes AD duty on HRC imports from Vietnam

India has imposed a five-year antidumping (AD) duty on HRC imported from Vietnam, a government notification said on Thursday, November 14.

The AD levy of \$121.55/mt on imports of hot-rolled flat steel products from Vietnam for five years is aimed at protecting domestic manufacturers from cheap imports, the notification said.

The imposition of the duty was recommended by the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), it said.

In August of this year, the DGTR had recommended an AD levy on hot-rolled flat products of alloy and non-alloy steel imported from Vietnam for five years, but not on clad, plated, or coated products

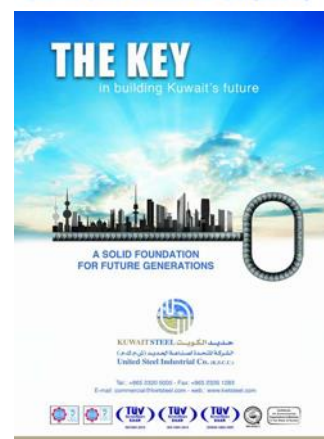
These products are used across core industries, including automotive, oil and gas, capital goods, construction, and engineering. Specifically excluded from the scope of this measure are hot-rolled flat products of stainless steel.

The investigation into dumping was initiated in August 2024 following a petition filed by JSW Steel Limited and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel Limited.

Imports from Vietnam accounted for around 21 percent of total Indian hot-rolled flat product imports, even as the domestic industry maintained adequate capacity to meet national demand, the DGTR said in the investigation report



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China's Economy Slows in October Amid Weak Demand and Deepening Property Crisis

China's economy experienced further slowdown in October, weighed down by weakening consumer demand and the ongoing real estate crisis, in addition to the impact of the long national holiday that affected industrial production.

Data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed that fixed-asset investment — including the property sector — fell by 1.7% in the first ten months of the year, compared with a 0.5% decline between January and September. Analysts surveyed by Reuters had expected a contraction of around 0.8%. This marks the first decline in investment since 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to historical records from Wind Information dating back to 1992.

Industrial Output and Activity Indicators

Industrial output grew by 4.9% in October, down from a 6.5% increase in September, though still surpassing forecasts of 5.5% growth. Meanwhile, manufacturing activity dropped to its lowest level in six months, impacted by a holiday period from October 1 to 8, which led to the shutdown of most factories nationwide.

Retail sales rose 2.9% year-on-year, slightly above expectations of 2.8%, but still below the 3% growth recorded in September. Urban unemployment declined to 5.1%, compared with 5.2% the previous month.

Property Sector, Inflation, and Trade

Qiu Zhang, President and Chief Economist at Pinpoint Asset Management, explained that the sharp drop in fixed-asset investment was mainly driven by weak spending in the real estate and infrastructure sectors.

The consumer price index increased by 0.2% year-on-year — the strongest inflation reading since January and the first positive rise since June. Core inflation, excluding food and energy, climbed 1.2%, its highest level since February 2024.

In external trade, China's exports unexpectedly contracted in October for the first time in nearly two years, as shipments to the United States declined amid escalating trade tensions ahead of a new agreement. Last month, U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed to reduce reciprocal tariffs and suspend a set of restrictive measures for one year.

Despite the mixed signals, Zhang expects Chinese policymakers to refrain from announcing further stimulus measures for the rest of the year, as the economy appears on track to meet the 5% growth target.

China's economic growth slowed to 4.8% in the third quarter, compared with 5.2% in the second quarter and 5.4% in the first.



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Major Chinese Steelmaker Signs Landmark Contract with Primetals Technologies for Two Continuous Slab Casters

Leading Chinese steel producer Hebei Jinxi Iron and Steel Group has placed an order with Primetals Technologies for two continuous slab casters, each with a capacity of 2.5 million tons per year. The order also includes an extensive digitalization package with Level 1 and Level 2 automation systems, ensuring state-of-the-art process control and optimization. The casters will be implemented at Jinxi Steel's plant near Tangshan, Hebei province, with startup scheduled for the end of 2026.

Advanced Slab Casting Technology

Jinxi Steel is making this investment to support its strategic goals of developing advanced, safe, and digitalized facilities focused on producing high-quality electrical steels, particularly high-grade non-oriented electrical steels (NOES) for new energy vehicle (NEV) applications.

The producer selected Primetals Technologies for its advanced slab caster technology, strong market presence, and proven references for 230-millimeter casting thickness. Jinxi Steel has also been pleased with the performance of its beam-blank caster from Primetals Technologies, which has been in operation since mid-2006.

Fast Slab-Width Changes

The new casters will feature a full range of advanced casting solutions. The LevCon system provides automated mold-level control with "autostart" casting functions and auto-adaptive dynamic bulging compensation. Combined with the Mold Expert system for breakout prevention, these technologies minimize downtime and enhance safety.

The DynaWidth mold-width adjustment system, together with the straight cassette-type Smart Mold, allows for fast and smooth slab-width changes. The fully automated DynaGap 3D roll-gap control system, featuring Smart Segments and I-Start rollers in the strand-guiding system, enables dynamic soft reduction for minimized centerline segregation and improved internal strand quality.

Among China's Largest Enterprises

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Key Specifications of Jinxi Steel's New Continuous Slab Casters

- Capacity: 2 × 2.5 million tons per year
- Slab dimensions: 200–230 mm thickness; 800–1,800 mm width
- Steel grades: Low- to high-carbon, low-alloy grades, non-grain-oriented silicon steel, peritectic grades, API grades, high-strength steel, and vessel steel.

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