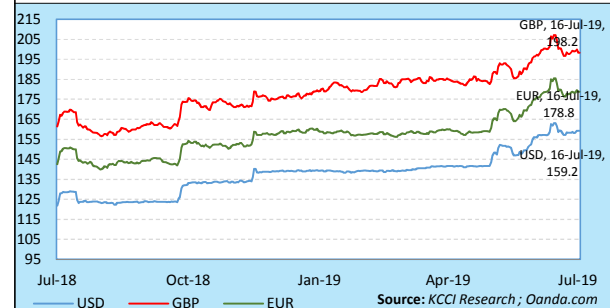


Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	17-Jul	PKR	159.82	-0.15%
USD-Open MKT	17-Jul	PKR	159.80	-0.12%
KSE-100 index	17-Jul	Pts.	32,982	0.03%
FIPI	17-Jul	\$ Mn	0.46	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	17-Jul	\$/bbl	56.39	-2.12%
Gold (MA'19)	17-Jul	\$/oz	1,427.6	1.53%
Gold (10g) Local	17-Jul	PKR	70,800	0.00%
Silver (MA'19)	17-Jul	\$/oz	15.92	2.54%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	17-Jul	PKR	8,895	0.00%
Kibor-6M	17-Jul	%	13.74	0.51%
Forex Reserves	5-Jul	\$ Bn	14.26	-1.27%
	FY19			YoY
Remittances	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	21.84	9.68%
Exports*	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	22.98	-1.00%
Imports*	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	54.80	-9.86%
Trade Balance*	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	-31.82	15.33%
Current Account	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	-13.59	31.71%
Foreign Direct Inv.	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	1.74	-49.96%
LSM Growth*	Jul-Apr 19	%	-3.51	
Avg. CPI	Jul-Jun 19	%	7.34	
Discount Rate	May-19	%	12.25	

Sources: KCCI Research, PMEX, NCCPL, KSE, SBP, PBS*
** Not Meaningful on week;

Major Currencies

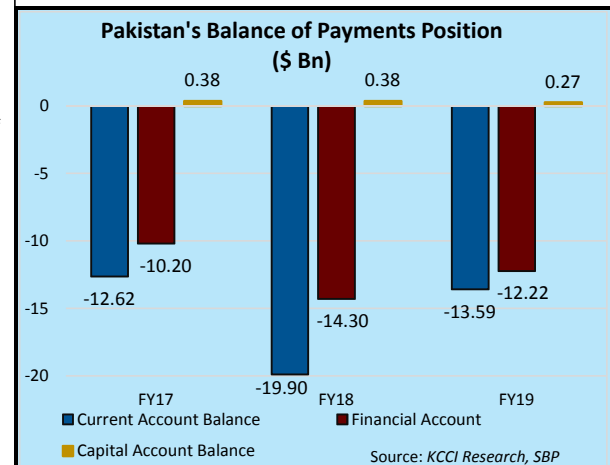


Quote of the Day

"The secret of success is to do the common thing uncommonly well."

John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Chart of the Day



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17 % GST, CNIC condition: Govt. not meeting major demands of businessmen

The govt. is not meeting 2 major demands of the business community - withdrawal of the CNIC condition from unregistered buyers to be effective from 1st Aug'19 and withdrawal of 17% sales tax on local sales of the 5 export-oriented sectors. FBR has only accepted those proposals of the business community which have small revenue implications including: (i) Reduction in additional customs duty on the import of edible oil from 7 to 2%, (ii) cut in withholding tax on transporters from 4% to 3%, (iii) simplified fixed tax scheme for traders, (iv) stocktaking of different sectors on the basis of self-assessment without physical intervention of tax officials, (v) clearance of imported 3rd Schedule items without printing of retail price or affixing stickers for which goods declaration are filed by the importers up to 31st Jul'19, (vi) no sales tax on wheat flour in any form (vii) a new mobile app in English and Urdu languages for business registration of big retailers and distributors. *BR.*

PM Imran says 'it is indispensable to broaden tax net'

PM Imran Khan has stressed upon traders, businessmen and industrialists to come forward and work with the govt. in cohesion for collection of taxes which is a prerequisite for running the country. He said that about 70% of the total tax is paid by 300 companies. He said that the mindset needs to be changed as the country can no longer run on the old patterns. He said that it is indispensable to broaden the tax net. He added that in the past, the people did not trust the FBR due to their bitter experience. The PM declared that he will not bow to the pressure, and budge from the steps as it would amount to disloyalty with the country. *The News.*

Sindh governor assures business community of resolving problems.

Governor Sindh Imran Ismail, while speaking to a delegation of businessmen gave assurance that the govt. is well aware of their problems and making efforts to resolve them on priority bases. The merchants raised the issue of higher rate of WHT on imports of raw material by commercial importers than on imports by industrial importers. They said that this inequality in taxes attracts unscrupulous persons to import the raw materials in the garb of industrial importers and sell it in the open market. They called for equal tax rate on both categories of importers. They also mentioned the pathetic condition of Jodia Bazaar and invited Imran Ismail to visit the area. *BR.*

ECC bans wheat export amid roti price hike

The federal govt. has decided to impose a ban on export of wheat and wheat flour amid rising concern over the price hike trend of roti and other wheat products in wake of low wheat production in the country. During Rabi season FY19, the ministry of national food security and research recorded 24.12Mn tons of wheat production against projected target of 25.5Mn tons. The procured quantity of wheat during this year is also 33% less than the procured quantities of wheat during FY18. *Dawn.*

Pak Suzuki has no plans to cut production

As two leading Japanese vehicle assemblers are in quandary, Pak Suzuki Motor Company (PSMC) has taken its parts suppliers into confidence by assuring them that it will neither cut production nor resort to plant shutdown in Jul-Dec'19. The company would produce over 76,000 units in 2HCY19, compared to 60,000 unites rolled out in the first. *Dawn.*

Current account deficit shrinks 31.7%

Pakistan's current account deficit (CAD) has shrunk by another 31.7% in FY19 according to latest data released by SBP. CAD came in at \$ 13.58Bn compared with \$ 19.89Bn FY18. It has now fallen to 4.8% of GDP for FY19 from 6.3% in FY18. Exports of goods actually shrank by \$ 500Mn from FY18, coming in at \$ 24.21Bn. This is a 2.2% deceleration in exports from a 12.6% acceleration in growth last year. Imports of goods shrank even faster at 7.3% or by \$ 4.15Bn, coming in at \$ 52.43Bn in FY19 compared to \$ 56.59Bn in FY18. *Dawn.*

Huawei to invest \$ 100Mn

Vice President of Huawei Group, Mark Xueman, has said that Huawei would invest total \$ 100Mn in Pakistan during FY20 and set up a regional headquarters in Islamabad at a cost of \$ 55Mn. While talking to Minister for Planning Khusrro Bakhtiyar he said Huawei would also invest another \$ 15Mn in its Technical Support Centre in Pakistan and hire more people for the same, taking number of its staff from 600 to 800 during the year. *Dawn.*

Higher rates boost NSS receipts volume in FY 2018-19: SBP

Owing to higher rates offered on different instruments, the net receipts of National Saving Schemes (NSS) has witnessed considerable growth during FY19. The net receipts of NSS surged to PKR 225.3Bn compared to only PKR 48.7Bn recorded in FY18. *The Nation.*

Overloaded vehicles not to ply on highways, motorways

Over-loaded vehicles will not be allowed to ply on motorways and highways, as the Ministry of Communication has notified implementation of the new Axle Load Regime. National Highway and Motorway Police has planned to depute its staff at each weigh station. KCCI had earlier noted that all stakeholders have rejected the axle load regime as it will surely raise the cost of doing business. *The News.*

Sindh govt., WB to launch PKR 33.6Bn 'Competitive and Liveable City of Karachi' project

The Sindh govt., with the assistance of the World Bank, is going to start a PKR 33.6Bn (\$ 250Mn) 'Competitive and Liveable City of Karachi' (CLICK) project next year and complete it within 5 years. The project is aimed at supporting the KMC and all six district municipal corporations (DMCs), the District Council Karachi and the Excise & Taxation. The Karachi Urban Management Project has been renamed as CLICK. *The News.*

Sindh Infrastructure Development Company to operate Green Line BRT for first three years

After the completion of the Green Line BRT, its operations for first 3 years will be managed by the Sindh Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (SIDCL), a federal govt. organization. In a meeting chaired by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah it was also decided that after running the BRT for 3 years, the SIDCL will transfer the project to the provincial govt. The Green Line project's CEO, Sualeh Farooqui, briefed the meeting about this proposal put forward by PM Imran Khan which the CM approved. He has informed that Green Line would be ready for operation by Mar'20. *The News.*

US Institute of Peace to host PM Imran on 23rd

The US Institute of Peace will host PM Imran Khan on 23rd Jul'19 during his US visit. USIP described PM Imran Khan's first meeting with US President Donald Trump as a crucial step in finding ways to rebuild bilateral relations between the two countries. The White House has confirmed that a meeting between US President Trump and PM Imran Khan will take place on 22nd Jul'19. *The News.*

DFID saga may affect UK's PKR 99Bn aid to Pakistan

The UK's Department for International Development (DFID) has utilized grant assistance of over GBP 1.5Bn for both budgetary support and for undertaking social sector projects in Pakistan during the last 1.5 decade. There is a continuous demand from political quarters within UK that the taxpayers' money utilized for third world countries was 'wasteful expenditures' and should be stopped. The DFID's existing portfolio in Pakistan stands at GBP 700Mn. *The News.*