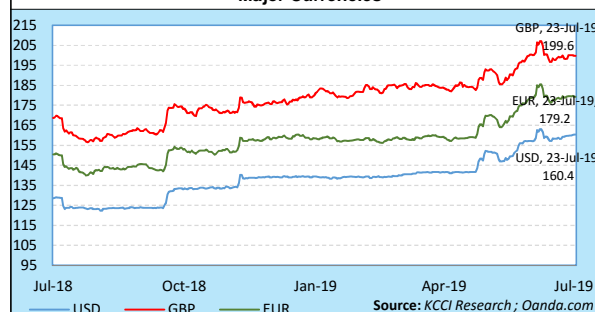


#### Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	23-Jul	PKR	160.59	0.04%
USD-Open MKT	23-Jul	PKR	160.10	-0.12%
KSE-100 index	23-Jul	Pts.	32,716	0.40%
FIPI	23-Jul	\$ Mn	1.37	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	23-Jul	\$/bbl	57.04	1.42%
Gold (MA'19)	23-Jul	\$/oz	1,417.9	-0.51%
Gold (10g) Local	23-Jul	PKR	71,914	0.00%
Silver (MA'19)	23-Jul	\$/oz	16.37	0.52%
Cotton(KHI) -40 kg	23-Jul	PKR	9,163	1.18%
Kibor-6M	23-Jul	%	13.97	0.00%
Forex Reserves	12-Jul	\$ Bn	15.25	6.94%
	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	Jul-19	%	13.25	

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

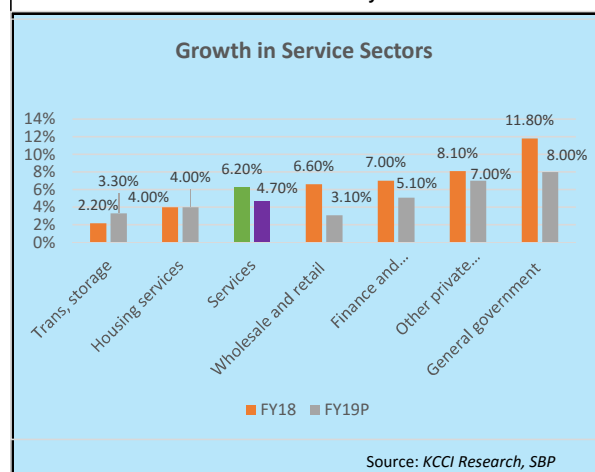
#### Major Currencies



#### Quote of the Day

*"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."*  
**Walt Disney**

#### Chart of the Day



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#### No aid needed: PM

PM Imran Khan has expressed the desire to establish unconditional bilateral relations between Islamabad and Washington based on mutual trust and friendship. PM, while speaking at US Institute of Peace, said that he hated the idea of asking for funds not just from US but from any other country. Because, aid has been one of the biggest curses for my country, what it has done is, it has created the dependency syndrome, he remarked. Countries rise because of self-respect and self-esteem and no country rise by begging for money. *The News.*

#### US may release CSF funding for Pakistan

Ruling out possibility of any rescheduling of foreign debt under Paris Club arrangement with the blessings of USA, Pakistan might see positive movement on release of pending funds of \$ 9Bn from USA in shape of Coalition Support Fund (CSF). But this could only happen if truce in Afghanistan struck successfully as Washington is expecting some positive outcome by Sep'19. Pakistan's Ministry of Finance has incorporated zero funding from USA in shape of reimbursement from CSF during budget FY20. Pakistan had incurred direct and indirect losses to the tune of \$ 126.79Bn equivalent to PKR 10.76Tn from FY02 to FY18. *The News.*

#### US asks Pakistan not to expand ties with Iran

Washington has reportedly cautioned Pakistan on advancing ties with Iran especially trade and economic relations, advising that Islamabad should tap other trade markets including the US which can offer better opportunities. This message was conveyed to Pakistan by US President, Donald Trump during delegation level talks held in Washington. Early this month, Pakistan and Iran held talks on economic cooperation and enhancement of trade relations under the umbrella of Pak-Iran Joint Trade Committee. Pakistan also proposed that the Council of Trade and Investment Framework Agreement should be re-activated so that all the economic issues are discussed properly. *BR.*

#### Shabbar Zaidi briefs ISI on export-oriented sectors

FBR has assured top spy agency of country that rules for release of sales tax refunds would be issued today (24<sup>th</sup> Jul'19) and there would be no liquidity crunch for export-oriented sectors during FY20. FBR Chairman Shabbar Zaidi, along with his team, visited the headquarters of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and extended briefing on abolishing the zero-rating regime for five export oriented sectors. *The News.*

#### Property valuation rates for taxation raised in 20 cities

FBR has revised the valuation tables for taxation of property in 20 cities. For each city, the FBR has issued a separate notification stating that value of immovable properties on the basis of different categories has been revised with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> Jul'19. According to the new rates for Karachi, the value of residential plots (open and built up) has been increased up to 44%, with minimum increase of 8%. *Dawn.*

#### Sindh govt approves technology park

Sindh govt. has approved two mega industrial and business projects for Karachi: one is the establishment of a state of the art technology park in NED University campus and the other is Karachi Marble City. Under the Special Economic Zones Act 2012, both the projects would have the status of SEZ. Thus, investors of both of these projects could avail the facility of ten years income tax exemption as well as custom duty exemption on the import of machinery. The proposed technology zone should complete by 2021 at an estimated cost of PKR 12Bn. *The News.*

#### External debt, liabilities: Net increase slows down in FY19: Hammad

Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Hammad Azhar has said that net increase in total external debt and liabilities was \$ 10Bn in FY19 compared to around \$ 13.3Bn in FY18. Net increase in external public debt stock of Pakistan in FY19 was approximately \$ 2.5Bn against \$ 8.6Bn in FY18. Further External Debt Repayments were \$ 9.1Bn in FY19 against \$ 5.8Bn in FY18. *BR.*

#### 2007-08 to 2015-16: ECC allows rebasing of price statistics

ECC has allowed PBS to publish price statistics with new base 2015-16 with old base 2007-08 for comparative purposes. In the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the technical committee of the governing Council of PBS, it was recommended to change base year for price statistics from 2007-08 to 2015-16 with introduction of Rural Price Index along with urban and National Price Index. *BR.*

#### SITE calls for input tax inadmissibility in stages

Industrialists from Karachi SITE area have proposed that input tax inadmissibility should be made in stages allowing more time to the business community to adapt to the new rules. They said that sudden imposition of this new policy is one of the causes of the stiff resistance being faced by FBR and that a gradual and progressive implementation of the penalty on sales without CNIC will definitely make the whole process more palatable. They called for a stage-wise enforcement of the policy: Input tax inadmissible to the extent of 3% of sales made without CNIC till 30<sup>th</sup> Sept'19; input tax inadmissible to the extent of 5% of sales made without CNIC till 31<sup>st</sup> Dec'19. *BR.*

#### PM's appeal to invest in Diaspora bonds falls flat

PM Imran Khan's 2<sup>nd</sup> major appeal to overseas Pakistanis has also failed to yield desired results as less than 600 expatriates invested a mere \$ 26Mn in Pakistan Banao Certificates. Raising funds from non-resident Pakistanis for current account deficit financing was the govt.'s out-of-the-box solution to debt problem. *Tribune.*

#### Hydel generation surges to record level

WAPDA hydel electricity generation surged to a record level, as its hydel power stations generated 7,591 MW electricity during peak hours of 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul'19. This is the highest-ever hydel power generation in Pakistan, which became possible mainly due to power generation from Tarbela 4<sup>th</sup> Extension and Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Projects. *The News.*

#### FATF compliance unit set up in FIA

FIA has constituted a separate unit to ensure effective and timely compliance of the FATF action plan to curb terror funding. Babar Bakht Qureshi, an officer from the Police Group, has been made director of the FATF task force in the FIA. It will also include officers from grade 20 to 11, who have been picked from different govt. departments. The new FIA unit will have offices in the federal and provincial capitals. *Tribune.*

#### IMF lowers global growth forecasts amid trade, Brexit uncertainties

IMF has lowered its forecast for global growth in 2019 and 2020, warning that further US-China tariffs or a disorderly exit for Britain from the EU could further slow growth, weaken investment and disrupt supply chains. The IMF said downside risks had intensified and it now expects global economic growth of 3.2% in 2019 and 3.5% in 2020, a drop of 0.1% for both years from its Apr'19 forecast, and its fourth downgrade since Oct'18. The IMF slashed its forecast for growth in global trade by 0.9% to 2.5% in 2019. Trade should rebound and grow by 3.7% in 2020, about 0.2% less than previously forecast. *Dawn.*

#### MENA, Afghanistan, Pakistan region: Growth rising to about 3% in 2020: IMF

IMF has said that growth in the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan region is expected to be 1% in 2019, rising to about 3% in 2020. The IMF in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) update stated that the forecast for 2019 is 0.5% point lower than in the April WEO, largely due to the downward revision to the forecast for Iran (owing to the crippling effect of tighter US sanctions). *BR.*