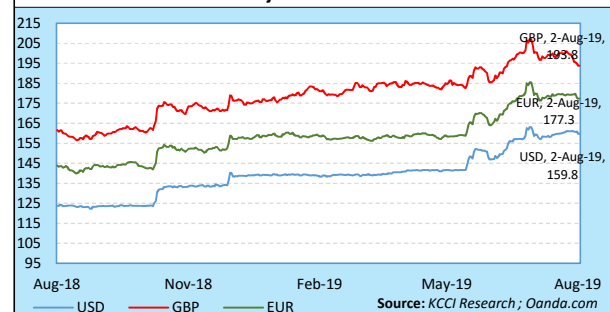


#### Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	2-Aug	PKR	159.12	-0.19%
USD-Open MKT	2-Aug	PKR	159.10	-0.25%
KSE-100 index	2-Aug	Pts.	31,666	-0.54%
FIPI	2-Aug	\$ Mn	-0.12	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	1-Aug	\$/bbl	54.48	-5.96%
Gold (MA'19)	1-Aug	\$/oz	1,448.5	2.18%
Gold (10g) Local	2-Aug	PKR	72,016	1.08%
Silver (MA'19)	1-Aug	\$/oz	16.35	0.31%
Cotton(KHI) -40 kg	2-Aug	PKR	9,002	0.00%
Kibor-6M	2-Aug	%	14.03	0.01%
Forex Reserves	26-Jul	\$ Bn	15.06	-1.23%
	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-May 19	%	-3.50	
Avg. CPI	Jul-19	%	10.34	
Discount Rate	Jul-19	%	13.25	

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

#### Major Currencies

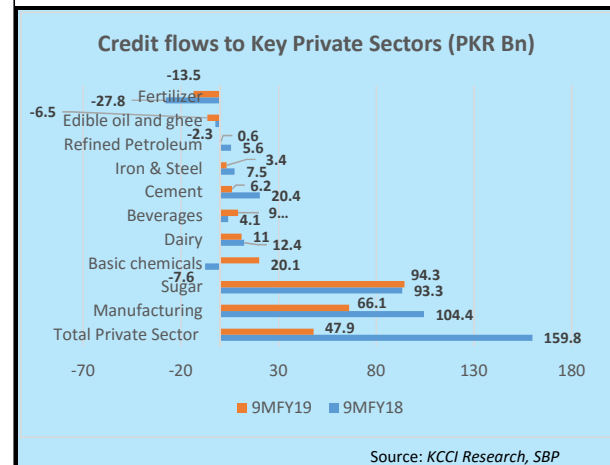


#### Quote of the Day

*“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”*

**Thomas Edison**

#### Chart of the Day



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#### Date for filing of tax returns extended till August 9

After receiving 2.31Mn income tax returns till Fri (2<sup>nd</sup> Aug'19), the FBR has again granted a one week extension for filing of tax returns up to 9<sup>th</sup> Aug'19. Chairman FBR, Shabbar Zaidi, took the decision to grant an extension after getting approval from the federal govt. keeping in view of the collapse of the IT system on the last date of filing. Over 70,000 draft returns are under the process. The FBR has released continuation to circular number 07/2019 stating that the FBR is extending the deadline of filing of income tax returns/statements for TY18 for individuals/AOPs and companies. *The News*.

#### SRB extends date for e-deposit of SST, e-returns

Sindh Revenue Board (SRB) has extended the date for e-deposit of Sindh Sales Tax and e-filing of tax return for the tax period of Jul'19. SRB has permitted the registered persons, including withholding agents covered by the provisions of the Sindh Sales Tax Special Procedure (Withholding) Rules, 2011, to e-deposit the amounts of Sindh Sales Tax on or before 19<sup>th</sup> Aug'19 and to e-file their tax returns on or before 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug'19. *BR*.

#### Traders reject fixed tax regime proposal

Traders have rejected govt.'s proposal of fixed tax regime for small businessmen and merchants, terming it full of discrepancies and against their demands. FBR issued fixed tax draft without consulting business community. Imposition of fixed tax according to area of businesses' premises is absolutely unjustified. This does not cover jewellers, real estate agents, chartered accountants, credit-card machines' holders [in the same vicinity] and only covers small vendors who are already paying taxes on their electricity bills. *Dawn*.

#### Draft of fixed tax regime will be finalized after consultations: FBR chief

FBR Chairman Shabbar Zaidi has said that the proposed draft of fixed tax regime will be finalized after consultations with stakeholders, and added that the FBR's doors are open for the business community for the resolution of their issues. The draft for Small Shopkeepers Scheme under Section 99B of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 has been released for views and comments. *Daily Times*.

#### FBR amends rules for 'resident Pakistani'

FBR has decided to enforce a new taxation regime from FY20 for the Pakistanis who stay abroad for a certain period in a year, ending the possibility of litigation that could affect revenue collection. The new definition of resident Pakistani would take effect from TY20 – the FY20 – according to the FBR's new circular. Now a person will be treated as resident Pakistani and will be liable to pay income tax, if he stays in Pakistan for 4 months – down from 6 months. *Tribune*.

#### Economy likely to grow below 4%: ADB

ADB has said that Pakistan is expected to grow below 4% in 2019 and 2020 as it reins in domestic demand and continues to address macroeconomic imbalances. The ADB in a report "How South Asia can continue as world's fastest growing sub-region" stated that Pakistan and Sri Lanka, have built up persistent and large CAD's, as well as borrowing from overseas to finance infrastructure, in recent years. To meet its balance of payment needs, both have entered an IMF program. The ADB stated that since 2014, South Asia has been the fastest growing sub region in the world, with its eight economies collectively boasting average annual growth of 7%. Strong growth in South Asia has been largely driven by the performance of Bangladesh and India, with growth averaging above 7% in the past 5 years. *BR*.

#### Dawood to explore Korean market

PM's Advisor on Commerce A.Razak Dawood is visiting Korea to tap Korean market for Pakistani businesses and in this context a networking event with selected group of CEOs of member companies of (KOIMA) Korea Importers Association, the largest importers Association with over 8,000 members was arranged in Seoul. KOIMA sends 10 global delegations in a year and it said that it is considering Pakistan as destination for one of the delegations. Korea imports \$ 535Bn goods annually which offer huge potential for Pakistan. A.Razak Dawood stated that Pakistan was ready to facilitate Korean investors and businesses in Pakistan. *BR*.

#### Goods trains charges to be increased by 20%

Pakistan Railways is all set to increase rates of freight trains by 20% following the increase in prices of petroleum products. The increase in freight train fares would be applicable after 10<sup>th</sup> Aug'19. *BR*.

#### Centre to launch 'Clean Karachi' drive on Sunday

The federal govt. has vowed to clean the port city in the next two weeks. The drive to clean Karachi will kick off on 4<sup>th</sup> Aug'19 and will continue for two weeks. Over 15 private companies, celebrities and around 5,000 volunteers have pledged their support for the campaign. KCCI and other trade associations have also extended their support of this drive. Former KCCI president, Siraj Kassam Teli, pointed out that Karachi had been largely ignored in the past, but it was really heartening to see that the incumbent federal govt. was exhibiting the intent and seriousness towards improving the standard of living in the city and paying special attention to the issues faced by its residents. *Tribune*.

#### Discrepancy of up to PKR 24Bn found in tax receipts

At least PKR 10Bn worth of discrepancy has been found between figures reported by the FBR and cash deposited in the treasury, underscoring the need for immediately resolving reconciliation issues that can undermine credibility of official figures. The discrepancy highlights the urgency to establish an online interface between the FBR and the SBP, which has also been recommended by the World Bank in its latest report on Pakistan's financial system. *Tribune*.

#### Minister says laying of Karachi-Peshawar main line tracks to improve PR services

Federal Minister for Railways Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed has said that laying of tracks for Karachi-Peshawar Main Line 1 (ML-1) project can greatly improve railway services in Pakistan. He added that in next 90 days, Pakistan Railways is also going to have new washing lines for trains in Karachi and Lahore. About KCR he said that so far 38 kilometres of the track had been cleaned up with 3 to 4 km still remaining. *Dawn*.

#### PIA suffers PKR 1.8Tn loss in past 11 years

CEO of PIA informed the cabinet that the airline has suffered a loss of PKR 1.8Tn over the past 11 years, mainly during the tenures of the last two govt., which had been in power from 2008-2018. During that period, the PIA management faced political interference, 'unjust' re-routing of flights, and manipulation of activities by trade unions and use of flights by heads of state and govt. *Tribune*.

#### All airlines to establish ticket fares, add-ons in US dollars

International Air Transport Association (IATA) on the request of foreign and local airlines, operating from Pakistan on international routes has decided that all foreign and local airlines, operating from Pakistan on international routes will establish ticket fares and add-ons in US dollars from 12<sup>th</sup> Aug'19, due to swerving rupee devaluation. IATA consolidated Exchange Rate will be considered to convert the USD fare amount to the PKR equivalent on regular basis. *BR*.

#### Trump targets China with tariffs on \$ 300Bn in goods

US President Donald Trump has announced that he will hit China with punitive tariffs on another \$ 300Bn in goods, prompting Beijing to warn that it is the wrong way to resolve the trade war. Trump's move jolted US and Asian stock markets and came just a day after US and Chinese trade negotiators revived talks aimed at ending the year-long dispute. The announcement means that virtually all of the \$ 660Bn in annual trade between the world's two biggest economies will have tariffs on it. *Daily Times*.