

Enforcement of FATF rules: Businesses must stay unfazed, SECP told

The SECP Policy Board has directed the SECP that it must focus on critical areas to control financing of terrorism/money laundering without affecting business activities in the country. The commission must implement the FATF guidelines, but the regulations should be supportive of the business community, it said. The Policy Board further directed the SECP that the documentation requirements for the corporate sector should not be so cumbersome and stringent to lead to the closure of businesses. *BR.*

FBR claims success with tax app

Within two days of its launch, the mobile app for simplified tax returns has received 98 salary returns digitally and thousands of downloads of the app. In terms of submission of salary returns, as many as 1,753 draft returns had been submitted online so far through the app. To overcome many deficiencies, FBR is to launch a second version of the app in a few days. The FBR has also uploaded the new electronic form of return for individuals, salaried individuals and association of persons for TY19 on FBR website after making necessary amendments. The deadline for the submission of returns has been set for 30th Sep'19. *Dawn.*

FDI nosedives 58% in July-August

FDI into the country has plunged by 58.4% to \$ 156.7Mn during 2MFY20. Inflows from China fell to \$ 28.9Mn compared to \$ 216Mn in 2MFY19. UK emerged as the 2nd leading investor in the country, pouring \$ 11.7Mn, followed by UAE with \$ 5.9Mn and Malaysia \$ 5.4Mn. However, Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) rose by a massive 182.8% to \$ 107.3Mn against an outflow of \$ 129.6Mn. *Dawn.*

PM performs groundbreaking of Prefabricating Housing Project

PM Imran Khan has performed groundbreaking of Prefabricating Housing Project to provide affordable houses to the ordinary people in the shortest possible time. The PM said the project will help provide affordable houses. He said that prefabricated houses will be established in big cities like Karachi and Lahore where many people have been residing in shanties and land is extremely expensive there. *BR.*

FBR issues notices to around 115,340 unregistered persons

FBR has issued notices to around 115,340 unregistered persons under Section 114 of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 across the country. Around 20,000 notices have only been issued in Karachi. Broadening of Tax Base (BTB) Karachi has recently issued 250,000 notices on the basis of the data obtained from power and gas companies. *BR.*

Govt. includes three more PSEs in active list of privatization program

The govt. has decided to include 3 more public sector entities including State Life Insurance Corporation as well as Islamabad Electric Supply Company and part of Lahore Electric Supply Company in Active List of Privatization program. *The Nation.*

PTI gov announces incentives for shipping firms

The govt. has announced a new tax incentive policy for Pakistan-based shipping companies to lessen dependence on foreign vessels and help reduce freight cost by around PKR 5Bn paid to the foreign shipping companies. Minister for Maritime Affairs, Ali Zaidi, said that new companies will be exempted from income and sales tax as well as customs duty till 2030. Pakistan flag carriers will be given berths on priority with payment of freight charges in Pakistani PKR instead of USD to minimize reliance on foreign vessels. Along with Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), the new shipping companies will be given equal preference in lifting private sector cargo through a bidding process. *Tribune.*

'SSGC ensuring equitable gas supply in Karachi'

SSGC has categorically dispelled the impression created in the media that a low gas pressure situation has developed over the past several days that has severely impacted the supply of gas, particularly to the industries in Karachi. The fact of the matter is that twice over the last 5 days, the overall supply has been affected due to a reduced supply from two gas fields due to technical reasons. The SSGC managed the load by shutting off supplies to the CNG sector. *The News.*

ECC decides to continue ban on export of wheat, flour

ECC of the Cabinet has decided to propose provincial govt.'s to undertake a fresh stock-taking of wheat in godowns to ensure adequate supplies in the winter season while also deciding to continue ban on export of wheat and flour. Wheat reserves stand at 7.78Mn tons as against 11.37Mn tons same time last year, showing a reduction. The country has produced 24.12Mn tons of wheat against the target of 25.5Mn tons from an area of 8.83Mn hectares during the Rabi season FY19. *The Nation.*

Cotton arrival in local markets decreases 26.41%

Cotton arrival in the local markets decreased by 26.41% as about 1.85Mn cotton bales arrived against the arrival of 2.52Mn bales same period last year. The slow crop arrival in the local markets was mainly attributed to the low pricing trends in the markets, coupled with delay in the announcement of the minimum support prices for the crop by the govt. *The Nation.*

PTA asks Zong to withdraw 5G advertisement

With reference to Zong's recent 5G advertisements in print and electronic media, PTA has informed the public that Zong was only allowed to carry out test and trial of 5G Technology, and has not been authorized to offer commercial mobile services based on 5G technology in Pakistan. To this end, Zong has already been communicated by PTA to withdraw any advertisements that may mislead the public. *Daily Times.*

Section 144 may be imposed against open dumping of waste

Sindh Local Govt minister, Nasir Hussain Shah, has hinted at the possible imposition of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in Karachi to take due penal action against the instances of open dumping of municipal waste on roadsides in the city. He nullified the impression that the upcoming cleanliness drive of Sindh the govt. in Karachi will end in just one month. He clarified that the 1-month deadline has been set for concerned authorities to catch up on the backlog of municipal waste in the city. Every deputy commissioner of Karachi has been given PKR 50Mn for the cleanliness drive. *The News.*

Regulations for exchange traded funds amended

Securities and Exchange Policy Board (SEP) has approved amendments to the Exchange Traded Funds Regulations, which have been revamped to add flexibility for fund managers to appoint separate intermediaries for performing the functions of market maker and authorized participant. The board also approved amendments to Futures Brokers (Licencing and Operations) Regulations 2018. *Dawn.*

Fed cuts key interest rate a quarter point

The US Federal Reserve 's policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee has lowered the policy interest rate by 25 basis points to a target range of 1.75 to 2.0%, and resultantly, has pulled back on half of the four interest rate increases in 2018. *BR.*

ExxonMobil, UGDC ink historic LNG supply deal

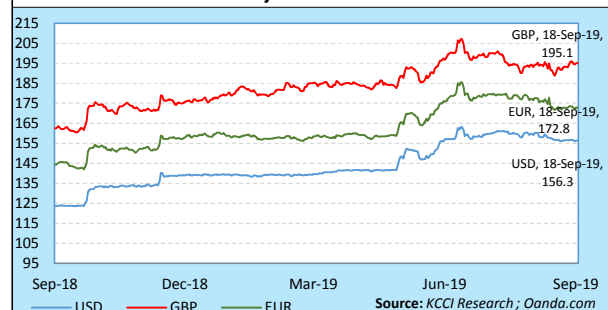
ExxonMobil, the world's largest oil and gas company, and Pakistan's Universal Gas Distribution Company have signed an LNG supply deal under which the first cargo of imported gas by a private company will be arriving in Oct'19. A total of four cargos will be imported in one year. *The Nation.*

Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	18-Sep	PKR	156.25	-0.05%
USD-Open MKT	18-Sep	PKR	155.90	0.03%
KSE-100 index	18-Sep	Pts.	31,555	-1.11%
FIPI	18-Sep	\$ Mn	-0.74	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	18-Sep	\$/bbl	58.24	-0.92%
Gold (MA'19)	18-Sep	\$/oz	1,494.0	-0.55%
Gold (10g) Local	18-Sep	PKR	74,674	-0.17%
Silver (MA'19)	18-Sep	\$/oz	17.70	-1.61%
Cotton(KHI) -40 kg	18-Sep	PKR	9,270	1.77%
Kibor-6M	18-Sep	%	13.93	0.00%
Forex Reserves	6-Sep	\$ Bn	15.75	0.78%
	FY19			YoY
Remittances	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	3.73	-8.35%
Exports*	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	3.69	8.09%
Imports*	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	7.66	-21.74%
Trade Balance*	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	-3.97	37.70%
Current Account	Jul-19	\$ Bn	-0.58	72.82%
Foreign Direct Inv.	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	0.16	-58.42%
LSM Growth*	Jul-Jun 19	%	-3.64	
Avg. CPI	Jul-Aug 19	%	9.44	
Discount Rate	Jul-19	%	13.25	

Sources: KCCI Research, PMEX, NCCPL, KSE, SBP, PBS*
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Major Currencies

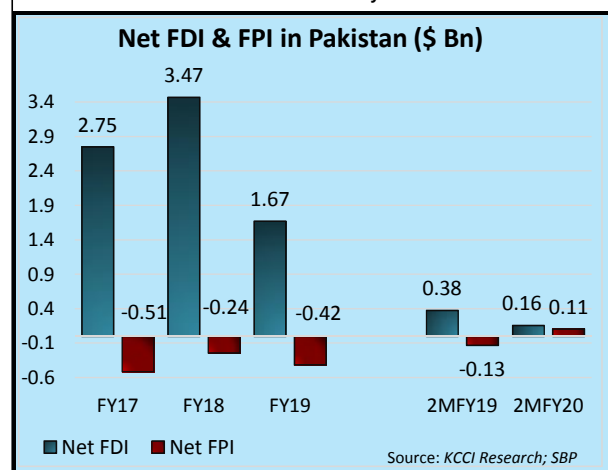


Quote of the Day

"The four most dangerous words in investing are: 'this time it's different.'"

Sir John Templeton

Chart of the Day



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