

FBR eyes dollar transaction details to net hoarders

FBR is all set to ask foreign exchange companies about transactional details of individuals as it wants to bring 'hoarders' into the tax net. FBR will launch a major crackdown in this regard. Leading national agencies, including FBR, SBP and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) have launched an investigation into dollar supplies in the domestic market. FBR has also asked the SBP to provide information of transactions made by exchange companies. *The News*.

PM wants provinces to ensure stability of roti, flour prices

PM Imran Khan has directed the provincial govts to ensure stability of prices of roti (bread) and wheat flour in the provinces so that these essential items are provided to people at affordable rates. PM also emphasised that the authorities concerned should make frequent visits to storages and godowns so that no one could hoard wheat and wheat flour. *Dawn*.

NAB forms committee to address problems of business community

NAB Chairman, Justice (R) Javed Iqbal, has announced a 4-member committee of business community at the federal level in order to address the problems of business community. According to a NAB announcement, NAB is business friendly organization and the chairman has great regard for the business community which is back bone of Pakistan's development and prosperity. *The News*.

FATF conditions: FBR seeks details of trust funds from all banks

In order to ensure compliance on FATF requirements, FBR Chairman Shabbar Zaidi has written letters to all banks and sought details of trust funds along with identification of persons involved in such activities. FATF, under its 27 action plan, has asked Pakistan to regulate non-profit organizations, trusts and other activities undertaken on name of welfare so scrutiny of all those is requirement for compliance under the FATF review conditions. Pakistan has already taken different steps to avoid blacklist in the upcoming review meeting of FATF scheduled to take place in Oct'19 in Paris. *The News*.

KE signs \$ 50Mn loan pact

K-Electric has signed a \$ 50Mn loan agreement with Standard Chartered Bank, supported by GuarantCo, to undertake upgradation of power infrastructure including the installation of theft-resistant Aerial Bundled Cable (ABC) as well as smart grid solutions. GuarantCo, through the Private Infrastructure Development Group Technical Assistance Facility, will provide \$ 185,000 grant to co-finance the awareness and capacity building workshops to reduce safety risks and technical/non-technical losses in KE's transmission network. *Dawn*.

Sub-committee of NA body's conclusion: fiscal, monetary policies fuelling inflation

The gov't's economic policies, both fiscal and monetary, are fuelling inflation in the country and there is urgent need to minimize expansion of monetary policy, reduce policy rate and stabilize exchange rate to tame inflation in the country. This was the gist of the deliberations of sub-committee of NA Standing Committee on Finance. The committee recommended: indirect taxes on consumer items should be removed to reduce inflation; to address the inefficiency and mismanagement in energy sector instead of passing on the burden to the consumers through tariff; to adopt real austerity measures, as monetary expansion is the biggest contributor to inflation, and rationalize but not reducing the development budget; to reduce the policy rate to give signal that economy is getting better, reduce the debt servicing cost and eventually contribute to lowering inflation and increasing economic activity; to reduce the fiscal deficit; and to reduce exchange rate. *BR*.

Failure to meet collection target, reduce stock of refund arrears: Pakistan to seek IMF's waivers

Pakistan will have to seek waivers from the IMF's Executive Board on missing out 2 performance and indicative targets related to the FBR's collection target and reducing stock of refund arrears for Sep'19. In order to build up foreign currency reserves and materialize Net International Reserves (NIR) up to the desired target under the IMF program through "hot money" from abroad, the gov't. has lured \$ 328Mn through foreign investors for investing into gov't. bonds and treasury bills at a higher interest rates of over 14%. However, the gov't. is also finding it hard to meet the third indicative target to curtail the monster of circular debt to PKR 23Bn. *The News*.

Federal cabinet approves Pakistan's first e-commerce policy

The federal gov't. has approved Pakistan's first e-commerce policy. PM Imran has said that e-commerce plays a pivotal role in the development of a country and is a source of employment for the youth. He said that the policy will help increase exports, strengthen digital economy and enable PayPak to process card-not-present (CNP) transactions domestically and internationally for online businesses. The possibility of co-badging of PayPak with international card payment solution providers will be explored by the SBP. *Tribune*.

Electricity tariff increased by 53 paise per unit

The gov't. has increased electricity tariff by 53 paise per unit for all distribution companies of Wapda to generate about PKR 53Bn additional revenue over a period of one year. The increased electricity rates are effective from 1st Oct'19 and will remain in place until 30th Sep'20. The increase in tariff would not be applicable to consumers using less than 300 units per month and to consumers of K-Electric. *Dawn*.

Gwadar Port opens for transit trade

Gwadar Port has been opened for transit trade and the first ship in this regard is set to arrive next week. Gwadar Port's main competitors would be Singapore and Dubai ports, since incentives such as no cargo demurrage charges and three months storage facility would surely divert business to Gwadar. *Dawn*.

'No chance of mini-budget at this stage'

Chairman FBR Shabbar Zaidi has said that there is no chance of mini-budget at this stage and the gov't. is not considering any raise in the standard rate of GST from 17 to 18%. He said FBR is ready to extend period up to 1-2 months for not taking any adverse action against the traders for not submitting the CNICs of the un-registered buyers. *BR*.

Everyone seems helpless before mafias in Karachi: SC

The Supreme Court, while hearing a case pertaining to murder of social worker Parveen Rehman, remarked that seemingly everyone was helpless before land and water mafias in Karachi. It asked as to what the law enforcement agencies have been doing as six years had gone by already and the alleged perpetrators from land and water mafia haven't been brought to justice. The court granted the police two months to wrap up investigation and directed them to submit an interim report in three weeks. *The Nation*.

Middle East emerges as top importer of Pak mangoes in 2019

The Middle East remained the top export destination for Pakistani mangoes, accounting for over 70% of the share of total mango exports this year. The production of mangoes rose in 2019 to 1.5Mn tons, worth a reported \$ 80Mn, up from 1.3Mn in 2018. UAE topped the table, with 32,500 tons of Pakistani mangoes exported to the country. Iran came in 2nd with 28,000 tons. Oman was another big market with 13,500 tons. The mangoes exported to Saudi Arabia remained at 3,700 tons. Better production and aggressive marketing coupled with promotions in the Gulf countries under the joint sponsorship of Pakistani foreign missions, had helped achieve the mango export target for the season. *The Nation*.

WTO cuts outlook for global trade growth to lowest in a decade

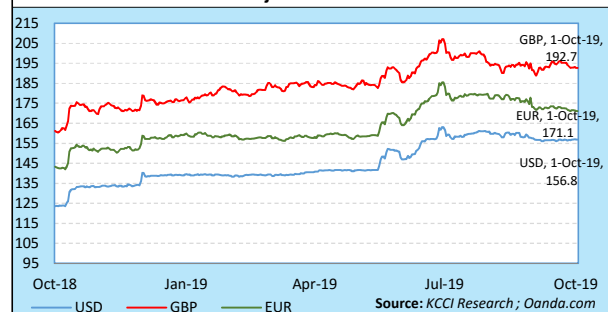
The World Trade Organization has cut its 2019 global trade growth forecast to 1.2%, a sharp downgrade on the 2.6% rise predicted in Apr'19, which the body blamed on escalating trade tensions. WTO director general, Roberto Azevedo, said that the darkening outlook for trade is discouraging but not unexpected. *Tribune*.

Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	1-Oct	PKR	156.36	0.00%
USD-Open MKT	1-Oct	PKR	155.90	0.00%
KSE-100 index	1-Oct	Pts.	32,254	0.55%
FIPI	1-Oct	\$ Mn	0.48	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	1-Oct	\$/bbl	53.93	-0.68%
Gold (MA'19)	1-Oct	\$/oz	1,482.7	0.51%
Gold (10g) Local	1-Oct	PKR	73,645	-1.26%
Silver (MA'19)	1-Oct	\$/oz	17.26	1.40%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	1-Oct	PKR	9,324	0.00%
Kibor-6M	1-Oct	%	13.90	0.00%
Forex Reserves	20-Sep	\$ Bn	15.77	-0.79%
	FY20			YoY
Remittances	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	3.73	-8.35%
Exports*	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	3.75	10.06%
Imports*	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	7.68	-21.56%
Trade Balance*	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	-3.92	38.47%
Current Account	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	-1.29	54.67%
Foreign Direct Inv.	Jul-Aug 19	\$ Bn	0.16	-58.42%
LSM Growth*	Jul-19	%	-3.28	
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

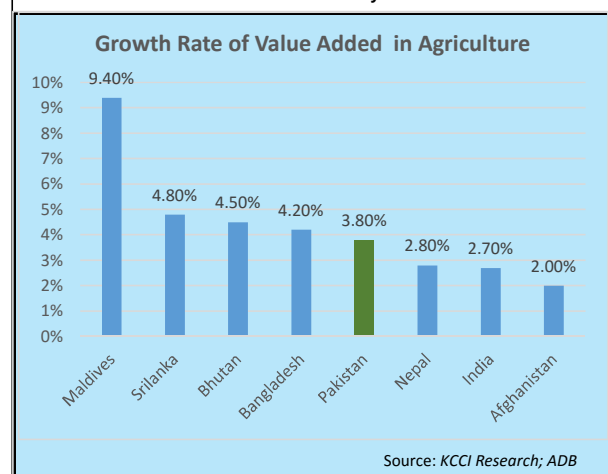


Quote of the Day

"You will be defined not just by what you achieve, but how you survive."

Sheryl Sandberg

Chart of the Day



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