

### Economic turnaround has begun to appear

Advisor on Finance A.Hafeez Shaikh has said that the tough decisions the govt. had taken have begun to bear fruit as it successfully controlled the soaring budget and trade deficits during 1QFY20. He said that trade deficit has narrowed by over 34% to \$ 5.7Bn in 1QFY20 from \$ 9Bn in 1QFY19. He informed that govt. has also controlled the budget deficit of the country at PKR 476Bn in 1QFY20, which was PKR 738Bn in 1QFY19. Tax collection has also recorded by 16%. Similarly, the govt. has neither borrowed from the SBP, adding that no borrowing from SBP would help in reducing the inflation rate. Shaikh said that the confidence of foreign investors in Pakistan's economy was also increasing as there has been an additional \$ 340Mn net portfolio investment. *The Nation-Sun.*

### Economy stagnating amid big deficit, low reserves: WB

The WB has said that Pakistan's economy is slowing as it faces yet another macroeconomic crisis due to high twin deficits and low foreign reserves. In the latest edition of its report titled 'South Asia Focus: Making (De)centralisation Work', it noted that with an IMF stabilization programme in place, the country's economic growth is expected to remain low in the near term. Inflation is expected to increase in FY20 to 13% but it will start declining afterwards. The report said the country's commercial banks would remain well-capitalised. However, increasing public sector demand for credit, mainly federal govt. borrowing, and rising interest rates are expected to crowd out private credit in the near-term. *Dawn-Mon.*

### City's remaining trash backlog to be cleared by Oct 21, says CM

Sindh CM Muran Ali Shah has said that after concluding his garbage lifting campaign in Karachi, he will make it sustainable and then focus on the city's sewerage system and the reconstruction of its broken roads. He said that he had started his campaign to clean the city on 21<sup>st</sup> Sep'19, and so far more than 282,000 tons of garbage backlog has been cleared. In other words, 70% of the backlog has been cleared, and the remaining will be cleared by 21<sup>st</sup> Oct'19. *The News-Mon.*

### Govt. to launch adopt-a-park plan in Karachi

Sindh Chief Secretary Mumtaz Ali Shah has said that the provincial govt. has to work fast to restore 138 parks in the city which have been recently cleared of encroachments, otherwise their land could once again be encroached upon by anti-social elements. He said that the regime of public-private partnership will be utilized to restore the parks. The govt. will engage well-reputed educational institutions, non-govt.al and community-based organizations, and private entities to restore the parks and later to have a surveillance system on them to secure the land against any attempt to encroach. *The News-Sun.*

### Members of C40 mayors assure to improve Karachi's environmental conditions

Members of C40 global Mayors organisation have assured Mayor Karachi Wasim Akhtar of their technical and financial support to deal with climate changes and improve environmental conditions in the city. The Mayor Karachi gave a detailed speech at the 17<sup>th</sup> C40 World Mayors Summit. *BR-Mon.*

### Export data to be critically examined today

Advisor on Commerce Abdul Razak Dawood has convened a 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of SBP, FBR and PBS today (14<sup>th</sup> Oct'19) to review the definition of export data aimed, at including exports from SEZs in the final figures. There is a discrepancy of \$ 300Mn in the export figures of Sep'19 which has disturbed the Commerce Advisor and he wants to remove this inconsistency in trade figures. *BR-Mon.*

### Team leaves for Paris to attend FATF meeting

A Pakistani delegation has flown to Paris to attend FATF Plenary meeting that would take up Pakistan's progress on Anti-Money Laundering (AML)/ Combating Financing of Terrorism (CFT) today (14<sup>th</sup> Oct'19). Representatives from 205 countries and jurisdictions around the world, the IMF, UN and World Bank would be meeting for FATF week. *BR-Mon.*

### Pakistan Citizen Portal: PM warns against negligence in handling complaints

PM Imran Khan has cautioned that negligence will not be tolerated in the resolution of public complaints on the Pakistan Citizen Portal. He has directed the authorities concerned at the federal and provincial level to ensure that decisions with regard to resolution or to drop a complaint shall be backed by requisite approval from the competent authority. In case, no formal authorization is granted to any complaint dealing officer/official or handler, it will be presumed to have been granted and administrative head of the organization concerned shall be held responsible for the resolution processes. *The News-Sun.*

### 'Ultimate beneficial ownership': SECP speaks about 'complex' legal structures challenge

SECP has apprehended that complex legal structures may be used to hide the ultimate beneficial ownership by splitting shareholdings below prescribed control level thresholds (10%). SECP further disclosed that the Asset Management Companies & Collective Investment Schemes are medium-high vulnerable to money laundering. 98% of the active customer accounts in the asset management sector belong to individuals/natural persons. *BR-Mon.*

### Work on CPEC's western route to be expedited

Joint Working Group of China and Pakistan on Infrastructure Development has decided to expedite work on the western route of CPEC. The Joint Working Group has signed a MoU for transport infrastructure development. Under CPEC's 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, around 1,270km highways would be constructed and the roads from Gilgit to Chitral, Dera Ismail Khan-Zhob, Peshawar-Dera Ismail Khan and Swat Expressway Phase-II would also be developed. *Dawn-Sun.*

### Pakistan, Turkey to sign agreement on medical care

With the restriction on visas by India for Pakistani patients, Pakistan is now looking at Turkey for affordable healthcare for which an agreement is to be signed during Turkish president's upcoming visit. Turkey will facilitate Pakistani patients to receive medical treatment at the same price as Turkish citizens in their hospitals. Govt. will also negotiate for concessions to Pakistani citizens as they will also be incurring travelling costs. *Dawn-Mon.*

### National Medicine Policy to be announced next month: Zafar Mirza

Special Assistant on Health Dr Zafar Mirza has revealed that the long-awaited National Medicine Policy will be announced by end of Nov'19. The policy will regulate the pharmaceutical industry and help in controlling the prices of drugs. *The Nation-Sat.*

### Companies' welcome US-China trade truce but disputes remain

Companies have welcomed a US-Chinese trade truce as a possible step toward breaking a deadlock in a 15-month-old tariff war, while economists caution there was little progress toward settling core disputes including technology that threaten global growth. President Donald Trump said Washington will suspend a tariff hike planned on \$ 250Bn of Chinese goods. In exchange, Trump said, China agreed to buy as much as \$ 50Bn of American farm goods. *Daily Times-Sun.*

### Prince William and Princess Kate arrive today

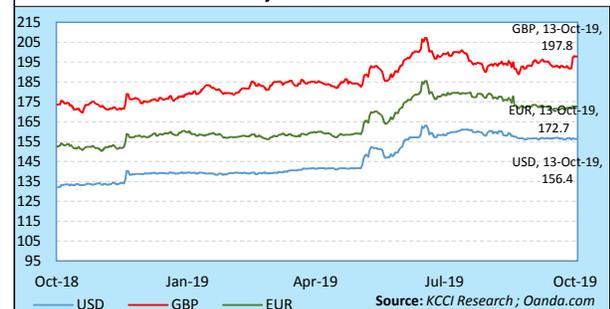
British Prince William and his wife Kate, are due to arrive in Islamabad today (14<sup>th</sup> Oct'19), on an official visit expected to repair Pakistan's international image. The trip will be the first of its kind undertaken by any member of the British royal family in 13 years. *The News-Mon.*

### Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	11-Oct	PKR	156.07	-0.07%
USD-Open MKT	11-Oct	PKR	155.80	-0.06%
KSE-100 index	11-Oct	Pts.	34,476	1.32%
FIPI	11-Oct	\$ Mn	0.58	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	11-Oct	\$/bbl	54.82	1.69%
Gold (MA'19)	11-Oct	\$/oz	1,487.6	-0.41%
Gold (10g) Local	11-Oct	PKR	74,228	-1.00%
Silver (MA'19)	11-Oct	\$/oz	17.51	0.13%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	11-Oct	PKR	9,548	0.00%
Kibor-6M	11-Oct	%	13.64	-0.03%
Forex Reserves	4-Oct	\$ Bn	14.99	-0.07%
	FY20			YoY
Remittances	Jul-Sep 19	\$ Bn	5.48	-1.43%
Exports*	Jul-Sep 19	\$ Bn	5.52	2.75%
Imports*	Jul-Sep 19	\$ Bn	11.25	-20.59%
Trade Balance*	Jul-Sep 19	\$ Bn	-5.73	34.85%
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-Sep 19	%	10.08	
Discount Rate	Jul-19	%	13.25	

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

### Major Currencies

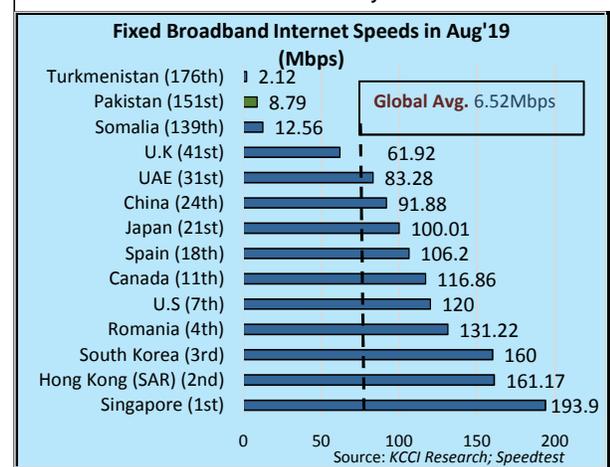


### Quote of the Day

*"Failure defeats losers, failure inspires winners."*

**Robert T. Kiyosaki**

### Chart of the Day



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