

Govt constitutes 3 members committee to address anomalies in Finance Bill 2020

An Anomaly Redressal Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Advisor on Commerce and will include Minister of Industries and Chairman FBR. The ministry of commerce has requested all stakeholders to give their feedback on the draft of Finance Bill 2020 latest by 17th Jun'20 to the Tariff Policy Wing, Ministry of Commerce. The feedback received from stakeholders would be examined by the committee for its incorporation or otherwise in the Finance. *The Nation*.

Federal government allocates funds for various schemes in Karachi

The federal govt. has allocated funds for various schemes in water, road, transport and sewerage in Karachi in the FY21 budget. In PSDP, the govt. has allocated PKR 3Bn for the Greenline Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) and PKR 384Mn for rehabilitation of existing fire-fighting system of the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation. PKR 2.36Bn has been earmarked for the Greater Karachi Water Supply Scheme (K-IV). *BR*.

Senate defers budget debate till Wednesday

Opposition lawmakers in the Senate described the proposed federal budget as a document "made in some other planet" as the chairman of the upper house of parliament deferred the budget debate till Wed (17th Jun'20) due to absence of any official of the FBR. Responding to the opposition's comments, Leader of the House said that the budget document does not merely contain figures, it has a complete roadmap for future progress. *Tribune*.

FBR graft causing PKR 1Tn loss, minister tells Senate

As the govt. came under fire in the Senate for presenting what the opposition called an unrealistic budget, federal Minister for Narcotics Control has said that corruption and incompetence of the FBR was causing around PKR 1Tn revenue loss to the exchequer. *Dawn*.

Private equity, venture capital fund management services: Registration mandatory for anyone to be engaged in business

SECP has made registration mandatory for anyone to be engaged in business of private equity and venture capital fund management services. SECP has amended Private Funds Regulations, 2015 through SRO 545 (I)/2020.

Banking sector to remain resilient to COVID-19: State Bank

SBP has exuded confidence over liquidity strength of banking sector to keep up its stability amid the COVID-19 crisis. In its financial stability review 2019 report, it said that earnings of the banking sector surged 14.3% to PKR 170Bn in CY2019, a turnaround after the contraction of the previous few years. It added that the performance of the Islamic banking institutions also remained remarkable as not only did their assets surge by 23.52% but their profitability also increased, bolstering the overall earnings of the banking sector last year. *The News*.

Taxpayers barred from revising wealth statement after disclosure

The govt. has abolished 'usual' relaxation given to taxpayers to revise the wealth disclosure even years after its filing, according to the people familiar with the finance bill. It was proposed through the Finance Bill, 2020 that taxpayers should not be allowed to revise their wealth statement after 5 years of filing declaration. *The News*.

'Branding Pakistani mangoes vital for increasing exports'

National Assembly Special Committee on Agriculture has recommended an increase in the number of days per week and extended hours to facilitate export of mangoes to Iran. Currently Pak-Iran border is open only three days a week and for limited hours which is jeopardizing Pakistan's mango exports to Iran. *Dawn*.

Afghan traders decry curbs on imports by Pakistan

Afghan traders claim restrictions on import of fresh fruits and vegetables by Pakistan have caused them huge losses. Exports from Afghanistan, mainly perishable agricultural products, have been barred from entering Pakistan amid the coronavirus outbreak since Mar'20 costing Afghan traders losses worth more than \$ 100Mn. Hundreds of trucks loaded with fresh fruits and vegetables destined for Pakistan and then India remain stranded at the main Chaman and Torkham crossing points for months. *Tribune*.

No relief to masses despite Sindh govt's tall claims

After much hype, the provincial govt. introduced the Sindh Covid-19 Emergency Relief Ordinance, 2020, to provide relief to the masses in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Despite making tall claims, however, the law could not be implemented and remains confined to paper. The ordinance was approved by the Sindh Cabinet and was promulgated by Sindh Governor Imran Ismail. *Tribune*.

Punjab unveils PKR 2.24Tn tax-free, pro-business budget

The Punjab govt. has presented the budget for FY21 with a total outlay of PKR 2.24Tn. The budget includes a PKR 188Bn tax relief package for the business community. Tax relief package will also be given to different sectors PKR 56Bn are related to. The GST on health insurance, consultancy fee of doctors and hospitals is proposed at zero %. The services tax is decreased from 16% to 5% on small hotels, guest houses, marriage halls, catering, property dealers, and photography and parking sectors. The property tax can now be paid in two installments FY21. *Daily Times*.

NCOC identifies 20 cities across Pakistan with Covid-19 hotspots

The National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) has said that a total of 20 cities across Pakistan have been identified that includes Karachi as having likely increased in ratio or speed of infection which needs restrictive measures for containment of Covid-19. *Daily Times*.

Spend more, keep receipts: IMF chief

IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva has said that a key lesson from the 2008 global financial crisis was that govts. should not remove stimulus measures too soon. She asked to spend as much as you can. But keep the receipts. She warned not to withdraw support too quickly as done after the global financial crisis and had unintended negative consequences for quite some time. *BR*.

Careem becomes Super App

Careem, which is an internet platform for a rapidly growing region extending from Morocco to Pakistan is now the region's first everyday Super App. Careem would now provide multiple services alongside its core business of ride hailing and will now offer services across three areas: Mobility of People, Mobility of Things and Mobility of Money. *The News*.

SECP provides relief via NBMFCs

SECP has said that it has extended relief to 932,862 individuals and micro-enterprises, who borrowed over PKR 17Bn from non-bank microfinance companies (NBMFCs), as reported on 31st May'20. SECP had relaxed the regulatory requirements for non-bank finance sector, allowing them to defer or reschedule the loan repayments to their borrowers. It was part of SECP's efforts to provide relief for mitigating adverse effects of COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing lockdowns. *The News*.

Govt to only provide subsidy on phosphate, potassium products

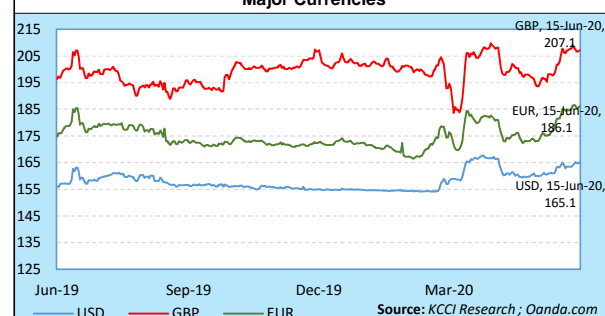
A high level meeting has agreed that subsidy should only be provided on phosphate and potassium products, and not on urea, to promote use of balanced nutrients for greater yield improvement in crops. It was also agreed that subsidy will be provided directly to the farmers via sticker-based mechanism and no other option of price reduction will be considered. The meeting was also attended by representatives from the provincial govt.'s, fertilizer industry and key dealers. *The Nation*.

Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	15-Jun	PKR	164.65	0.24%
USD-Open MKT	15-Jun	PKR	162.25	-1.67%
KSE-100 index	15-Jun	Pts.	33,825	-2.27%
FIPI	15-Jun	\$ Mn	1.09	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	15-Jun	\$/bbl	36.52	1.50%
Gold (MA'19)	15-Jun	\$/oz	1,733.4	0.21%
Gold (10g) Local	15-Jun	PKR	91,820	0.02%
Silver (MA'19)	15-Jun	\$/oz	17.60	-0.89%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	15-Jun	PKR	9,752	5.80%
Kibor-6M	15-Jun	%	7.94	-0.01%
Forex Reserves	5-Jun	\$ Bn	16.71	-1.27%
	FY20			YoY
Remittances	Jul-May 20	\$ Bn	20.65	2.74%
Exports*	Jul-May 20	\$ Bn	19.80	-6.87%
Imports*	Jul-May 20	\$ Bn	40.85	-18.96%
Trade Balance*	Jul-May 20	\$ Bn	-21.06	27.77%
Current Account	Jul-Apr 20	\$ Bn	-3.34	70.80%
Foreign Direct Inv.	Jul-Apr 20	\$ Bn	2.28	126.78%
LSM Growth*	Jul-Mar 20	%	-5.40	
Avg. CPI	Jul-May 20	%	10.94	
Discount Rate	Jun-20	%	8.00	

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

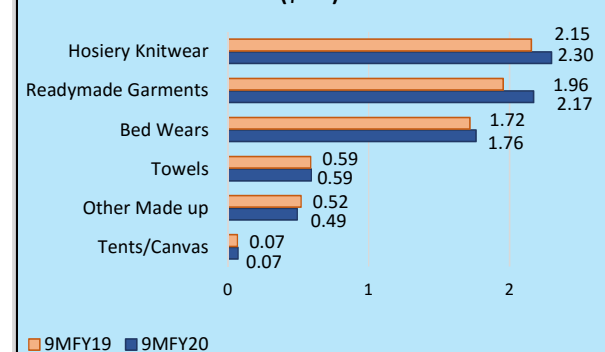


Quote of the Day

"Be undeniably good. No marketing effort or social media buzzword can be a substitute for that."

Anthony Volodkin

Pakistan's Export of Textile Made-Ups (\$ Bn)



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