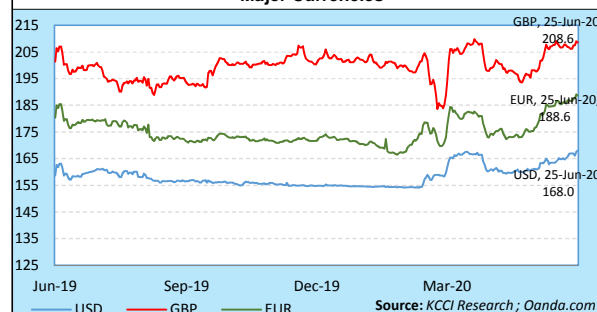


#### Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	25-Jun	PKR	167.36	0.00%
USD-Open MKT	25-Jun	PKR	167.50	-0.59%
KSE-100 index	25-Jun	Pts.	33,710	-0.95%
FIPI	25-Jun	\$ Mn	-2.16	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	25-Jun	\$/bbl	37.98	-5.71%
Gold (MA'19)	25-Jun	\$/oz	1,766.8	-0.64%
Gold (10g) Local	25-Jun	PKR	95,170	0.00%
Silver (MA'19)	25-Jun	\$/oz	17.58	-3.02%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	25-Jun	PKR	8,574	0.00%
Kibor-6M	25-Jun	%	7.69	-0.01%
Forex Reserves	19-Jun	\$ Bn	16.73	-0.30%
	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-May 20	\$ Bn	-3.29	73.60%
Foreign Direct Inv.	Jul-May 20	\$ Bn	2.40	90.60%
LSM Growth*	Jul-Apr 20	%	-8.96	
Avg. CPI	Jul-May 20	%	10.94	
Discount Rate	Jun-20	%	8.00	

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

#### Major Currencies

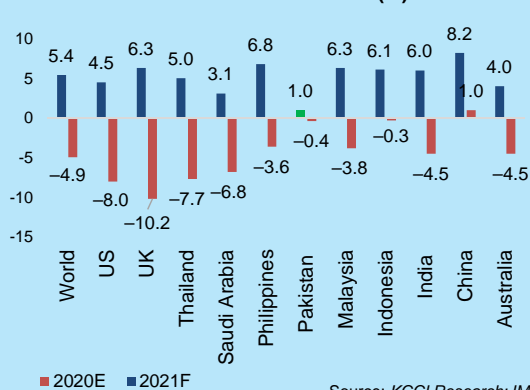


#### Quote of the Day

*"If You Are Working On Something That You Really Care About, You Don't Have To Be Pushed. The Vision Pulls You."*

**Steve Jobs**

#### Revised Real GDP Forecast of Selected Economies 2020 and 2021 (%)



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#### 'Safety Comes First' exhibition: Businesses dealing with Covid-19-related accessories told to contact KCCI

President KCCI Agha Shahab Ahmed Khan has advised the manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, importers and exporters of essential COVID-19-related accessories to contact the KCCI as soon as possible so that their details could be shared with the Ministry of Industries which plans to hold an important exhibition titled "Safety Comes First". The exhibition will be held in the 1st week of Jul'20 in Islamabad to showcase the country's potential and the efforts being made by the local manufacturers on this front to fight this pandemic," he said. *BR.*

#### SBP cuts policy rate by 100bps to 7%

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of SBP, in its emergent meeting, has decided to further cut the key policy rate by 100bps to 7% aimed to address the domestic economic slowdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. *BR.*

#### Companies Act: 'Unpaid Dividend Account' introduced

A new provision, "Unpaid Dividend Account" has been introduced in the Companies Act, which now requires companies to deposit unpaid or unclaimed amount to a separate profit bearing account and profit over, which shall be used for Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives, and specified purposes by the SECP. *BR.*

#### Textiles sector: Razak announces PKR 6.2Bn release under DLTL

Adviser on Commerce Razak Dawood has announced to release an additional grant PKR 6.2Bn for the textiles sector under the Drawback of Local Taxes and Levy (DLTL) scheme. He said the cumulative amount PKR 51.2Bn had been released under this head in FY20. He said that for non-textiles sector, the DLTL is in progress. *BR.*

#### SSGC seeks price increase, enrages industry

Despite a 26% reduction in its cost of gas, SSGC has sought about PKR 38/unit (6%) increase in prices which was vehemently opposed by more than a dozen industrial and trade associations, making a case for at least 30% reduction to stimulate the economy. *Dawn.*

#### Shortage of oxygen for corona patients: PKR 20Bn package approved for oxygen manufacturers

Keeping in view the increasing number of Covid-19 affected patients and death toll across the country, the govt. has extended a huge package of incentives worth PKR 20Bn to oxygen manufacturers to ensure uninterrupted supply of oxygen gas and its cylinders at affordable rates. Among other things under the package, the ECC has approved electricity tariff at par with the tariff fixed for export-oriented industry for 3 months and more importantly they will be allowed to import oxygen and oxygen cylinders at the maximum in 3 months. 3% customs duty, 17% GST and WHT have also been abolished on import of oxygen gas. *The News.*

#### Share transfer to SEP: PC brokering arbitration agreement

Privatisation Commission (PC) is said to be brokering an arbitration agreement between the parties for smooth transfer of 66.4% shares of Karachi Electric (KE) from M/s Abraaj Group to Shanghai Electric Power (SEP) of China. A deal of \$ 1.77Bn between SEP and M/s Abraaj Group was halted due to dispute on stock and payment mechanism of receivables and payables. *BR.*

#### Debt Service Suspension Initiative: Pakistan can save \$ 2.705Bn owed to creditors: WB

Pakistan could save \$ 2.705Bn owed to creditors under the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI), according to estimates published by the World Bank (WB). The world's poorest countries could save around \$ 11.54Bn owed to sovereign and other creditors through their participation in the debt-relief programme. *BR.*

#### Government presents PKR 14.73Tn charged expenditure in NA

The federal govt. has presented a total of PKR 14.73Tn charged expenditure included in demands for grants and appropriations for the financial year ending on 30<sup>th</sup> Jun'21, in the National Assembly for discussion. According to details, a total of PKR 10.1Tn is repayment of domestic debt, PKR 2.63Tn servicing of domestic debt, PKR 1.22Tn foreign loans repayment, PKR 315.14Bn servicing of foreign debt, PKR 183.69Bn repayment of short-term foreign credits, and PKR 229.74Bn external development loans and advances by the federal govt. *BR.*

#### ECC abolishes duties on items prone to smuggling

Govt. has decided to abolish regulatory duties on smuggling-prone products including fabric, sanitary ware, LED/TVs, padlocks, blanket and electrodes in the country. Smuggled goods happen to meet more than half of the consumer demand for petroleum, tea, mobile phones, auto parts, and other major products in the country, upending govt.'s revenue collection efforts and keeping industrial investments at bay. *The News.*

#### IMF warns markets at risk of correction after run-up

IMF has warned that recent gains in global financial markets despite the coronavirus downturn's 'huge' economic uncertainties are a potential threat to the recovery if investors abruptly change their minds. In its latest Global Financial Stability Report, it warned of the dangers lurking in the future from the flood of "unconventional" policies that have left the global economy awash in easy money. The IMF now projects the global economy will contract by 4.9% this year. *The News.*

#### PM hails accord on \$ 2.4Bn hydel project

A tripartite agreement has been signed between a Chinese company and the govts. of Pakistan and China for the construction of a 1,124-MW hydropower project at Kohala on the Jhelum river at a cost of \$ 2.4Bn. The accord represents the largest power sector investment by an independent power producer (IPP). The project, a part of CPEC, has been awarded to Kohala Hydropower Company (KHCL), which is a subsidiary of China's Three Gorges Corporation (CTGC). *Dawn.*

#### Citizens continue to suffer due to power cuts as KE, SSGC argue over gas supply

The patience of Karachiites is wearing thin due to intermittent but incessant power outages in the sweltering summer. Citing reasons behind the load-shedding, KE, the sole power supplier to the city, said that they had been receiving 50 mmcf RLNG less from the SSGC while the peak demand had crossed 3,450 mw in the city with the furnace oil also short in the market. The SSGC, however, categorically refuted the KE's claim and said that it had been supplying an additional 50 mmcf RLNG to the power utility. *The News.*

#### Tax office alleged of 'harassing' businessmen

Tax practitioners based in Karachi have alleged a tax office of 'harassing' businessmen by asking them to explain dip in sales during the past 3 months despite an explicit reason concerning the COVID-19 shutdown. They said that Corporate Regional Tax Office (CRTO) Karachi has issued notices to traders seeking reasons behind falling sales and warned them of suspension of their tax registration on their failure. Tax practitioners showed their utter astonishment over the notices as to how a commissioner can possibly act as if he or she does not know of the catastrophe with which the whole of the country is going through. *The News.*

#### Two more international airlines suspend flights from Pakistan

Two more international airlines — Fly Dubai and Qatar Airways — have suspended their flight operations from Pakistan, a day after several passengers who had travelled to Hong Kong by another airliner tested positive for Covid-19. *Dawn.*

#### Tax exemptions on official perks cost PKR 30Bn in 2019, says FBR

FBR's Tax Expenditure 2020 report has shown income tax exemptions and concessions worth PKR 30Bn were given to top govt. officials, military officers and judges of superior courts on perks and privileges in the tax year 2019. *Dawn.*