

Companies Act, 2017, Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2017: Amendments to be approved by cabinet today

The federal cabinet, which is scheduled to meet today (7th Jul'20) will approve amendments in Companies Act, 2017 and Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2017 aimed at meeting requirements of FATF. The new proposed provision will be called 60 A- prohibition on issuance of bearer shares or bearer share warrants etc: notwithstanding that anything contained in the National Investment (Unit) Trust Ordinance, 1965 or any other law, no company shall allot, issue, sell, transfer of assign any bearer shares, bearer share warrants or any equity or debt security or a bearer nature, by whatever name called, and any allotment, issue, sale, transfer, assignment or other disposition or any bearer shares or bearer share warrants or any other equity or debt security of a bearer nature, shall be void. *BR.*

Health facilities: SBP enhances scope of refinance facility

SBP has further enhanced the scope of Refinance Facility to Combat COVID-19 (RFCC) to improve the health facilities in the country. The scheme now allows manufacturers of protective gears and equipment, including items such as masks, dresses, testing kits, hospital beds, ventilators, etc., to avail financing under RFCC. Moreover, to cope with the rising need of the health facilities in general in the country, the SBP has allowed hospitals serving patients even other than COVID-19 to avail this facility. *BR.*

FBR paying refunds through supplementary grants

The FBR has adopted a 'unique' method for paying PKR 100Bn refunds through supplementary grants in a bid to inflate its revenue collection for FY20. For the first time in country's history such 'innovation' was made to show that the FBR achieved growth of just over 4%. However, the refunds claimed by exporters even for the month of Jul'19 are still unpaid and the FBR pocketed the tax collected from exporters without paying the entire amount of refund due to them. *The News.*

LTU Karachi exceeds June target by PKR 8Bn

Large Taxpayers Unit Karachi has surpassed its collection target for the month of Jun'20 by PKR 8Bn by collecting a total of PKR 118Bn despite a partial shutdown of economic activities because of counter-virus restrictions. *The News.*

Housing, construction, development: PM forms national coordination committee

PM Imran Khan has constituted the National Coordination Committee on Housing, Construction and Development in order to coordinate and facilitate the govt.'s policy to promote construction and development-related activities especially affordable housing projects for the low-income segment of the society as envisaged in the Naya Pakistan Housing Programme (NPHP). *BR.*

PM opens first-ever ventilator production unit

PM Imran Khan has inaugurated the facility of country's first-ever indigenously made ventilators at National Radio and Telecommunication Corporation (NRTC) in Haripur. The PM opened the project of local manufacturing of portable ventilators named 'SafeVent SP100', having the FDA/CE approval as economical and reliable ventilator in terms of usage and safety. *BR.*

Azad Pattan Hydel Power Project: Pakistan, China sign deal on construction

Pakistan and China have signed an agreement for construction of Azad Pattan Hydel Power Project of 700.7 megawatts of electricity. As part of the CPEC, with an investment of \$ 1.5Bn, the project is located at River Jhelum and is expected to be completed in 2026. *BR.*

Ogra set to become dysfunctional from July 17

Ogra is going to be dysfunctional from 17th Jul'20 as tenure of its chairperson Uzma Adil is to culminate on the same date. This will keep the quorum of the Authority incomplete, therefore, it would dispense the day-to-day affairs only, but will not be able to do regulatory duties such as issuance of licences and taking decisions pertaining to tariff. The govt. has notified a five-member committee for the selection of new chairman and member of Ogra. *The News.*

Energy minister asks Nepra to rescind KE's license

Sindh Energy Minister Imtiaz Shaikh has said that the Sindh govt. is ready to assume the control of three power supply companies of the province, namely the KE, Hesco, and the Sepco, if the federal govt. is unable to manage the institutions of the energy sector in the country. The minister also said that the inefficient federal govt. had also raised the billing tariff of the KE which would put an additional financial burden on the residents of Karachi to the tune of PKR 108Bn. *The News.*

PSO to opt for gallop import of furnace oil

After lifting the ban on import of furnace oil for averting power outages, PSO has conveyed to Islamabad that no option is left but to go ahead for gallop imports of HFSO for meeting K-Electric and other power plants requirements. PSO in writing has informed to the federal govt. that they only managed to provide 100,000 metric tons furnace oil to K-Electric against its demand of 120,000 metric tons. *The News.*

Pakistan resumes LNG spot buying as demand surges

Pakistan has resumed spot buying of LNG from the international market after 6-month pause as energy demand is ramping up with easing lockdown. State-run Pakistan LNG Limited has invited bids for supply of 3 LNG cargoes – 140,000 cubic meters each – to be delivered in Aug'20 and Sept'20. *The News.*

Export of gems, jewellery comes to a halt

According to TDAP, Pakistan's export of gems and jeweler has remained suspended for the past 4 months, partly due to the ambiguity whether the 90-day extension given to exporters for receipt of payments against sales in overseas markets applies to jeweler shipments. *Tribune.*

Road projects worth PKR 300Bn to be completed under public-private partnership

The govt. has selected two road projects worth PKR 300Bn for development through Public-Private Partnership (PPP). The expected completion date for the design and feasibility studies of both projects is 31st Mar'20. The projects are: N-25 Karachi-Quetta road worth approximately PKR 200Bn and Mianwali-Muzafargarh road worth approximately PKR 100Bn. *Dawn.*

Technical tenders to buy buses for Green Line project to be opened on July 27, governor told

Sindh Governor Imran Ismail, while presiding over a review meeting of federally funded projects for Sindh at the Governor House, has been told that the technical tender for the purchase of buses for the Green Line BRTS is scheduled to be opened on 27th Jul'20. *The News.*

Cement sector recovers after three months; sales up 30% in June 2020

Cement sales have increased by 29.94% in Jun'20 to 4.62Mn tons from 3.56Mn tons in Jun'19, ending FY20 on a positive note after posting decrease for three consecutive months. Exports also increased by 123.89% to 0.79Mn tons in Jun'20 from 0.35Mn tons in Jun'19. *The News.*

Car sale falls by 53.78%, production by 54.54% in 11 months

During 11MFY20, as many as 89,130 cars were sold against the sale of 192,863 units in 11MFY19 while the production of cars decreased from 196,415 units to 89,284 units, showing negative growth of 53.78% and 54.54% respectively. *The Nation.*

Japan allows import of mangoes from Pakistan

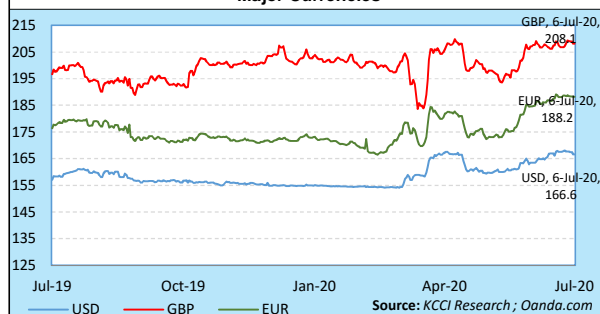
The Japanese govt. has temporarily allowed import of mangoes from Pakistan. Normally, the Japanese govt. sends its inspectors to Pakistan and other mango exporting countries for quality check and clearance before allowing imports into Japan. However, this year, the Japanese govt. could not send inspectors due to the Covid-19 pandemic. *Dawn.*

Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	6-Jul	PKR	166.72	0.31%
USD-Open MKT	6-Jul	PKR	167.70	0.12%
KSE-100 index	6-Jul	Pts.	35,203	0.43%
FIPI	6-Jul	\$ Mn	-1.84	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	6-Jul	\$/bbl	40.24	-0.15%
Gold (MA'19)	6-Jul	\$/oz	1,786.4	-0.02%
Gold (10g) Local	6-Jul	PKR	95,300	0.00%
Silver (MA'19)	6-Jul	\$/oz	18.26	0.23%
Cotton(KHI) -40 kg	6-Jul	PKR	9,002	0.00%
Kibor-6M	6-Jul	%	6.88	0.00%
Forex Reserves	26-Jun	\$ Bn	17.97	7.42%
	FY20			YoY
Remittances	Jul-May 20	\$ Bn	20.65	2.74%
Exports*	Jul-Jun 20	\$ Bn	21.39	-6.84%
Imports*	Jul-Jun 20	\$ Bn	44.57	-18.61%
Trade Balance*	Jul-Jun 20	\$ Bn	-23.18	27.11%
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-Jun 20	%	10.74	
Discount Rate	Jul-20	%	7.00	

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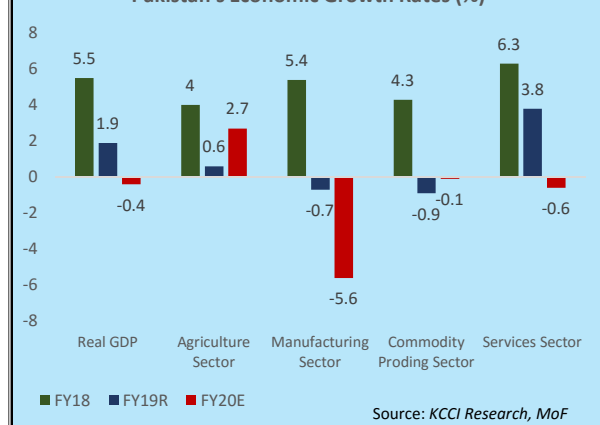


Quote of the Day

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”

Mark Twain

Pakistan's Economic Growth Rates (%)



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