

Businessmen demand uninterrupted gas supply

In a bid to overcome the ongoing power load-shedding, SSGC had announced that it would halt gas supply for three days to industrial consumers, captive power plants and CNG stations. The move may prove detrimental to the industries already in deep crisis and on the verge of collapse due to the impact of the lockdown imposed since March 2020, said KCCI President Agha Shahab Ahmed Khan. He pointed out that the govt. had always reiterated its resolve to provide uninterrupted electricity and gas supply to the five major export-oriented sectors, which had around 1,300 to 1,500 industries. But what about the remaining 14,500 industries, out of the total of 16,000 industries in Karachi, which continue to remain deprived as no relief has ever been given despite being taxpayers. He said instead of providing relief to all the industries in the ongoing difficult situation, the ECC recently approved a tariff hike of PKR 2.89/unit for KE, which would further increase the hardships as the business community was being forced to face gas load-shedding for three days. KCCI's former president Siraj Kassam Teli said that SSGC's load-shedding schedule for industrial consumers and CNG stations was unjust and anti-business, which would completely destroy the industries already going through the toughest time and struggling for survival amid the coronavirus pandemic. *Tribune*.

K-Electric identifies 'reasons' behind power outages: Gas, FO not being supplied as per commitment

Nepra and top management of KE have exchanged barbs at a public hearing on the ongoing electricity crisis in the metropolis. Giving explanation on current electricity crisis, CEO KE, Moonis Avli said that considering the shortfall in furnace oil supply as indicated by PSO through its letter on 3rd Jun'20 to manage the resultant impact, KE requested SSGC to increase the supply of gas which was increased to 290 MMCFD. He said, the power utility had shared its furnace oil requirement for Jun'20 at 120,000 MTs well in advance but supply remained less than 70,000 MTs. The Authority after detailed deliberations decided to form a four-member committee of Nepra's professionals/experts headed by Director General(Monitoring & Enforcement) to visit Karachi immediately, conduct further investigations on ground and submit a detailed report to the Authority before the end of next week, on the basis of which the Authority will take further necessary action. *BR*.

Hafeez tells UN's Panel: Pakistan ensuring completion of FATF Action Plan

Adviser on Finance Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh has said that Pakistan as a responsible member of international community continues to ensure earliest completion of the FATF Action Plan through increasing the effectiveness of its AML/ CFT Regime. He said that out of 27 FATF Action Plan Items, Pakistan had already addressed 14 FATF Action Plan items while substantial progress had been made in addressing the remaining 13 Action Plan items. *BR*.

KE may induct rental projects for limited period

K-Electric (KE) and Nepra have hinted at inducting rental power projects and doing away with peak and off-peak tariff during the period of prolonged power cuts amid severe criticism from consumers over poor service and call for ending monopoly by allowing more utilities in the country's largest metropolitan of 15Mn. *Dawn*.

Loan obligations: Banks have deferred payment of principal for one year so far

Under SBP's temporary regulatory measures, banks have deferred a total of PKR 566Bn of clients' payment of principal on loan obligations for one year so far to maintain banking system soundness and sustain economic activity, said the IMF in its report "Policy Actions Taken by Countries" updated on 2nd Jul'20. It reviewed various steps Pakistan has taken since Mar'20 to deal with the Covid-19 crisis. The report stated that SBP has responded to the crisis by cutting the policy rate by a cumulative 625bps to 7.0%. The SBP has expanded the scope of existing refinancing facilities and introduced three new ones that aim at: supporting hospitals and medical centers to purchase equipment to detect, contain, and treat Covid-19 (33 hospitals, PKR 5.9Bn, to date); stimulating investment in new manufacturing plants and machinery, as well as modernization and expansion of existing projects (13 new projects, PKR 8.8Bn, to date); incentivizing businesses to avoid laying off their workers during the pandemic (1,700 SMEs , PKR 113Bn, to date). *BR*.

PMKJ-YES: SBP raises loan limit to PKR 25Mn, cuts markup by 3%

Following the directives of the federal govt., SBP has announced reduction in the markup rate of PM's Kamyab Jawan Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme (PMKJ-YES) by 3%. As per revised features of the scheme, loan limit has also been enhanced from PKR 5Mn to PKR 25Mn. *BR*.

Imran unveils construction industry package

PM Imran Khan has announced a big incentive package for the construction industry that includes a subsidy of PKR 30Bn for Naya Pakistan Housing Project (NPHP) so that people could build their dream house at an affordable cost. The govt. has obtained a recess in international obligation till 31st Dec'20 and people investing in the construction industry would not be asked about their sources of income. The govt. has also spoken to the SBP and other banks and asked them to set aside 5% of their portfolios for house financing. This comes to about PKR 330Bn. *Dawn*.

SRB explains services input tax

Sindh Revenue Board (SRB) has explained the procedure for claiming input tax adjustment by resident Pakistanis against invoices issued by foreign services' providers. SRB-registered service recipients shall be entitled to claim input tax credit if: (i) such SRB-registered person receives the taxable services against an invoice issued by that foreign service provider; (ii) pays, to the foreign service provider, the consideration for the services so received by the resident service recipient; and (iii) e-deposits the amount of Sindh sales tax, on such services. *The News*.

SECP revises procedure for Asset Management Companies

SECP has revised procedure for Asset Management Companies, on behalf of Collective Investment Schemes, for distribution of dividends to the shareholders. The SECP has amended Non-Banking Finance Companies and Notified Entities Regulations, 2008 through an S.R.O. 613 (I)/2020. According to the SECP, for the purpose of this Regulation the expression "accounting income" means income calculated under the International Accounting Standards and verified by the auditors. Provided that in case of Exchange Traded funds accounting Income shall also include net of element of income created through income statement at the time of issuance and/or redemption of units. *BR*.

Fares from UK to Pakistan rise by 300% after PIA ban

Ticket prices for flights to Pakistan from the UK have tripled from an average of £ 500-650 to £1,500-2,700 mark, as Pakistan's national carrier PIA has been banned from flying to three destinations in the UK, EU and the US. *The News*.

Sindh govt forms body for Corporate Social Responsibility legislation

Sindh govt. has constituted a committee for formulation and legislation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) law for Sindh province. Currently there is no law in Pakistan on the federal and provincial levels regarding CSR to make responsible the companies and industrial units to spend a certain amount on the development of the area where these companies are operating. *The News*.

PSX to resume normal hours

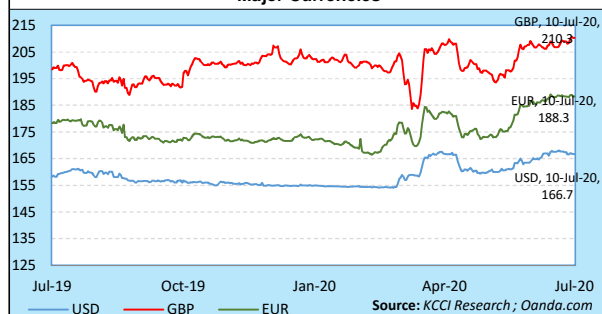
PSX will resume the standard operating hours from Monday 13th Jul'20. *The News*.

Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	10-Jul	PKR	166.35	-0.14%
USD-Open MKT	10-Jul	PKR	167.80	0.18%
KSE-100 index	10-Jul	Pts.	36,190	0.13%
FIPI	10-Jul	\$ Mn	-1.22	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	9-Jul	\$/bbl	40.88	1.11%
Gold (MA'19)	9-Jul	\$/oz	1,818.2	0.56%
Gold (10g) Local	10-Jul	PKR	96,100	-0.31%
Silver (MA'19)	9-Jul	\$/oz	19.10	2.89%
Cotton(KHI) -40 kg	10-Jul	PKR	9,002	0.00%
Kibor-6M	10-Jul	%	6.78	-0.03%
Forex Reserves	3-Jul	\$ Bn	18.79	4.56%
	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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Major Currencies

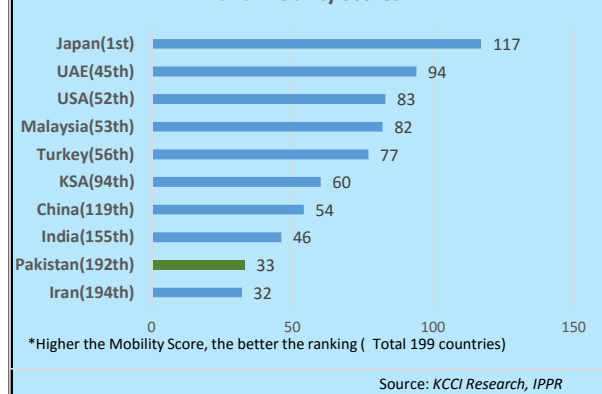


Quote of the Day

"Chase the vision, not the money; the money will end up following you."

Tony Hsieh

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