

### FDI grows 88% in FY20

Pakistan has fetched FDI amounting to \$ 2.561Bn during FY20 compared to \$ 1.362Bn in FY19, depicting an increase of \$1.198Bn (88%). FDI inflows were \$ 3.28Bn against the outflows of \$ 724Mn. China remained the largest investor with an investment of \$ 843Mn, Norway stood second with an investment of \$ 403Mn, Malta ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with investment inflows of \$ 222Mn and Hong Kong is also among the leading investors in Pakistan with \$ 215Mn. *BR.*

### SBP okays pilot operation of e-commerce gateway

SBP has granted approval to the pilot operation of an e-commerce payment gateway, PayFast, which aims to capitalize on over 80Mn 3G/4G subscribers in Pakistan citing massive potential of e-commerce in the country. The aim is to provide intuitive, reliable and a high standard solution to consumers while also contributing to the economy. The company's portfolio included 12 major banks of Pakistan. *Tribune.*

### Pakistan braces for another fuel crisis as oil transporters go slow

Pakistan is feared to go through another spell of fuel shortage as oil transporters observe protest against new taxes, constraining supplies across the country. Oil tankers are protesting against increase in income and toll taxes and have announced to discontinue fuel supply across the country to protest against increase in income and toll taxes. *The News.*

### Textile feels heat from utility outages

Textile exporters of Karachi have criticized the utility companies for electricity and gas outages, as well as unavailability of water to the industries. They said that the industries of Karachi are facing prolong and unscheduled electricity load-shedding by K-Electric and moreover, the industries are also facing low gas pressure, which have disrupted the industrial production, while the industries are also not getting water as per their requirement. *The News.*

### KE to get additional 300MW from national grid

Karachi Electric (KE) has held detailed discussions with top Power Division officials on possibilities of enhancement of dispatch from NTDC and to find a way out in case of compensation in the event of a delay in notification of its tariff. The officials discussed options to deal with current power outages in Karachi and it was decided that NTDC will refurbish/augment/its conductors at Jamshoro after which an additional 300MW electricity will be transmitted from the national grid, totaling 1,100MW (650+150 wind+50MW Kanupp+300MW). This process will take 7 to eight months. *BR.*

### Power tariff adjustment, other matters: IMF links program resumption to 'clear' plan

IMF has linked the resumption of Extended Fund Facility Programme to "clear" plan of power tariff adjustment, mobilization of taxes as well as amendments in NEPRA for quarterly adjustments in tariff and changes in the SBP law. The Fund has also been concerned at the mechanism of petroleum prices adjustment. *BR.*

### Pakistan intends to start talks on APTTA: Razak

Advisor on Commerce Abdul Razak Dawood has said that Pakistan intended to start negotiations on Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA) which will expire in Jun'20. Trade with Afghanistan under transit and bilateral agreement is stopped. The goods landed at the ports have to be cleared. Anti-corona SOPs are being softened at borders to clear stuck-up goods, he added. *BR.*

### Govt approves hiking drug prices by 10%

The federal govt. has amended the Drug Pricing Policy 2018, allowing pharmaceutical companies to increase prices of lifesaving drugs by up to 7% and other drugs by up to 10%. The decision has been taken in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has issued a notification in this regard. *Tribune.*

### Priority rights about use of oil, gas resources: Sindh, KP, Baluchistan may give tough time to federal, Punjab govts in CCI

The three federating units Sindh, KP and Baluchistan are most likely to give tough time to the Punjab and federal govt.'s in the meeting of Council of Common Interests scheduled on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug'20 on the interpretation of Article 158 and 172 (3) of the Constitution with regard to the priority rights about the usage of minerals, oil and natural gas. Sindh, Baluchistan and KP have said that they will not budge from their rights of prior rights in using the oil and gas resources. *The News.*

### OMCs to start importing Euro-V petrol from Aug

Pakistan will enter next month the ranks of countries that are using environment-friendly Euro-V petrol as the Ministry of Energy has issued guidelines, saying no Oil Marketing Company (OMC) will be allowed to import petrol below Euro-V standard from 1<sup>st</sup> Aug'20. Pakistan and Somalia were the only two countries that had been using RON 87 dirty fuel for years. *Tribune.*

### 'PKR 94 per litre milk price to continue'

Milk sellers in the city have to wait for some more time for an increase in the milk price as the city administration has brought them round to maintain the official retail price at PKR 94 per litre till its revision by a specially formed committee. *Dawn.*

### BISP data to be used for power subsidy

Top finance ministry officials, in background discussions with a select group of reporters, have disclosed that the govt. would introduce a rationalized mechanism for provision of power sector subsidies where the Ehsaas program data would be used to identify the beneficiaries. Also the power subsidy obtained through tube-wells will be abandoned. *The News.*

### Centre to approach Sindh to waive E&T charges of 1.25% on import value of wheat

To facilitate the wheat importers, the federal govt. has decided to approach Sindh to waive off the Excise and Taxation (E&T) charges of 1.25% on import value of wheat while SBP would arrange inter-bank dollar exchange cover for wheat importers. Ministry of National Food is also assuring importers to trade in wheat for countering wheat shortage in the country. *The Nation.*

### 'Modaraba Cos Amendment Bill, 2020' introduced

The federal govt. has introduced, "The Modaraba Companies and Modaraba (Floatation and Control) (Amendment) Bill 2020" in the National Assembly to provide incentives to entrepreneur and prospective investors to invest and carry out their businesses under the umbrella of regulated structure of Modaraba to earn halal profits on their investments. *BR.*

### Pakistan's first virtual expo on safety & health in August

Pakistan's first Virtual Expo "SafetyPro" on Safety & Health will be held during 24th-28th Aug'20, which is going to be the first of its kind in Pakistan. Suppliers, manufacturers, importers, service providers of resources needed to prevent and control the pandemic are invited to participate and offer their products/services. *BR.*

### FBR to utilize technology to curb smuggled cars

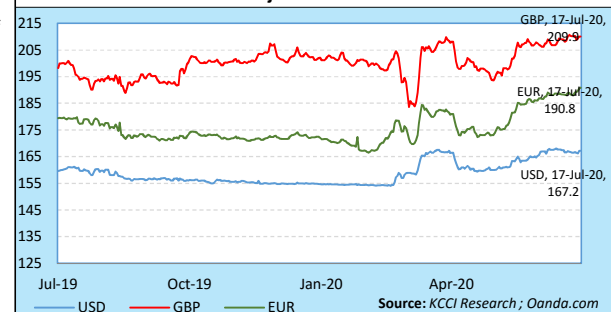
FBR has decided to utilize technology to curb non-duty paid and smuggled vehicles after achieving success to jack up collected revenues on mobile phones with help of technology. *The News.*

### Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	17-Jul	PKR	167.33	0.20%
USD-Open MKT	17-Jul	PKR	167.70	0.12%
KSE-100 index	17-Jul	Pts.	37,331	0.89%
FIPI	17-Jul	\$ Mn	-0.96	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	16-Jul	\$/bbl	41.00	1.31%
Gold (MA'19)	16-Jul	\$/oz	1,813.4	0.03%
Gold (10g) Local	17-Jul	PKR	96,370	0.00%
Silver (MA'19)	16-Jul	\$/oz	19.76	0.88%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	17-Jul	PKR	9,002	0.00%
Kibor-6M	17-Jul	%	6.62	0.01%
Forex Reserves	10-Jul	\$ Bn	18.95	0.86%
	FY20			YoY
Remittances	Jul-Jun 20	\$ Bn	23.12	6.35%
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-Jun 20	\$ Bn	2.56	88.03%
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\*  
\*\* Not Meaningful on week;

### Major Currencies

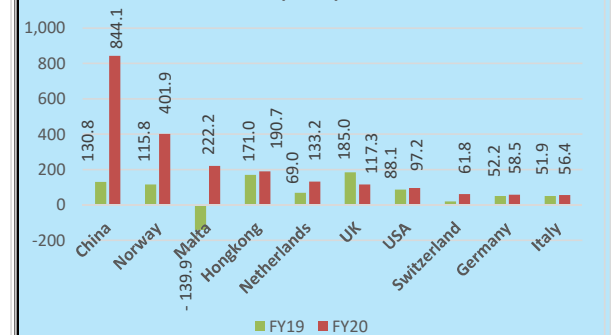


### Quote of the Day

"Everything you want is on the other side of fear."

Jack Canfield

### Top 10 FDI Investment Sources for Pakistan (\$ Mn)



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