

### KCCI chief calls for setting up rain emergency centres

Keeping in view the forecast of more rainfall in running monsoon season, KCCI President, Agha Shahab Ahmed Khan has suggested that active and well-equipped 'Rain Emergency Centres' should immediately be established in all five districts of the city where workers of KMC, KW&SB and K-Electric must remain deployed and alert round-the-clock to assist the public and quickly resolve rain related issues. Agha Shahab, criticized the Federal and Sindh govt. for sheer failure to provide any relief to Karachiites who have always been the worst-hit victims of heavy rains, natural calamities, epidemics, law & order incidents, accidents and other emergency situations. *BR-Sun.*

### ADB warns of stopping \$ 500Mn worth loan release to Pakistan

ADB has warned to stop disbursement under two loans amounting to \$ 500Mn due to Pakistan's decision, which is rooted in an internal turf war, to change controlling Ministry of the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF). At the time of inception, the NDRMF had been placed under the Ministry of Finance. However, in Aug'19, PM Imran Khan decided to transfer the "administrative control" of the fund to the Ministry of Climate Change. *Tribune-Sun.*

### Industrialists to challenge ECC decision on retrospective billing in Karachi

A joint meeting of the industrial associations and bodies representing the textile sector has decided to initiate a legal case against Nepra and the ECC's decision to retrospectively increase K-Electric's tariff by PKR 2.89 per unit. The participants said that this continuous abuse from Nepra and the KE will not be tolerated anymore. If the govt. does not take responsibility, then industries would take the necessary steps to approach the Supreme Court. *Dawn-Sun.*

### Oil tankers call off strike after govt assurance on taxes

Oil tankers and contractors have called off their strike following successful negotiations with the govt., averting a possible fuel crisis across the country. This comes after the Minister of Petroleum Umer Ayub assured them to resolve the issues facing the fuel transporters. *The News-Mon.*

### Taking total debt to PKR 2150Bn, PTI govt adds PKR 962Bn to power circular debt in less than 2 years

The PTI govt. has added PKR 962Bn to the power circular debt during less than 2 years of its tenure taking the total debt to PKR 2,150Bn. *The Nation-Mon.*

### If inefficiencies continue: Circular debt to swell to PKR 4,000Bn by 2025

A study titled "Fixing Pakistan's Power Sector" prepared by Engro Corporation has said that the circular debt in the power sector currently standing at PKR 2,219Bn is to swell up to PKR 4,000Bn in 2025 that will have a catastrophic impact on the economy. It added that the electricity prices of country's residential consumers are 28% and likewise the industrial tariff in Pakistan is 26% higher if compared to benchmark countries such as Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Thailand and South Korea. *The News-Sun.*

### PM performs business park groundbreaking

PM Imran Khan, while speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony of "Quaid-e-Azam Business Park" has said that no nation in the world could aspire to excel or become successful without industrialization and vowed that the govt. would fully facilitate the small and medium industries, businesspeople and industrialists with initiatives like ease of doing business. The park is spread over an area of 1536 acres with a space for 653 small and medium industrial units and located near to Lahore and motorway. About 5,000 people would get jobs from this initiative, and PKR 56Bn tax relief would be provided by the provincial govt. due to coronavirus. *BR-Sun.*

### Pakistan among borrowers eligible for debt service suspension

With an external debt stock of \$ 73Bn at end-2018, Pakistan by far has emerged as the largest borrower in the list of 15 top Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) eligible borrowers. According to the third edition of 'Debt Report 2020' published by the World Bank, 85% of this debt is owed to official creditors with nearly half accounted for by multilateral creditors. External debt stock of DSSI-eligible countries is highly concentrated. The seven largest borrowers accounted for 52% at the end 2018 debt stock and the 15 largest borrowers for over 70%. *Dawn-Sun.*

### World Bank asks G20 to provide debt relief to poorest nations

World Bank has asked the G20 countries to provide debt relief to the poorest nations across the globe amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, noting that true economic recovery from the current crisis remained in the distant future. It called for an extension to the existing debt moratorium. G20 finance ministers are set to hold a virtual meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> Jul'20 wherein they are expected to discuss the status of the debt relief initiative. *The News-Mon.*

### Electricity bill relief: Taxpayers required to obtain 'certificate' from Commissioner IR: LHC

Lahore High Court has held that taxpayers registered with the sales tax department as exporters or manufacturers of carpets, leather items, surgical/sports goods and textile and articles thereof are required to obtain a certificate from the Commissioner Inland Revenue for not depositing income tax on their electricity bills to the relevant power distributing company (DISCO). In this regard, the LHC has disposed of hundreds of writ petitions on the requirement of exemption certificate to claim benefit of clause 66 of Part-IV of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001. *BR-Mon.*

### AEDB assists SBP in revising financing schemes for renewable energy

The Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) has assisted SBP in revision of SBP's Financing Scheme for Renewable Energy in order to make financing available for broader consumer categories and swift implementation. The facility has been extended till Jun'22. So far, six commercial banks namely JS Bank, Bank of Khyber, Habib Bank, Faysal Bank, Meezan Bank and Bank Alfalah already had announced their products under the SBP facility. *BR-Sun.*

### Income tax collection on exports sharply up 25% in FY2020

Income tax collection on exports has surged 25% to PKR 7Bn in FY20 from PKR 5.6Bn despite falling exports, indicating that rupee depreciation benefited the cash-desperate revenue authority much than the export sector. *The News-Sun.*

### Zhob-Kuchlak western route: Bidding process underway: CPEC Chairman

Special Assistant to PM on Information, Lt-Gen Asim Saleem Bajwa (ret'd) has said that bidding process for a part of CPEC western route-Zhob-Kuchlak (Quetta) road is underway. He said on completion of this 210 km project, Islamabad-Quetta would be connected through expressway. The National Highway Authority (NHA) has already invited bids from eligible firms for works packages of dualization of 298Km Kuchlak-Zhob section of N-50. *BR-Mon.*

### Pak-China fiber optic cable becomes operational: CEN

China-Pakistan Fiber Optic Project, the major project of digital connectivity between China and Pakistan, has started and for the first time fiber optic cable has become operational between the two countries. This project is considered to be the backbone of digital connectivity and is important for the information technology exchange between China and Pakistan. The project included laying of 850 km of underground and Ariel optical fiber cable from Rawalpindi to Khunjerab ultimately linking with China. *The Nation-Sun.*

### Citizens demand reversal of KE privatization, shutdown of illegal hydrants

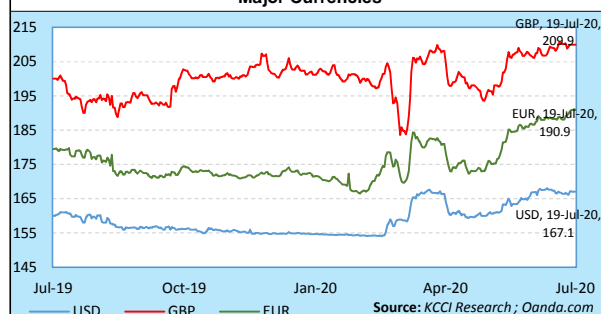
At a press conference held at the Karachi Press Club, citizens of Karachi have demanded that K-Electric's privatization be cancelled and it be placed under democratic control of the citizens and more than 100 illegal hydrants in the city be shut down immediately. The power and water mafias have taken 20Mn citizens of Karachi hostage. Water scarcity and power outages have left the citizens suffering from mental and physical ailments, the activists pointed out. *Dawn-Sun.*

### 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)       | 17-Jul        | \$/bbl | 40.72   | -0.68%       |
| Gold (MA'19)        | 17-Jul        | \$/oz  | 1,795.0 | -1.01%       |
| Gold (10g) Local    | 17-Jul        | PKR    | 96,370  | 0.00%        |
| Silver (MA'19)      | 17-Jul        | \$/oz  | 19.42   | -1.70%       |
| 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

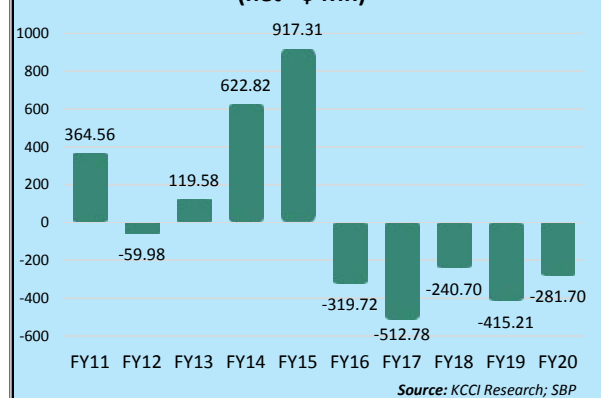


### Quote of the Day

*"One of the funny things about the stock market is that every time one person buys, another sells, and both think they are astute."*

**William Feather**

### Foreign Portfolio Investment in Pakistan (net - \$ Mn)



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