

### AML law: SBP's FMU proposes amendments

The Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU) of SBP has proposed dozens of amendments in Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2020 aimed at tightening laws to curb money laundering. These amendments would identify AML/ CFT regulatory authorities in Pakistan including the regulatory Authority for Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs) and their powers. The offence of money laundering has been proposed to be a cognizable offence. The fine for the offence of money laundering has been proposed from existing up to PKR 5Mn to up to PKR 25Mn and in case of legal persons the fine may extend to PKR 100Mn in place of existing PKR 5Mn. *BR.*

### NRPs working as developers/builders must file tax returns: FBR

FBR has conveyed to developers and builders that the non-resident persons working in Pakistan as developers/builders have to file their income tax returns, registration with the FBR is compulsory for availing the incentive package, renovation business is not covered under the amnesty scheme, and facility of temporary registration with the FBR is available till submission of missing documents. *BR.*

### FBR estimates PKR 40Bn revenue loss to tax law change

FBR is feared to lose PKR 40Bn in revenue in FY21 following an amendment into the income tax law pertaining to disposal of shares. As per the amendment, the definition of tax treatment of shares was changed and reduced tax rates should now be applicable on disposal of share of a private limited company if the share is disposed at the time the private company is transformed into public limited company through listing at the stock exchange. *The News.*

### Govt. bank accounts: Finance ministry frames Cash Management, TSA Rules 2020

The Ministry of Finance has framed Cash Management and Treasury Single Account (TSA) Rules 2020 aimed at anticipating cash needs, manage cash balance in the govt. bank accounts and to ensure availability of cash. Moreover, the rules provide for institutional and administrative arrangements to manage effective cash management system including placement of all public moneys into treasury single account. *BR.*

### International Finance Corporation to invest \$ 25Mn in Packages Limited

International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group, has signed a deal for a five-year loan investment of \$ 25Mn in Packages Limited, one of Pakistan's leading packaging and tissue paper producers, to modernize its operations, and cut its water and energy use. *The Nation.*

### Imran wants special cell on subsidies established

PM Imran Khan has directed adviser on finance Dr. Hafeez Shaikh to form a "special cell" to review subsidies of billions of rupees being given to different sectors and ensure their effective utilization to give maximum relief to people. *Dawn.*

### Murad okays two special economic zones in Nooriabad and Bholari

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has approved the establishment of two Special Economic Zones — in Nooriabad and Bholari — and decided to hand over the possession for formally launching the Dhabeji Special Economic Zone. *Dawn.*

### SEZs in Bostan, Hub to boost industrialisation: Zarkoon

Chief Executive of the Balochistan Board of Investment has said that Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Bostan and Hub will boost industrialization in the province. All taxes on the income generated in connection with the development and operation of the economic zone will be exempt from all taxes for 10 years from the start of the Special Economic Zones Development Agreement. *Dawn.*

### Dawood directs enforcement of GI law to support SMEs

Adviser on Commerce Abdul Razak Dawood has directed the Ministry of Commerce officials to implement the Geographical Indications (GI) law to sell Pakistani products in the international market. The GI Act, 2020 provides legal protection to local products encouraging SMEs to expand their business worldwide. *Dawn.*

### Efforts under way to ensure wheat supply at affordable prices: ministry

Ministry of National Food Security has said that it is working to ensure supply of wheat at affordable prices. The ministry said that a gap of 1.41Mn tons had been identified in the availability and consumption of wheat as per the estimates of provincial crop reporting services. *Dawn.*

### Bajwa tells Senate body: ML-I railway project to increase transport share from 4% to 20%

CPEC Authority Chairman Asim Saleem Bajwa has said that ML-I Railway Project at a cost of \$ 7.2Bn would soon be completed under the CPEC and railway transport share would increase from 4% to 20%. The ML-I Railway Project includes dualization and upgrading of 1,872 km railway track from Peshawar to Karachi, and it's a big milestone for the second phase of the CPEC. *BR.*

### World facing bankruptcy time bomb: study

"COVID-19 is creating an insolvency time bomb," said the report by Euler Hermes, predicting a 35-percent cumulative jump in the number of companies that go bust between 2019 and 2021. The biggest increase among the world's economic powerhouses will be in the United States, with a 57% jump in insolvencies in 2021 compared to 2019, before the coronavirus struck. Bankruptcies are expected to soar by 45% in Brazil, 43% in Britain, and 41% in Spain. China is forecast to see a 20% surge in bankruptcies. *BR.*

### Rice exports reach \$ 2.1Bn mark in FY20

Despite negative impact of COVID-19, rice exports maintained an upward momentum. According to Federal Bureau of Statistics, in terms of value, Pakistan earned all-time high foreign exchange amounting to \$ 2.17Bn in FY20 compared to \$ 2.06Bn, showing an increase of 5.12% or \$ 106Mn. In terms of quantity, rice exports moved up by 1.12%. Overall, Pakistan exported 4.166Mn MTs of rice against some 4.12Mn MTs. *BR.*

### Rupee hits all-time low of 168.3/dollar on murky IMF program

Rupee tumbled to an all-time low of 168.30 per USD in the interbank trade as surging oil payments exacerbated the market sentiments already dampened by uncertainty about resumption of stalled IMF loan program. *The News.*

### APTMA demands for gas supply, reduced rates

Textile Mills based in Sindh and Baluchistan have demanded to increase allocation of natural gas in national quota and to supply continuous and uninterrupted gas to industries in Sindh and Baluchistan. They said that Sindh and Baluchistan should not be deprived of their constitutional right in supply of natural gas under Article 158 of the Constitution of Pakistan, as the two provinces were producing about 85% or 2,800 to 3,000 MMCFD out of the total 3,600 MMCFD of the indigenous gas produced in the country. Out of this they were receiving only 1,050 MMCFD gas (presently getting only 33% of its production) out of the allocated quantity and previously supplied 1,200 – 1,300 MMCFD because of which Industries are facing gas shortage and production activities are being hampered. *The News.*

### Pak apparel sector adopts digital mode to explore world market in post-corona restrictions

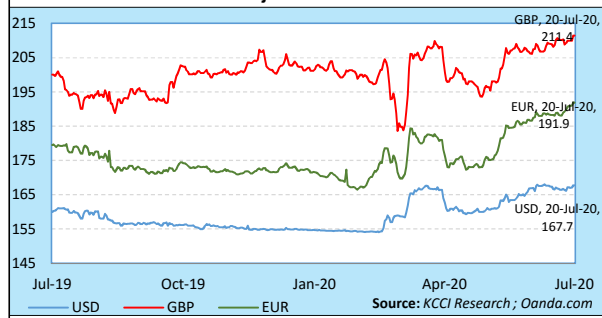
Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters have taken the initiative to participate in Digital Global Apparel Sourcing Expo, adopting latest trend to explore world market for Pakistani apparel goods through virtual mode. The one-month long digital apparel show, organized by International Apparel Federation, has already been launched online on 15<sup>th</sup> July'20, running till 14<sup>th</sup> Aug'20. *The Nation.*

### Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	20-Jul	PKR	168.30	0.58%
USD-Open MKT	20-Jul	PKR	167.85	0.09%
KSE-100 index	20-Jul	Pts.	37,651	0.86%
FIPI	20-Jul	\$ Mn	-1.78	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	20-Jul	\$/bbl	40.75	0.07%
Gold (MA'19)	20-Jul	\$/oz	1,812.1	0.95%
Gold (10g) Local	20-Jul	PKR	98,300	2.00%
Silver (MA'19)	20-Jul	\$/oz	19.70	1.42%
Cotton(KHI) -40 kg	20-Jul	PKR	8,949	-0.59%
Kibor-6M	20-Jul	%	6.65	0.03%
Forex Reserves	10-Jul	\$ Bn	18.95	0.86% WoW
	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;

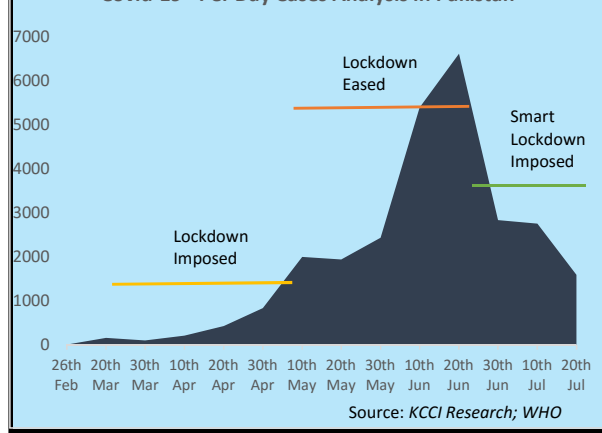
### Major Currencies



### Quote of the Day

*"Covid-19 offers us a great opportunity for individual and collective recession. It is a time to go back to the drawing board and rewrite the next phase of our existence."*  
**Olawale Daniel**

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