

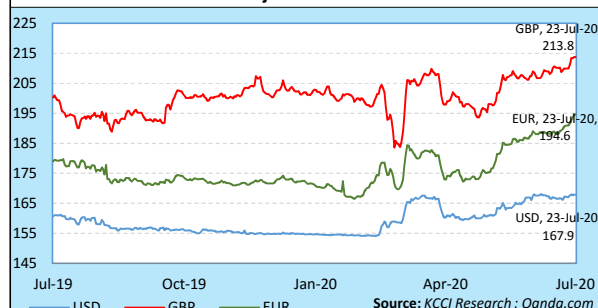
#### Economic Indicators

| List of Indicators  | Date / Period | Unit   | Value   | Change Daily |
|---------------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| USD-Interbank       | 23-Jul        | PKR    | 167.63  | -0.01%       |
| USD-Open MKT        | 23-Jul        | PKR    | 168.50  | -0.06%       |
| KSE-100 index       | 23-Jul        | Pts.   | 37,578  | -0.60%       |
| FIPI                | 23-Jul        | \$ Mn  | -1.42   | NM**         |
| Crude (AP'19)       | 23-Jul        | \$/bbl | 44.27   | 6.32%        |
| Gold (MA'19)        | 23-Jul        | \$/oz  | 1,870.8 | 1.51%        |
| Gold (10g) Local    | 23-Jul        | PKR    | 102,056 | 1.15%        |
| Silver (MA'19)      | 23-Jul        | \$/oz  | 23.30   | 7.82%        |
| Cotton(KHI) -40 kg  | 23-Jul        | PKR    | 8,949   | 0.00%        |
| Kibor-6M            | 23-Jul        | %      | 6.66    | 0.00%        |
| Forex Reserves      | 17-Jul        | \$ Bn  | 19.05   | 0.50%        |
|                     | 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-Jun 20    | \$ Bn  | -2.97   | 77.92%       |
| Foreign Direct Inv. | Jul-Jun 20    | \$ Bn  | 2.56    | 88.03%       |
| LSM Growth*         | Jul-May 20    | %      | -10.32  |              |
| 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

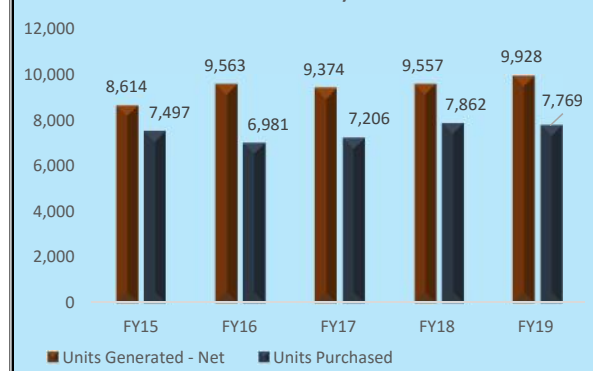


#### Quote of the Day

"There is no energy crisis, only a crisis of ignorance."

R. Buckminster Fuller

#### KE's Electricity Units Generated Vs Purchased (in M-KWH)



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#### Three-day holiday on Eid-ul-Azha

The federal govt. has announced a 3-day holiday, from 31<sup>st</sup> Jul'20 (Friday) to 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug'20 (Sunday), on account of Eid-ul-Azha. *BR.*

#### Consignments under WEBOC: Importers now required to wait till clearance process completes

Importers are now required to wait for clearance of imported consignments under the Web-Based One Custom (WEBOC) system till their deposited banking instruments including cheques/pay orders completes the clearing process of the banking channel, which may take 2-3 working days. National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) has issued instruction circular of 135 of 2020 (Govt. transactions-Processing of duties and taxes through WEBOC). *BR.*

#### FBR constitutes committee to address Sindh concerns over tax

FBR has constituted a committee to iron out differences with Sindh tax authority over revenue collection from motor vehicles in the province. The committee comprises member taxpayer's audit, chief commissioner, RTO-II, Karachi and secretary of Excise and Taxation Sindh to resolve the withholding tax collection issue. This comes after the Sindh excise department discontinued the collection of withholding tax from 1<sup>st</sup> Jul'20 in line with a decision of Sindh cabinet last year. *The News.*

#### Nepra threatens to cancel KE's licence for 'breach' of contract

Nepra has accused K-Electric (KE) of violating its contract and ignoring its responsibilities that have led to excessive power cuts this summer, and asked why its license should not be revoked. In a show-cause notice, the regulator has asked the KE to respond within 15 days. *Dawn.*

#### Increase in power tariffs approved by Nepra

Nepra has approved increase in electricity tariffs of Discos for 5 months and reduction for 3 months under monthly fuel price adjustment mechanism to be passed on to consumers in Aug'20 and Sep'20. For Nov'19, it approved an increase of Re 0.9824/unit with positive financial impact of PKR 7.082Bn, for Dec'19, PKR 1.888/unit, with a financial impact of PKR 13.8Bn, for Jan'20, Re 0.938/unit, positive impact PKR 7.01Bn, for Feb'20, Re 0.3915/unit, positive impact, PKR 2.647Bn and for Mar'20, Re 0.0671/unit, with an increase of PKR 5.596Bn. *BR.*

#### PM orders establishment of real estate regulatory body

Issuing directives for establishment of a real estate regulatory body, PM Imran Khan has asked provinces to prepare a road map for a one-window facility and online approval of cases relating to construction and housing sectors. He urged to make approvals like no objection certificate and others within a stipulated time, and officials showing negligence or creating unnecessary hurdles must be dealt with strictly. *Dawn.*

#### RISE programme: \$ 750Mn financing pacts inked with WB and AIIB

The govt. has signed 2 financing agreements valuing \$ 750Mn with World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank for the Resilient Institutions for Sustainable Economy (RISE) programme. The WB will extend financing of \$ 500Mn and the AIIB will provide co-financing of \$ 250Mn for the RISE programme. *BR.*

#### 90 projects of CPEC completed so far: Alvi

President Dr Arif Alvi has said that about 90 projects of CPEC have so far been completed whereas 28 projects are in implementation phase and 41 are in the pipeline. Addressing a Webinar on 'CPEC and its impact on the region' organized by Karachi Council on Foreign Relation (KCFR), Alvi said that a lot of progress has been made on \$ 62Bn project which keeps on increasing as prosperity increases and as the needs for communication through rail, fiber, port, energy and pipeline and all kinds of trade become more popularized. *BR.*

#### Pak-China online fair held to boost CPhi trade

Pak-China Zhejiang Export Online 2020 Fair of Chemical Pharmaceutical Ingredient (CPhi) for Pakistan was held in the Chinese city of Hangzhou. Over 50 CPhi enterprises from the province attended the fair, according to Han Jie, the Deputy Director of Commerce. Han said, the fair aims to build a bridge to cement CPhi trade between Pakistan and China's Zhejiang province, as the latter is a main exporter of medicine material. Hussain Haider, Pakistani CG in Shanghai, said that China is Pakistan's largest trading partner. This fair is just an opportunity to turn that possibility into a reality, he added. *BR.*

#### Surge in complaints against banks

A review published by the SBP states that complaints against banks during the past four years increased by more than 100% from 774,656 in 2016 to 1,549,837 in 2019. About 97% complaints were addressed the by the banks themselves. This increase in complaints can be attributed to improved visibility and access of dispute resolution mechanism coupled with enhanced consumer awareness. This is also due to the fact that number and value of banking transactions have increased substantially. *Dawn.*

#### Banks asked to act as lenders for privatization of power projects

Privatization Minister Mohammad Mian Soomro has asked international and local banks operating in Pakistan to participate as lenders to successfully complete the sell-off transactions of Balloki and Haveli Bahadur power plants, which the govt. plans to complete by Dec'20. *Dawn.*

#### UN report suggests temporary basic income to help world's poorest amid pandemic

According to a UN Development Program (UNDP) report, a temporary basic income for the world's poorest 2.7Bn people in 132 developing countries could help slow the spread of the coronavirus by allowing them to stay home. The report suggests three options - top-ups on existing average incomes, lump-sum transfers linked to differences in the median standard of living across a country or uniform lump sum transfers regardless of where someone lives in a country. It said that unprecedented times call for unprecedented social and economic measures. *Tribune.*

#### After gas supply resumption Two Urea plants to start production on 26<sup>th</sup>

The federal cabinet has approved supplying RLNG at concessional tariffs to 2 closed fertilizer plants from 26<sup>th</sup> Jul'20 for the next 3 months to meet the local urea demand. Since the LNG price has reduced to around \$ 2/mmbtu due to weak demand and scarce storage, these urea manufacturers had requested the govt. to allow them import of LNG for their plants. *The News.*

#### State Bank sells PKR 48Bn sukuk

The govt. has raised PKR 48Bn through the auction of 5-year fixed and variable rental rates Ijara Sukuk, in a bid to help finance the budget deficit. The govt. raised PKR 27Bn through the auction of Ijara Sukuk (variable), while the amount realized through fixed rental rate Sukuk was PKR 21Bn. *The News.*

#### Gold rates increase PKR 2,300/tola

Making new price records, gold rates in the local market rose PKR 2,300/tola to an all-time high of PKR 117,300/tola. *The News.*

#### SBP reserves edge up

Reserves held by SBP rose \$ 67Mn to \$ 12.12Bn during the week ended 17<sup>th</sup> Jul'20. Holdings by commercial banks stood at \$ 6.93Bn while total foreign reserves of the country clocked in at \$ 19.05Bn. *Dawn.*