

Project registered with FBR: First buyer of property not required to explain source of funds

According to frequently asked questions (FAQS) on the construction package issued by the FBR, the FBR has confirmed that the incentives are available for the purchasers in terms of requirement to explain source of funds. The first purchaser of a building or a unit in the building is not required to explain the source of funds used for purchase from a project registered with FBR under this scheme if the complete payment is made before 30th Sep'22 and is made through banking channels. Similarly, the source of funds will not be inquired into if a plot is purchased by 31st Dec'20, and the payment is made by Dec'20 through banking channels. *BR.*

ECC okays import of sugar, fortnightly revision of POL prices

ECC has approved a proposal by Ministry of Energy for revision of prices of petroleum products on fortnightly basis instead of the existing monthly basis. It also gave go-ahead to a proposal by the Ministry of Industries for import of up to 300,000 tons of refined white sugar to maintain buffer stocks and prevent any shortage of sugar in the coming months before the start of next crushing season. *Daily Times.*

Pakistan compliant on '14 FATF action points'

Pakistan is still fully compliant on 14 out of the 27-point Action Plan of the FATF. The deadline to complete the legislative work is 15th Aug'20 and to submit a compliance report is 6th Aug'20. The meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance had been convened to approve three bills. However, the opposition refused to endorse the govt.'s proposed National Accountability Ordinance Amendment Bill. The parliamentary committee has to approve these FATF-related bills before 6th Aug'20, or else Pakistan cannot exit the grey list. *Tribune.*

Karachi issues can't be solved unless LG reps are powerful: PM Imran Khan

PM Imran Khan has told the federal cabinet that the longstanding problems of Karachi could not be solved unless the elected local govt. representatives become financially, politically and administratively independent. He said the federal govt. was in favor of full implementation of Article 140-A of the Constitution and directed the AG of Pakistan to immediately appeal to the Supreme Court of Pakistan for an early hearing and decision of a petition under Article 140-A. Article 140-A says each province shall, by law, establish a local govt. system and devolve political, administrative and financial authority to the elected representatives of the local govt.'s. *The News.*

Return filers to miss tax incentive without updating information

Many taxpayers may not avail reduced rate of income tax while making various transactions despite filing their annual returns and being included in the latest active taxpayers list (ATL). Such taxpayers may only be able to avail reduced rates of income tax after providing complete personal details to the tax authorities. All existing persons who are enrolled on the FBR's official web portal IRIS are required to update their personal details by 31st Dec'20 by providing information of bank accounts, utility connections and business premises. The number of active taxpayers for TY19 has increased to 2.74Mn till 26th Jul'20. *The News.*

China, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal to discuss setting up fast track channel

Chinese Foreign Ministry's Spokesperson Wang Wenbin has said that China, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nepal have agreed to resume cross border flow of people and discuss setting up of fast track and green channel to facilitate each other's nationals. He said the four countries will also reach standard operation procedure for border control, information sharing, academic prevention and emergency response. They agreed to strengthen Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) cooperation to boost economic and social recovery besides upholding stability, supply and industrial chain. *Daily Times.*

\$ 505Mn received from WB for budgetary support

Pakistan has received \$ 505Mn from the World Bank for the budgetary support. The amount is for the Resilient Institutions for Sustainable Economy (RISE) program to help Pakistan strengthen fiscal management, promote transparency and private sector growth. However, the loan has been linked with undertaking foundational reforms in the energy sector to switch to low-carbon energy. These reforms are critical to building fiscal resilience and stimulating recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. *BR.*

Power privatization stalls as IPP talks drag

Two of the parties that remained interested in the privatization of two RLNG-based power plants have signaled their refusal to place any equity bids for the projects at the moment. They told the govt. that they are watching the ongoing tariff renegotiations with the Independent Power Producers (IPPs). Two power plants — Haveli Bahadur Shah and Balloki, both in Punjab — owned by the federal govt. were built with the intention to privatize them soon after they began commercial operations in 2018. *Dawn.*

British Airways to resume Pakistan flights from next month

British Airways has planned to restore Pakistan flights from Aug'20 after suspension due to coronavirus outbreak. The authorities have been asked to give details about cleanliness arrangements at the airport and facilities available there to ensure safe landing of its planes. *BR.*

Moody's expects Pakistan to offset remittance drop on oil fall

Moody's Investors Service sees Pakistan to make up for an expected drop in remittances with reduction in oil import bills as a global demand slump gives price shock to oil-producing economies. Moody estimated a 20% drop in remittances this year for a number of economies, including Pakistan. The country's oil bill was reduced around 28% to \$ 10.4Bn in FY2020. *The News.*

Cabinet forms panel to probe recent petroleum shortage

In order to ascertain the cause of the recent shortage of petroleum products in the country, the cabinet has formed an inquiry commission, that will have the power to hire services of market experts to look into the decisions taken during the monthly and quarterly product review meetings, check import orders and inspect stocks at various points of the supply chain. Furthermore, the decision regarding import of Euro-V standard was to be enforced from 1st Aug'20 will now be implemented from 1st Sep'20. *Dawn.*

SOCAR offers record-low spot price in Pakistan LNG buy tender

SOCAR Trading has placed the lowest offer into a spot buy tender by Pakistan LNG Ltd (PLL) for LNG cargo for delivery in late Aug'20. SOCAR's offer for the cargo is about 5.74% of Brent crude oil prices which works out to about \$ 2.20 per mmBtu for the cargo and is a record low LNG price secured by the PLL. *The News.*

CDNS receives bid from bank to comply with FATF's requirements

The Central Directorate of National Savings has received single bidding for hiring services of a bank to comply with FATF's anti-money laundering/counter financing terrorism requirements under the third party arrangement with a whopping cost of PKR 5.3Bn. The National Savings is the largest investment and financial institution in Pakistan with a portfolio of over PKR 3.4Tn and more than 7Mn customers. *The News.*

NayaPay, Visa collaborate

NayaPay has joined the Visa Fintech Fast Track program, speeding up the payment company's integration process with Visa and enabling NayaPay to leverage the reach, capabilities and security of Visa's global payments network. Through the fast track program, NayaPay has access to Visa's growing partner network, technology and resources to accelerate innovation in digital payments in Pakistan. *Tribune.*

Bank holidays

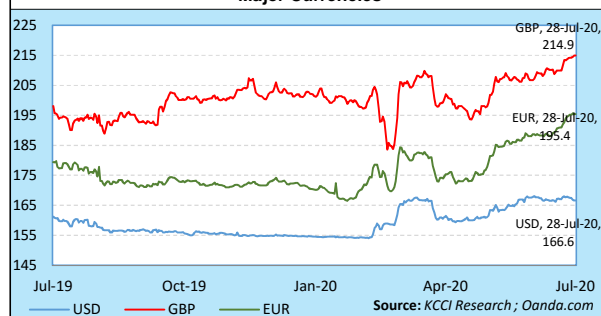
SBP and all banks will remain closed from 31st Jul to 2nd Aug'20 (Friday to Sunday) being public holidays on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. *BR.*

Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	28-Jul	PKR	166.46	-0.25%
USD-Open MKT	28-Jul	PKR	167.00	-0.30%
KSE-100 index	28-Jul	Pts.	38,627	1.06%
FIPI	28-Jul	\$ Mn	-2.67	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	28-Jul	\$/bbl	41.64	0.87%
Gold (MA'19)	28-Jul	\$/oz	1,936.1	1.91%
Gold (10g) Local	28-Jul	PKR	103,310	-0.50%
Silver (MA'19)	28-Jul	\$/oz	24.64	6.90%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	28-Jul	PKR	8,734	0.00%
Kibor-6M	28-Jul	%	7.02	0.07%
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*
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Major Currencies

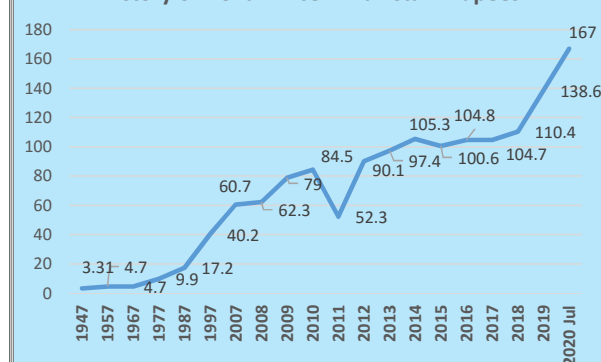


Quote of the Day

"Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just illusions."

Micheal Jordan

History of Dollar Price in Pakistani Rupees



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