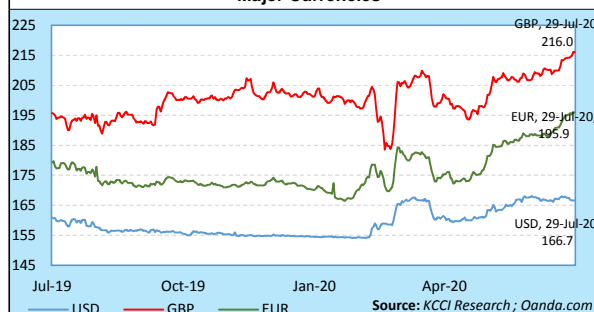


Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	29-Jul	PKR	166.79	0.20%
USD-Open MKT	29-Jul	PKR	167.10	0.06%
KSE-100 index	29-Jul	Pts.	38,836	0.54%
FIPI	29-Jul	\$ Mn	-2.06	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	29-Jul	\$/bbl	41.00	-1.54%
Gold (MA'19)	29-Jul	\$/oz	1,960.7	1.27%
Gold (10g) Local	29-Jul	PKR	103,310	0.00%
Silver (MA'19)	29-Jul	\$/oz	24.46	-0.75%
Cotton (KHI) -40 kg	29-Jul	PKR	8,100	-7.26%
Kibor-6M	29-Jul	%	7.03	0.01%
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

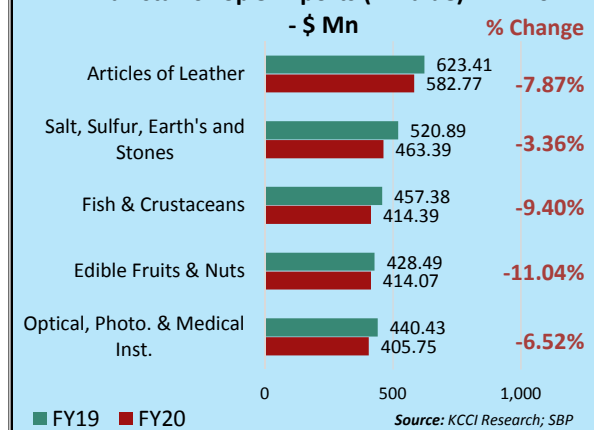


Quote of the Day

“Business has only two functions – marketing and innovation.”

Peter Drucker

Pakistan's Top 5 Exports (in value) in FY20



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NA passes FATF compliance-related bills

The National Assembly has passed two bills "The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020" and "The United Nations [Security Council] (Amendment) Bill, 2020", critical for Pakistan's compliance with FATF requirements to possibly bring the country out of its "grey list". The legislation is aimed at empowering the federal govt. to direct authorities in Pakistan to implement various measures in light of the UN Security Council resolutions including the freezing and seizure of assets, travel ban and arms embargo on the entities and individuals, who are designated on the "sanctions list" of the UNSC. *BR.*

6% WHT abolished on import of 1.5Mn tons of wheat

FBR has abolished 6% withholding tax on the import of 1.5Mn tons of wheat in line with the Cabinet decision of 16th Jun'20. FBR has already abolished 60% regulatory duty on the import of wheat from 21st Jul'20. *BR.*

Govt borrowing from SBP down by 71%

The govt. borrowing from SBP has massively declined by 71% to PKR 82.7Bn as of 10th Jul'20 compared with PKR 285.7Bn as of 12th Jul'19. Credit to the agriculture sector has also decreased from PKR 1,018Bn in FY19 to PKR 1,080Bn in FY20. Similarly total credit has also been declined from PKR 578.8Bn in FY19 to PKR 97.3Bn in FY20. *The Nation.*

ECC okays petroleum levy cushion plan

ECC has approved a plan of creating cushion of PKR 5-10 per litre on account of petroleum levy to address the volatility in petroleum product prices. The govt. had hiked the price of petrol by PKR 25.58 per litre and diesel by PKR 21.31 per litre for Jul'20 in line with the spike in global crude oil prices, which sparked controversy. *Tribune.*

Ogra proposes PKR 7-9 per litre increase in petrol, diesel prices

Ogra has proposed an increase of about PKR 7-9 per litre in petrol and High Speed Diesel (HSD) for next month and about PKR 6 per litre increase in kerosene and Light Diesel Oil (LDO) rates. However, the govt. is expected to increase the price of petrol and HSD by PKR 4-5 per litre by bringing down the rate of petroleum levy and allow about PKR 6 per litre increase for kerosene and LDO. *Dawn.*

Sugar sector reforms: FBR asked to reconcile data with provinces, CCP

The sugar sector reform committee has directed FBR to reconcile sugar stock data with the provinces and Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) to update on the CCP's action against cartelization in the sugar industry. The minister for industries inquired if any action had been taken according to Sugar Policy 2019-2020 except import of 0.500MMT sugar through the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP). The joint secretary (PSD) said that no such action had been taken according to the Sugar Policy 2019-2020 as the policy dealt with intervention in the provinces, and hence, post 18th amendment it was not implemented. *BR.*

PBS drafts NSDS 2020-30 framework

PBS has drafted National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS 2020-30) framework to produce timely, reliable, transparent and free from political and other undue external influence statistics to meet the national and international obligations of data requirements to be used for planning, monitoring and evaluation. *BR.*

Pakistan exports 20,209 tons mangoes to Iran

Pakistan has so far exported over 20,000 tons of mangoes to Iran, 1/3rd more than average annual export, as Iranian govt. removed hurdles faced in the beginning of the season. Iran granted market access to Pakistani mangoes, after finalization of pest risk analysis. Plant Protection Organization of Iran has approved 22 hot water plants of Pakistan to disinfect and export mangoes to Iran. *The News.*

Shariah-compliant services: SBP allows IBWs to finance all types of products

SBP has allowed Islamic Banking Windows (IBWs) to finance all types of products including corporate, SMEs, agriculture, housing and consumers with an objective to enhance the share and outreach of Shariah-compliant banking services to the people of Pakistan and contribute in overall financial inclusion. However, this facility is subject to the condition that the respective IBW branch will be converted into full-fledged Islamic banking branch within a period of 3 years. *BR.*

End consumers pay PKR 190Bn in power tariff due to jump in dollar

The power consumers have so far paid a whopping PKR 190Bn in the tariff in just 2 years of the govt. just because of the dollar appreciation that went up by over 40% against the rupee. Pakistan's power sector is heavily dependent on imported fuel that include diesel, furnace oil, LNG and coal for electricity generation and the tariff is in cents not in rupees and more importantly the capacity payments to IPPs is also in dollar terms. *The News.*

Resumption of EU operations: PIA moves foreign ministry to activate diplomatic channel with Turkey

Following no response from the Ministry of Aviation, PIA has finally approached the foreign ministry to activate diplomatic channel with Turkey to recommence EU operations by 13th Aug'20 through code sharing agreement with Turkish (Pegasus Airlines). Pegasus Airlines under the said code sharing agreement would not only facilitate PIA passengers for aforesaid five EU destinations - Birmingham (UK), London (UK), Milan (Italy), Barcelona (Spain), Copenhagen Denmark and Oslo (Norway) but would also offer 25 plus other EU destinations including Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Athens, etc. *BR.*

State Bank sells MTBs worth PKR 167.5Bn

SBP has sold PKR 167.5Bn worth of market treasury bills at an auction, while yields rose across the board. The raised amount was lower than pre-auction target of PKR 200Bn. The 3-month, 6-month and 12-month yield was 6.9%, 7.09% and 7.14% respectively. *The News.*

Increase in divestment shares of OGDCL approved

The Privatization Board has approved to increase the divestment of Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL) shares in the capital market from 7% to 10% on the recommendation of the ministry of energy. The final approval will now be given by the Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCoP) which had earlier given the approval of 7%. The increase in shares would attract investment from international exploration and production companies in OGDCL. *Dawn.*

\$ 4Bn financing platform

The World Bank Group's private-sector arm has said that it is launching a \$ 4Bn financing platform aimed at boosting the production and supply of critical health care products in developing countries to help fight the coronavirus pandemic. The International Finance Corp's initiative is largely aimed at private-sector projects to manufacture products such as personal protective equipment, ventilators and other medical equipment, coronavirus test kits, therapeutic drugs and vaccines. *Dawn.*

Govt to take steps to rid Karachiites of hardships: PM Imran Khan

PM Imran Khan has said the federal govt. will not leave the people of Karachi alone in difficult situation and will take all possible measures for the resolution of the hardships faced by them. He directed the National Disaster Management Authority to present a detailed review-report about the situation of rainwater nullahs in Karachi. *The News.*

PSO installs, commissions first EV charging station

Pakistan State Oil (PSO), has successfully installed and commissioned its first electrical vehicle charging station under the brand name "PSO Electro" at PSO Capri Gas Station, F-7, Islamabad. Special assistant on petroleum Nadeem Babar said that Pakistan is moving forward with the aim of reducing air pollution and curbing climate change. The govt. intends to move to 30% of renewable energy in our energy mix, together with another 30% of hydel power generation. *BR.*