

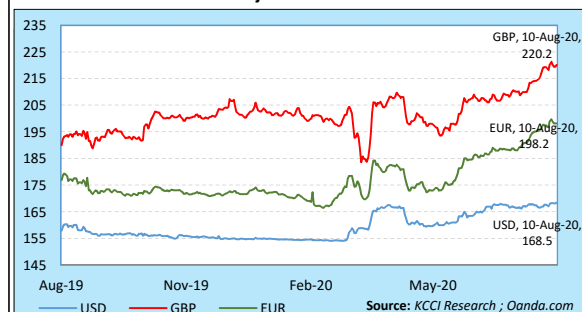
Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	10-Aug	PKR	168.38	0.30%
USD-Open MKT	10-Aug	PKR	168.70	0.12%
KSE-100 index	10-Aug	Pts.	39,915	-0.29%
FIP1	10-Aug	\$ Mn	1.52	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	10-Aug	\$/bbl	42.03	1.18%
Gold (MA'19)	10-Aug	\$/oz	2,026.8	-0.22%
Gold (10g) Local	10-Aug	PKR	111,460	1.24%
Silver (MA'19)	10-Aug	\$/oz	29.16	3.12%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	10-Aug	PKR	8,895	0.61%
Kibor-6M	10-Aug	%	7.21	0.03%
				WoW
Forex Reserves	30-Jul	\$ Bn	19.56	3.44%
				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-20	%	9.26	
Discount Rate	Jul-20	%	7.00	

Sources: KCCI Research, PMEX, NCCPL, KSE, SBP, PBS*

** Not Meaningful, WoW= week on week; YoY=Year on Year

Major Currencies

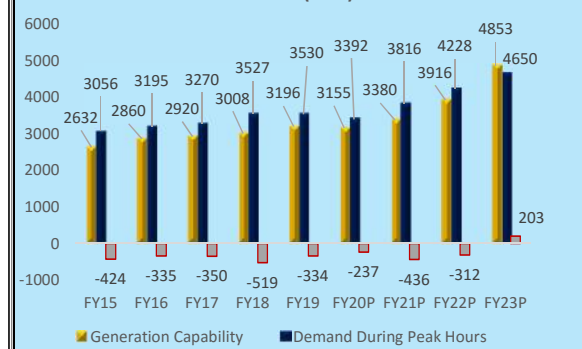


Quote of the Day

“Whatever you are, be a good one.”

Abraham Lincoln

Surplus/Deficit in Demand & Supply During Peak Hours (MW)



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State Bank expands loan limits for small borrowers

SBP has allowed microfinance banks to increase the limits of housing finance and loans after vetting their capacity to manage higher loan sizes. The limits for housing finance and microenterprise loans were increased up to PKR 3Mn from the existing limit of PKR 1Mn for borrowings from the microfinance banks. Likewise, the maximum size of general loans has been enhanced from PKR 150,000 to PKR 350,000. *The News.*

'Pakistan can add \$ 12Bn to its export proceeds by 2024'

Pakistan can increase its exports by up to \$ 12Bn by 2024 even after taking into account disruptions due to Covid-19. This was stated in International Trade Centre's (ITC) latest export potential assessment for Pakistan, Invisible Barriers to Trade — Pakistan 2020: Business Perspectives, in collaboration with the World Bank's country office here. It said that Market frictions such as regulatory obstacles and lack of information transparency put up to \$ 7Bn of untapped export potential at risk. The report, based on a survey of 1,152 importers and exporters. *Dawn.*

Customs revises values of uncoated offset paper

Directorate General of Customs Valuation (DGCV) has revised the customs values of uncoated offset paper for writing, printing and photocopy under section 25(7) of the Customs Act, 1969. According to details, the customs values of the mentioned goods were earlier determined vide valuation ruling no.1428 in 2019. As the ruling was old and values in the international market has been changed, therefore, an exercise was initiated to determine the customs values of aforementioned goods. *BR.*

Fuel price finally adjusted

The power regulator has approved the long overdue monthly Fuel Price Adjustments (FPA) for eight months starting from Nov'19. The FPA allowed by Nepra would lead to an average increase of a negligible 5 paisas/unit per month – down from 40 paisas sought. The combined impact in rupee terms is a minuscule PKR 3.5Bn spread over eight months – down from PKR 27Bn that was originally asked. *BR.*

Improved gas, power supply to Karachi assured

Federal Minister for Energy Omar Ayub Khan has assured Karachi-based industrialists of ending the weekly gas holiday and said the govt. is working to reallocate 211mmcf/d gas to meet the city's demand. He vowed to look into the matter of non-implementation of power tariff for export sector at 7.5 cents/kWh — all inclusive — and resolve it. *Dawn.*

KCR tracks: SC orders govt to construct underpasses, flyovers

Supreme Court (SC) has ordered the Sindh govt. to construct underpasses and flyovers on Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) tracks in a set period of time by completing the formalities and arranging the financing. During the hearing, the SC dismissed the stance of the secretary of Railways about KCR revival and said that it would initiate "contempt of court" proceedings against him as the deadline for the revival of the KCR is expiring when the secretary said the tracks of the KCR had been almost cleared. It would take six months, the secretary of transport informed the court which remarked that the KCR had to be revived this year. *BR.*

FBR decides to take action against corrupt, incompetent elements

FBR has decided to take action against irregularity, corruption and inefficient elements present in the organization. Since Jul'20, so far 26 officers and 19 officials have been suspended whereas three employees have been dismissed from service. An Integrity and Performance Management Unit has been established in FBR to address the complaints of the taxpayers against any employee. *The News.*

FBR asked to form body to examine, solve refund related issues

A high powered meeting of the govt.'s core economic team has conceded that refunds amounts have piled up to PKR 232Bn. It advised the FBR to form a technical committee comprising of businessmen representatives to examine and resolve faster refund related issues. FBR was advised to pay Income Tax refunds up to PKR 50Mn each within one week for which FBR will be provided funds by the Finance Division. *The News.*

Govt rushes FATF-related bill through NA panel amid opposition uproar

The govt. has rushed a controversial bill relating to FATF — Anti Money Laundering (Second Amendment) — through a parliamentary panel with a majority vote amid protest by members of the opposition parties. Under the bill, the fine for money laundering has been increased from PKR 5Mn to PKR 25Mn for individuals and PKR 100Mn for companies and institutions. *Dawn.*

WHT collection on non-cash banking transactions fall 40% in July

FBR has pulled in PKR 447Mn on withholding tax from non-cash banking transactions in Jul'20, down 40% compared to PKR 745Mn in Jul'19, as taxpayers increasingly preferred to file returns to duck the punitive tax. *The News.*

Six summaries pushed to give LPG importers PKR 30Bn annual benefits

The Petroleum Division and the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) have pushed 6 secret summaries in the span of 3 months to give to the importers of LPG cumulative annual benefits in excess of PKR 30Bn. If made a part of the new LPG policy that the federal authorities are currently attempting to have the Council of Common Interests (CCI) approve at its next meeting, the tax and other fiscal benefits to importers may exceed PKR 100Bn. *The News.*

Sindh govt. hopes to SWEEP away SSWMB's failures

After the miserable failure of the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) to effectively clean Karachi's districts, resulting in massive floods during the recent spells of rain, the provincial govt. has launched another project to manage the city's solid waste. With the assistance of the World Bank, the Sindh govt. is working on the Solid Waste Emergency & Efficiency Project (SWEEP), which isn't only about managing solid waste but also involves the cleaning of storm water drains. During Nov'19, the WB agreed to finance the implementation of the solid waste management component, giving birth to another CLICK component, namely SWEEP, with a cost of \$ 100Mn. *The News.*

MoC to constitute 10 new members of EDF Board

The Ministry of Commerce (MoC) has decided to constitute 10 new members of Board of Export Development Fund (EDF), constitutionally headed by the PM as Minister-in-Charge, Commerce Division or his nominee. *BR.*

PTA warns against illegal sale of GSM boosters

Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has stated that it has been observed that increasing use of sub-standard GSM boosters/amplifiers/repeaters installed by mobile users themselves is causing interference in cellular mobile operators (CMOs) frequency bands and deteriorating quality of mobile services. Use of GSM boosters/amplifiers/repeaters is strictly prohibited. The PTA has warned that all the importers, distributors, sellers and users of GSM boosters to refrain from it, otherwise, legal action will be taken against the violators in light of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996. *BR.*

URGENT: *All sugar importers who are interested in importing sugar are requested to urgently share their details today with KCCI for onward submission to the Govt. of Pakistan.

* KCCI has received an inquiry for export of Medical goods / Equipment including napkins, swabs, masks, gowns, gloves, waste bags, disinfectants, and other medical equipment in bulk quantities to Kyrgyzstan. If you are interested please let us know at the earliest. We will share the details with you to avail this opportunity.