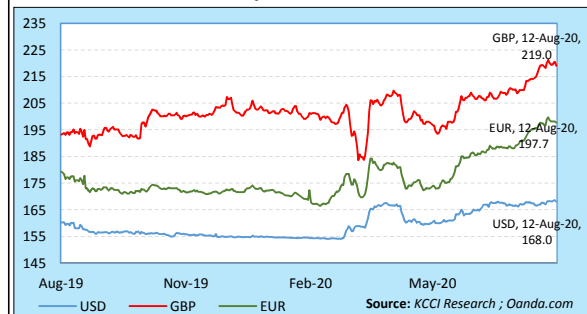


Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	12-Aug	PKR	168.08	-0.11%
USD-Open MKT	12-Aug	PKR	168.70	-0.12%
KSE-100 index	12-Aug	Pts.	40,473	-0.21%
FIPI	12-Aug	\$ Mn	1.35	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	12-Aug	\$/bbl	42.58	2.18%
Gold (MA'19)	12-Aug	\$/oz	1,918.9	0.25%
Gold (10g) Local	12-Aug	PKR	109,230	0.00%
Silver (MA'19)	12-Aug	\$/oz	25.62	2.81%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	12-Aug	PKR	8,895	0.00%
Kibor-6M	12-Aug	%	7.23	0.02%
			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-Jun 20	%	-10.17	
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

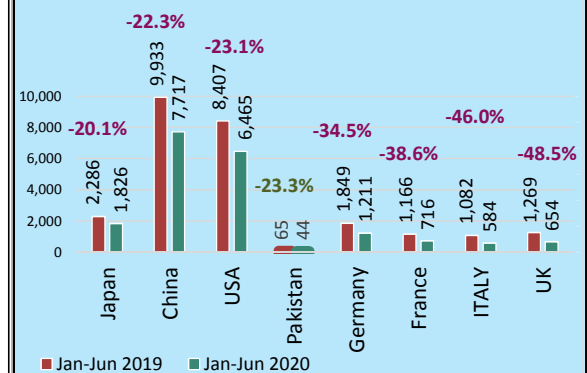


Quote of the Day

“You attract poverty when you lack value for time”

Sunday Adelaja

Country-Wise Car Sales 1HCY20 vs. 1HCY19 (values in 000s)



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NDMA, FWO should develop Karachi's infrastructure: Teli

Chairman BMG, Siraj Kassam Teli, who is also a former president of KCCI, has said that keeping in view the hardships being faced by Karachiites, the gigantic task of developing Karachi's infrastructure should immediately be outsourced to NDMA and FWO under Pak Army's supervision for 5 years as we firmly believe that it is beyond the capability/capacity of all the concerned departments of the provincial setup and the local administration to deal with the worsening situation. While referring to the hearing at the Supreme Court's Karachi Registry, Siraj Teli thanked the Chief Justice of Pakistan for ordering that the task of cleaning of all the drains in Karachi be given to the NDMA. Siraj Teli said that it is a high time the shabby infrastructure of Karachi is developed on a priority basis under the army's supervision otherwise the situation would continue to deteriorate, making living and doing of business in Karachi impossible. In this regard, Siraj Teli stressed that those who supported his statement should visit KCCI website (<http://www.kcci.com.pk/research/khi-support/>) and get counted by extending their support. *BR.*

CJP says Sindh has completely failed

The Supreme Court of Pakistan has expressed anger over the dismal situation of cleanliness in Karachi, observing that the Sindh govt. had 'completely failed' in the province. Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmad said that the provincial govt. had "turned entire Karachi into a goth". He said that Karachi was a metropolitan city and that no country in the world could tolerate destruction of its metropolitan city. Attorney General for Pakistan told the apex court that the federal govt. is deliberating on different legal and constitutional options to save Karachi as it has become an orphan city at the moment and Pakistan will be destroyed if Karachi is ruined. *The Nation.*

KE rejects allegations by Nepra

KE has reportedly brushed aside allegations leveled by Nepra in its show cause notice and asked for quashing it in the interest of justice. On 24th Jul'20, Nepra had issued a show cause Notice to KE, for allegedly bad performance, breach of contract and non-cooperation with its investigation team. The regulator had threatened to cancel KE's licence. *BR.*

PM forms body to facilitate small businesses

PM Imran Khan has formed a National Coordination Committee (NCC) on Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) development to generate economic activities. The NCC will coordinate and facilitate overall development and promotion of SMEs in the country by recommending policy, legal and regulatory measures to generate and sustain economic activity, employment generation and poverty alleviation. *Dawn.*

ECC approves debt settlement of PIA's Roosevelt Hotel

ECC of the cabinet has approved settlement of \$ 105Mn worth of a loan on Roosevelt Hotel, owned by PIA in the U.S. The ECC approved payment of all liabilities and responsibilities resulting from a debt secured by the PIA-owned Roosevelt Hotel in Manhattan, New York. *The News.*

Two-thirds of Covid-19 relief funds remain unutilized

With poor utilization of PM's Relief-cum-Economic Support Package to absorb Covid-related shock due to procedural conditions, the govt. has rolled over almost two-thirds of the allocated funds into FY21 through a major PKR 540Bn supplementary grant. A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the ECC. *Dawn.*

Interest rate on loans under Kamyab Jawan program slashed by 50%

The govt. has announced to slash the interest rate by 50% on loans under Kamyab Jawan program and it has also increased the loan limit from PKR 5Mn to PKR 25Mn. The govt. has disbursed PKR 1Bn to 2,900 people so far and it has approved to provide loans to another 7,500 people. *The Nation.*

NA passes five FATF-related bills with majority

The National Assembly has passed the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020; the Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2020; the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020; the Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2020; and the Islamabad Capital Territory Trust Bill, 2020. The FATF-related legislation has been carried out for the whitening of the economy and checking of terror financing. *The News.*

ADB allowed to launch PKR-linked bonds

ECC has allowed ADB to launch offshore Pakistan Rupee (PKR)-linked bonds of up to \$ 200Mn to non-residents based on conducive market conditions. The local currency proceeds of the bonds will be used for financing long-term infrastructure and energy projects in Pakistan. *BR.*

Sugar reaches PKR 100 per kg mark in retail markets after a decade

Sugar price reached PKR 100 per kg mark in retail markets registering an increase of PKR 10 per kg within two weeks. The price of sugar reached this level after one decade as it was the highest level in 2010 when it crossed PKR 100 mark and sold at PKR 110 to 115 per kg in Nov'10. *The News.*

Alternative energy policy unveiled

The govt. has formally announced the Alternative and Renewable Energy (ARE) Policy 2020 that offers generous tax facilities to investors and promises induction of power plants on open competitive bidding for lowest tariff and technology transfer. Minister for Energy Omar Ayub Khan has said that the policy targets increasing share of ARE in total power supply to 20% by 2025 and 30% by 2030 from about 5% at present. *Dawn.*

FBR says national tax authority needs political consensus

FBR has said that all the federating units should agree on establishment of single tax authority to collect and manage taxes across the country as the taxpayers will be facilitated by allowing single return for both federal and provincial taxes. It said that the establishment of single tax authority is part of tax reforms program funded by the World Bank. Under the program the single tax authority would be empowered to collect all taxes including sales tax on services and disburse provinces. *The News.*

Govt raises PKR 172Bn

The govt. on 12th Aug'20 has raised PKR 113Bn from market treasury bills (MTBs) and PKR 59Bn from Pakistan Investment Bonds (PIBs) auctions. Of the MTBs, PKR 59.45Bn was raised from direct auction whereas PKR 53.7Bn was from non-competitive bids. The bid trend shows investors particularly banks have ample liquidity. The total bids were PKR 629Bn. *Dawn.*

LSMIs output down 10.17% YoY

Large-Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMIs) output declined by 10.17% in FY20 compared to FY19, as almost all of the major manufacturing sectors posted negative growth. LSMI output declined by 7.74% in Jun'20, compared to Jun'19, and increased by 16.81%, when compared to May'20. Textile, top contributing sector, fell 10.37%, coke and petroleum products 20.10%, pharmaceuticals 2.69%, chemicals 7.76%, automobiles 43.78%, iron and steel products 17.36%, electronics 34.82%, leather products 9.09%, wood products 44.25%, and non-metallic mineral products 2.16. *BR.*

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