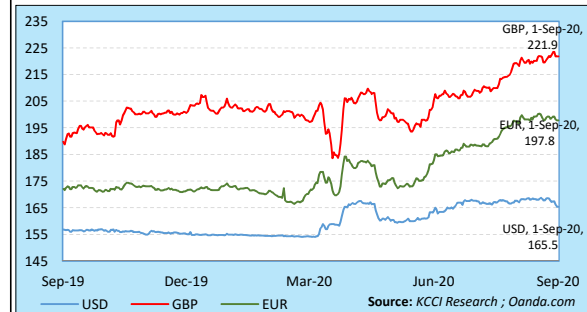


Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	1-Sep	PKR	165.63	-0.37%
USD-Open MKT	1-Sep	PKR	165.25	-0.75%
KSE-100 index	1-Sep	Pts.	41,377	0.65%
FIPI	1-Sep	\$ Mn	-1.69	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	1-Sep	\$/bbl	43.00	0.51%
Gold (MA'19)	1-Sep	\$/oz	1,967.8	0.02%
Gold (10g) Local	1-Sep	PKR	104,400	-1.23%
Silver (MA'19)	1-Sep	\$/oz	28.11	-0.62%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	1-Sep	PKR	9,324	1.16%
Kibor-6M	1-Sep	%	7.25	0.00%
			WoW	0.34%
Forex Reserves	21-Aug	\$ Bn	19.72	YoY
Remittances	Jul-20	\$ Bn	2.77	36.50%
Exports*	Jul-20	\$ Bn	2.00	6.10%
Imports*	Jul-20	\$ Bn	3.69	-0.70%
Trade Balance*	Jul-20	\$ Bn	-1.69	7.72%
Current Account	Jul-20	\$ Bn	0.42	169.17%
Foreign Direct Inv.	Jul-20	\$ Bn	0.11	60.76%
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

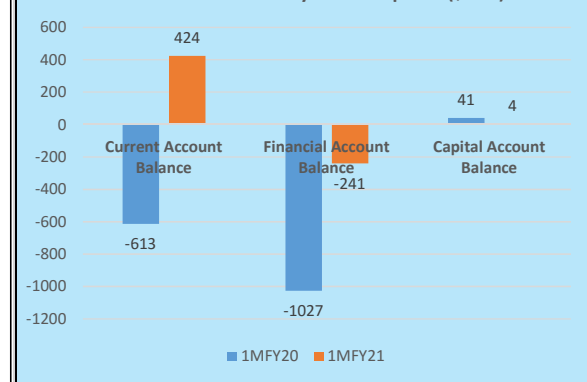


Quote of the Day

“You attract poverty when you lack value for time.”

Sunday Adelaja

Pakistan Balance Of Payment Snapshot (\$ Mn)



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Erstwhile 5 zero-rated sectors: Inter-ministerial meeting agrees to increase power tariff

An inter-ministerial meeting agreed to increase electricity tariff by 20% from existing 7.5 cents to 9 cents from 1st Sept'20 for erstwhile five zero-rated sectors, including textile, aimed at reducing volume of subsidy. With increase in tariff, the five zero-rated sectors will bear additional financial burden of PKR 13-14Bn per annum. *BR.*

Traders estimate PKR 50Bn losses in rainy week

Traders in Karachi have initially estimated PKR 50Bn of enormous losses in a week after monsoon rainfalls wreaked havoc with the already debilitated infrastructure in the commercial hub of the country. Meanwhile, the provincial govt. has initiated a loss assessment exercise surveying the markets, and traders have urged the authorities to appoint a relief commissioner and compensate the businessmen. *The News.*

PM to visit Karachi on Friday, announce package, projects

Minister for Information Shibli Faraz has said that PM Imran Khan will announce a major package for solution to Karachi's problems, as the federal cabinet deliberated on key national matters, including extraordinary spells of rain in the country with focus on the mega city. He said that there were problems of tanker mafia, sewerage, solid waste management and transport in Karachi for which a special program had been formulated by the federation. *The News.*

Governor says centre-Sindh body discussing candidates for new Karachi administrator

After the dissolution of elected local bodies in the province, Sindh Governor Imran Ismail has claimed that names for the slot of Karachi administrator, who would run the city's municipal affairs until fresh local govt. elections, was being discussed by the coordination committee comprising representatives of the federal and Sindh govt.'s. *Dawn.*

Army won't disappoint people of Karachi: COAS

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed has arrived on a two-day visit to Karachi and was flown over the city for aerial reconnaissance of the ground impact of urban flooding triggered by the recent record-breaking monsoon rains. The COAS reiterated that plans being made by the provincial and federal govt.s for the development of Karachi that will have army's all-out support "as having future repercussions on economic security of the country". "Army will not disappoint the population in their time of need," the ISPR quoted the army chief as saying. *BR.*

August CPI up 8.2% YoY

CPI has witnessed an increase of 8.2% on year-on-year basis in Aug'20 as compared to an increase of 9.3% in Jul'20 and 10.5% in Aug'19 due to increase in prices of sugar, wheat, bakery and confectionary, milk fresh and readymade food. On month-on-month basis, the CPI increased by 0.63% in Aug'20 as compared to an increase of 2.5% in Jul'20, and an increase of 1.6% in Aug'19. *BR.*

Japan seeks facilitation at ports to increase imports from Pakistan

Japanese govt. has urged Pakistani authorities to improve facilitations at the ports to increase exports to Japan. Japan's Ambassador to Pakistan Kuninori Matsuda, during a meeting with the Adviser on Finance Hafeez Shaikh, has said that Japan intends to extend business relations with Pakistan and wishes to import mangoes, rice, fish and textile products from Pakistan. *The News.*

K-Electric playing horrible game with Karachi people

Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Gulzar Ahmed while hearing a suo moto notice case related to the excessive and unannounced load shedding in Sindh has directed the federal govt. to make tribunal court functional and provide all necessary infrastructure for its immediate working. The court further said that the K-Electric is a private company, which has to do its own work and its basic work being supply of electricity to the city of Karachi, such work cannot be interrupted for a mere reason that its installations have been affected by rain. *The Nation.*

Agreement with IPPs in choppy waters

Serious differences have cropped up among the independent power producers (IPPs) after signing of their MOUs with a negotiation committee of the govt. for tariff reduction. Two large groups of IPPs have fallen out with each other amid mutual mistrust, and the head of the IPP Advisory Committee (IPPAC) - Khalid Mansour — who had headed the talks from the power producers side, has resigned. *Dawn.*

Chinese company to invest \$ 50Mn for electric buses in Pak in first phase

Minister for Science and Technology Fawad Chaudhry has said that Chinese auto manufacturer Skywell Automobile, will invest \$ 50Mn in Pakistan to launch electric buses in the country. The Chinese investment will be done in the first phase, while in the second phase manufacturing of the electric buses would be started. *The Nation.*

Sales tax collection on imports plunges to PKR 61Bn in August

Sales tax collection on imported goods plunged 11% year-on-year to PKR 61Bn in Aug'20 from PKR 69Bn in Aug'19 as torrential rains exacerbated weak infrastructure systems to keep economic activities muted during most parts of the month. Port activities also remained limited due to holidays on account of Muharram. *The News.*

SBP issues revised guidelines on Stress Testing

SBP, in pursuance of its goal to further strengthen the risk management capacity of banks, DFIs and MFBS, has revised the existing Guidelines on Stress Testing (ST) to align with the changing local dynamics and international best practices. The guidelines have been divided into five sections: Section 1 covers the scope and coverage of the ST framework; Section 2 details the elements of the ST framework. Section 3 contains the guidelines for Scenario Analysis, also known as Macro Stress Testing (MST), to be conducted by the sample of D-SIBs. Section 4 contains the minimum set of predefined shocks to be used for Sensitivity Analysis of banks, DFIs, IBs/IBBs and MFBS. Finally, Section 5 provides instructions on reporting requirements. *BR.*

Virtual currencies/tokens: SECP directs cos, LLPs to refrain from trading

SECP has directed all companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) to refrain from processing, using, trading, holding, transferring value, promoting and investing in virtual currencies/tokens. The SECP has issued SRO 795 (I)/2020. It has also directed the securities brokers, commodities brokers, insurance companies, Takaful Operators, non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) and Modarabas to report to Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU) any transaction in this regard as a suspicious transaction in compliance with Anti Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Regulations, 2018. *BR.*

Sindh govt announces reopening of schools from 15th with SOPs

The Sindh govt. has decided to reopen all schools in the province from 15th Sep'20 and issued SOPs. The provincial govt. has issued SOPs to be adopted by the schools' management, students, teachers and others in the province during the academic session starting from Sep 15. *BR.*

KE extends due date of bills

In order to facilitate the customers in the aftermath of the rain and flooding disruption K-Electric has extended the deadline for payments of electricity bills. This extension is applicable on bills with due dates falling between 25th Aug'20 to 3rd Sep'20, both days included. These bills can now be paid latest by the new date of 4th Sep'20. *BR.*