

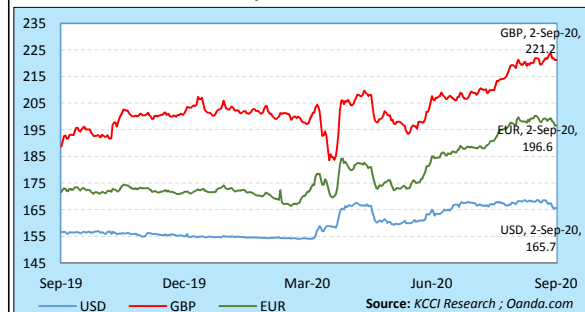
Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	2-Sep	PKR	165.60	-0.02%
USD-Open MKT	2-Sep	PKR	166.50	0.76%
KSE-100 index	2-Sep	Pts.	41,835	1.11%
FIPI	2-Sep	\$ Mn	-2.99	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	2-Sep	\$/bbl	41.58	-3.30%
Gold (MA'19)	2-Sep	\$/oz	1,942.3	-1.30%
Gold (10g) Local	2-Sep	PKR	103,100	-1.25%
Silver (MA'19)	2-Sep	\$/oz	27.64	-1.65%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	2-Sep	PKR	9,431	1.15%
Kibor-6M	2-Sep	%	7.26	0.01%
			WoW	
Forex Reserves	21-Aug	\$ Bn	19.72	0.34%
			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

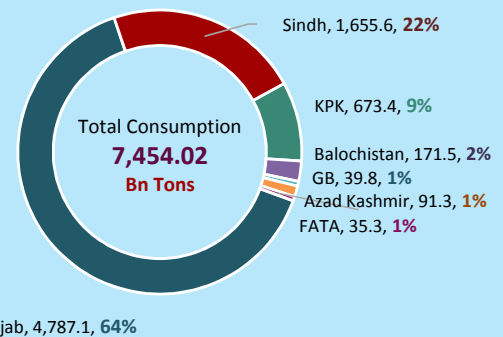


Quote of the Day

"One of the funny things about the stock market is that every time one person buys, another sells, and both think they are astute."

William Feather

Province-Wise Petrol Consumption - FY20 (Bn Tons)



Source: KCCI Research; OCAC

Disclaimer

This report has been prepared by KCCI Research & Development Cell. The information contained herein have been compiled or arrived at based upon information obtained from sources believed to be reliable and in good faith. Such information has not been independently verified.

KCCI View icon represents the sole viewpoint of the KCCI R&D Cell, and is stated to enrich the readers' understanding of the news item. The

Raise in KE tariff approved by ECC

ECC has decided to approve an increase in KE tariff up to PKR 2.89/unit with implementation from 1st Sep'20, and a subsidy of PKR 4.7Bn was also provided to the entity on account of tariff differential. It also approved the summary moved by the Power Division for the rationalisation of 11 quarterly adjustments of K-Electric Limited from Jul'16 to Mar'19. On the other hand, in order to meet the financial challenges faced by Roosevelt Hotel, New York, the ECC approved the amount up to \$ 142Mn for the PIA-IL. BR.

Army to help Centre, Sindh to address Karachi's problems

Chief of Army Staff, General Qamar Bajwa has said that the Army will do its utmost to help and assist the federal and provincial govt.'s address the issues of Karachi. This assurance was given by the army chief to a cross-section of the trade and commerce leaders who met him. BMG Chairman Siraj Qasim Teli said that he briefed the COAS about the plight of the city in detail who had also taken an aerial view of the city. He requested Gen Bajwa that with the funding from the political govt., Karachi be handed over to FWO and NDMA for developing its infrastructure. The News.

Murad seeks World Bank funding for Karachi

Sindh CM Syed Murad Ali Shah has discussed \$ 143.9Mn development portfolio, including \$ 35.1Mn for Karachi, with the World Bank country director and has urged the bank to support the provincial govt. to undertake reconstruction of rain-affected infrastructure of the city. Dawn.

AGP orders audit of Karachi cantt boards, KMC

The Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) has formed a special team to scrutinize the fiscal affairs of three cantonment boards in Karachi, the city's metropolitan corporation and other departments for the last three years in the wake of heavy rains inundating several parts of the city last week—exposing the authorities' lack of preparedness to deal with such a situation. Tribune.

ADB-funded energy projects facing delays

In a tri-partite meeting presided over by Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Makhdam Khusro Bukhtiar and attended by ADB's Country Director Ms. Xiaohong Yang, it was reported that almost all of the ADB-funded energy projects worth \$ 1.7Bn are facing serious implementation problems. Bottlenecks include manpower issues, land acquisition problems and bidding and operational and management challenges with slow to no progress. Dawn.

Govt IPPs: Rate of RoE to be reduced to 10% from 17%

Following seemingly good deals with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), the govt. has decided to reduce the rate of Return on Equity (RoE) of govt. IPPs by 41% to 10% from existing 17% in rupee terms, indicating saving billions of rupees per annum. For this purpose, the govt.-owned-projects will approach Nepra for revision of their tariffs on the basis of revised RoE, after seeking formal approval of their Boards. BR.

Pakistan plans to tap into \$ 25Bn legal cannabis market

Minister for science and technology Fawad Chaudhry has said that Pakistan plans to import a specific variety of cannabis seeds to begin research on its industrial and medical use to tap into the \$ 25Bn cannabidiol (CBD) market. This comes after the federal cabinet approved the country's first license for non-psychoactive hemp. The News.

FBR asks medical practitioners for online business transactions

FBR has made it mandatory for doctors practicing medical consultancy in 8 major cities of the country and who are charging above PKR 1,500 as fee per patient to install electronic fiscal devices and provide data to the revenue authority on a real time basis. The News.

China allows flights into Beijing from Pakistan, seven other countries

China is poised to resume direct international flights to Beijing from several countries with low rates of the deadly coronavirus, after a freeze of more than five months. The new rules will apply to flights from Pakistan, Thailand, Cambodia, Greece, Denmark, Austria, Sweden and Canada. But travelers would be subject to centralized quarantine on arrival for 14 days and have to take two Covid-19 tests. Dawn.

'Hasty shift to Euro-V petrol, diesel will burden consumers'

Petroleum experts at a virtual moot have said that the recent govt. decision for introduction of Euro-V petrol and HSD in the country is premature owing to old vehicular fleet, non-compliant refineries, unprepared govt. machinery and will waste public money and burden majority of lower middle income consumers. They said that Pakistan's 50% vehicular fleet comprises motorbike owners who are already paying PKR 8-10/liter higher price on existing Euro-II 92RON petrol which is beyond their engine capacity. Dawn.

Ishrat underscores need for reforming tax system, machinery

Adviser on Institutional Reforms, Dr Ishrat Hussain has stated that there is a need to reform the tax system and the tax machinery; otherwise, higher fiscal deficit and borrowing will continue to increase the country's reliance on IMF. The adviser stated that the govt. decided to bring about reforms in the FBR, and the process was started six month ago with \$ 80Mn World Bank Package as there was also IMF conditions in that regard. The adviser added that without increase in tax base, tax-to-GDP ratio would not increase and underlined the need of tapping untapped areas with cut in tax rates to increase tax in %age terms. BR.

'Tax fraud' amounting to over PKR 200Mn detected

Directorate of Intelligence and Investigation (DI&I), Inland Revenue (IR), Karachi has detected a purported tax fraud amounting to over PKR 200Mn. According to an FIR lodged by the Directorate against the proprietor of a company who was accused of committing tax fraud by issuing fake flying invoices to other registered persons in order to facilitate them to inflate their input tax and to minimize their net liability of payment of sales tax. BR.

Govt issues tender to buy 100,000 tonnes of sugar

Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) has issued a new international tender to purchase 100,000 tonnes of white sugar. European traders said. The tender closes on 8th Sep'20. Traders said Pakistan is believed to have made no purchase in a previous tender for 300,000 tonnes of sugar which closed in Aug'20. BR.

Customs duty collection up 9.2% to PKR 45.9Bn in August

Customs duty collection increased 9.2% to PKR 45.9Bn in Aug'20 compared to PKR 42Bn in Jul'20. FBR said that the revenue target has been achieved despite slow clearance of imported goods at Karachi port due to heavy rains and Muharram holidays in the last week of Aug'20. The News.

Oil sales surge 21% to 1.6Mn tons in August

Oil sales increased 21% year-on-year to 1.6Mn tons in Aug'20 compared to 1.3Mn tons in Aug'19 with furnace oil consumption in the power generation sector having sharply soared amid resurgence in post-lockdown activities. The News.

PM to address UNGA via video-link on 25th

PM Imran Khan will address the landmark 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) via video-link on 25th Sep'20, according to an initial list of speakers officially released. BR.