

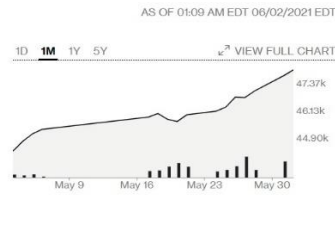
Daily Economic Update – 10th June, 2021

KSE-100

48,160.91 PKR

-30.35 -0.06% ▼

OPEN	PREV CLOSE	1 YEAR RETURN
48,191.26	48,191.26	39.72%
YTD RETURN	DAY RANGE	52 WEEK RANGE
10.07%	47,960.46 – 48,286.46	33,071.36 – 48,286.46



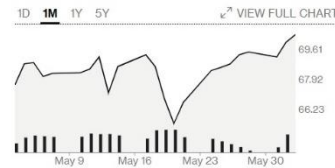
Commodities

Brent (\$/bbl.)

70.50 USD/bbl.

+0.25 +0.36% ▲

OPEN	PREV CLOSE	VOLUME
70.55	70.25	10,554
DAY RANGE	52 WEEK RANGE	
70.35 – 70.95	38.85 – 71.34	



US WTI

67.94 USD/bbl.

+0.22 +0.32% ▲

OPEN	PREV CLOSE	VOLUME
67.99	67.72	21,525
DAY RANGE	52 WEEK RANGE	
67.78 – 68.31	36.69 – 68.87	



Cotton #2 (ICE)

84.60 USD/lb.

-0.21 -0.25% ▼

OPEN	PREV CLOSE	VOLUME
84.77	84.81	243
DAY RANGE	52 WEEK RANGE	
84.18 – 84.79	58.00 – 89.28	



TOP NEWS

Exports rise 14%, imports cross \$50b in Jul-May FY21

Pakistan's imports have crossed \$50 billion in 11 months of the outgoing fiscal year – the second time in three years, posing a new challenge for the government as growth in exports remain less than half of the pace of increase in imports. Complete Story: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2304229/exports-rise-14-imports-cross-50b-in-jul-may-fy21>

Pakistan's exports to Italy decline 1.97pc to \$629m in 10 months

Pakistan's exports of goods and services to Italy has witnessed a decrease of 1.97 percent during the first ten months of financial year (2020-21) compared to the corresponding period of last year, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) reported. Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40098383>

Pakistan succeeded in reviving economy despite Covid pandemic: Forbes

Forbes has lauded the government's efforts to tackle pandemic and to stabilise and grow Pakistan's economy, saying that the government has been successful in reviving its economy through prudent policies which is expected to grow at 4%. Complete Story: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2303870/pakistan-succeeded-in-reviving-economy-despite-covid-pandemic-forbes>

Pakistan's economy 'surviving on a ventilator', says Bengali

Senior economist Dr Kaiser Bengali said on Wednesday Pakistan's economy was surviving on "a ventilator" as it had reached the verge of a technical default, surviving entirely on domestic and foreign loans. Complete Story: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/847189-pakistan-s-economy-surviving-on-a-ventilator-says-bengali>

GDP, inflation, and petroleum pricing

Like it or not, petroleum prices remain a largely political decision. What is crystal clear at this point is that the government has set two priorities going forward. Higher growth and controlled inflation. How does that fit into the petroleum pricing and demand equation is the point to ponder. Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40098962/gdp-inflation-and-petroleum-pricing>

13 sectors' exports post double-digit growth

Pakistan's exports of 13 sectors including value-added textiles posted double-digit growth in the 11 months of current fiscal year (11MFY21) compared to the same period a year ago, data compiled by the Ministry of Commerce showed on Friday. Complete Story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1627578>

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Currency Parity

PKR-USD	Selling	Buying
	156.6	155.5



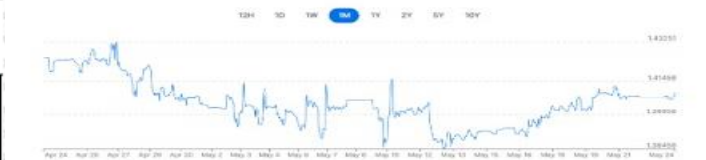
PKR-GBP	Selling	Buying
	222.1	219.1



PKR-EURO	Selling	Buying
	190.6	188.6



PKR-YEN	Selling	Buying
	1.44	1.41



New York Cotton	Open	Last	Volume
Jul '21	86.55	86.18	714
Oct '21	87.72	88.18s	13
Dec '21	87.14	86.94	1,271

GENERAL NEWS

Inflation and bottom of the pyramid

The biggest challenge for the government on the economic front now is dealing with inflation. High inflation amid sticky wages are squeezing consumers' buying power more and more – and hence dampening consumer sentiment despite the revival in economic growth.

Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40098961/inflation-and-bottom-of-the-pyramid>

Industrial employment rebounds

The recently released central bank's State of Economy report on 2QFY21 touches upon the employment subject in greater detail, continuing with the trend started from the previous version, and for good reason too. The employment landscape has undoubtedly undergone significant volatility over the past five to six quarters – as Covid related slowdown wreaked havoc across all job providing sectors.

Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40098679/industrial-employment-rebounds>

Trade deficit widens

The trade deficit has widened by a whopping 30.56 percent to 27.488 billion dollars July-May 2021 compared to 21.054 billion dollars in the comparable period of the year before - 27 percent lower than the 37.6 billion dollars in 2017-18 and only 13.5 percent lower than the 31.8 billion dollars in 2018-19.

Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40099043/trade-deficit-widens>

New IGCEP for power capacity planning

A new IGCEP (Indicated Generation Capacity Expansion Plan) has been submitted by NTDC (National Transmission and Despatch Company) for the regulator's approval. There are some questionable recommendations made in the model that we will discuss in this space.

Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40099046/new-igcep-for-power-capacity-planning>

Fiscal policies: health sector challenges

The analysis of fiscal policies of the government is an important determinant of looking at priorities related to development and public interest. Well-structured fiscal policies can reduce health sector challenge.

Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40099045/fiscal-policies->