

Market	Current	Change	Volume
KSE- 100	33223.4	-215.57	39810572
Commodities		Current	
Brent (\$/bbl.)	42.32		
US WTI	39.72		
Cotton	59.64		
New York Cotton	Open	Close	Volume
Jul 20	61.50	61.45	120
Oct 20	60.10	60.06	5
Dec 20	60.05	59.64	1348
Currency Parity		Selling	Buying
PKR-USD		167.3	166.3
PKR-GBP		210	204
PKR-EURO		187	184
PKR-YEN		1.52	1.49

Bears ruled the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Wednesday as the benchmark KSE-100 index closed at 34,401.42 points with negative change of 6.63 points (0.02%) as compared to 34,408.05 points on the last working day.

The increasing trend in the prices of cotton witnessed due to the lesser supply of Phutti and increase in its demand. The anomalies committee of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) will review the recommendations of textile sector and the ginners. The threat of locust attack is increasing.

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April LSM hints at lower FY20 GDP

Last week, Pakistan's Large-Scale Manufacturing (LSM) index reported a year-on-year drop of nearly 42 percent in April 2020. That's almost double the fall reported in March 2020 and raises question marks over the provisional LSM contraction of 7.78 percent estimated in the Economic Survey FY20.

Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/10000001/april-lsm-hints-at-lower-fy20-gdp>

Business community awaits notification of PM incentive package

Sindh Business community on Sunday urged the concern departments to issue notification of the attractive incentive package for the construction Industry announced by the Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Complete Story: <https://nation.com.pk/22-Jun-2020/business-community-awaits-notification-of-pm-incentive-package>

COVID-19 and Pakistan's economy

A global recession seems inevitable as worldwide trade continues to contract which is predicted to be much more potent than the ones caused in 1945 and 2009. With reference to the IEA Oil Market report, the worldwide average oil consumption is expected to contract by a record 9.3 mb/d comparative to 2019 in relation to the twin demand and supply shocks caused by containment measures across 187 countries. The economy of Pakistan paints a similar picture.

Complete story: <https://nation.com.pk/22-Jun-2020/covid-19-and-pakistan-s-economy>

Need for establishing new trade centres in region stressed

Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, while reiterating that Pakistan desires peaceful relations with all the neighbouring countries for peace and stability in the region, underlined the need for establishing new trade centres in the region to strengthen economic and trade relations. Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/10000064/need-for-establishing-new-trade-centres-in-region-stressed>

Sell-off process could contribute Rs 100 billion revenue

Privatisation Division has short listed 10 entities which are scheduled to be sold out in financial year 2020-21 to achieve budgeted revenue of Rs 100 billion. Federal Minister Mohammedman Soomro chaired a meeting on Sunday which reviewed and approved new schedule for privatisation of ongoing transactions. The new schedule is contingent upon resumption of economic activities and improvement in market conditions once Covid 19 pandemic situation is improved.

Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/10000100/sell-off-process-could-contribute-rs-100-billion-revenue>

Structural benchmark agreed with IMF: Nepra being empowered to pass on cost inefficiencies on to consumers

Ministry of Finance has reportedly clubbed amendments in Nepra Act with the Finance Bill 2020-21 to get it passed before July 1, 2020 as per agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) aimed at empowering the regulator to pass on cost inefficiencies of power sector to the consumers through imposition of Debt Servicing Surcharge (DSS).

Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/10000094/structural-benchmark-agreed-with-imf-nepa-being-empowered-to-pass-on-cost>

GENERAL NEWS

157 Women Empowerment Centres imparting training in various skills to women

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) is managing 157 Women Empowerment Centers throughout the country for imparting training in various skills to women. An official told APP that these centres were aimed to provide women opportunities for suitable employment to alleviate the population living below the poverty line in the country.

Complete Story: <https://nation.com.pk/22-Jun-2020/157-women-empowerment-centres-imparting-training-in-various-skills-to-women>

Privatisation of 2 RLNG power plants, HEC on cards, to contribute Rs100b

Privatisation transactions of Heavy Electrical Complex (HEC), Haveli BahadarShah and Balloki RLNG power plants are likely to be completed in second quarter of fiscal 2020-21.

Complete Story: <https://nation.com.pk/22-Jun-2020/privatisation-of-entities-privatisation-of-2-rlng-power-plants-hec-on-cards-to-contribute-rs100b>

Saudi Aramco completes acquisition of 70% stake in SABIC

Saudi Aramco said on Wednesday it has completed the acquisition of a 70% stake in chemical giant SABIC for \$69.1 billion, boosting it as one of the world's largest producers. The stake was held by the Public Investment Fund (PIF), the kingdom's sovereign wealth fund which has reportedly been on a spree to purchase stakes in international firms. Complete story:

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/673988-saudi-aramco-completes-purchase-of-70-stake-in-sabic>

China home prices to pick up, but outlook remains soft: Reuters poll

China's home prices are expected to grow slightly faster this year than predicted a few months earlier while sales will stay soft, as Beijing refrains from strong easing to cushion the coronavirus-led slowdown in the sector, a Reuters poll showed. The property market has shown some signs of recovery helped by cheaper credit and incremental policy easing as the Chinese economy emerges from its coronavirus lockdown. But still weak consumer confidence and fears of a second wave of virus infections may dampen chances for a sustainable rebound. Complete story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/10000112/china-home-prices-to-pick-up-but-outlook-remains-soft-reuters-poll>

Stocks try to shake off second wave virus fears

U.S. stock futures recouped losses on Monday but Asian stocks wobbled as investors tried to shake off worries that rising coronavirus cases in the United States could scupper a quick economic rebound. U.S. S&P 500 futures rose 0.3%, having erased early losses of 1.05%, while Japan's Nikkei also recovered from early losses to trade either side of flat. Complete story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/10000106/stocks-try-to-shake-off-second-wave-virus-fears>

Oil dips as demand worries outweigh tighter supply

Oil prices slid on Monday as concern grew that a record rise in coronavirus infections worldwide could stall a recovery in fuel demand, outweighing tighter supplies from major producers. Brent crude fell 11 cents, or 0.3%, to \$42.03 a barrel by 0505 GMT, while U.S. crude was at \$39.69 a barrel, down 14 cents, or 0.4%. Complete story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/10000105/oil-dips-as-demand-worries-outweigh-tighter-supply>

Global dollar crunch appears over as central banks rely less on Fed backstop

Data from the Fed on Thursday showed its peer banks around the world this week tapped it for the fewest dollars in nearly three months, and it was the main factor driving a surprise reduction in the Fed's \$7 trillion balance sheet - the first since February and the largest since the waning days of the financial crisis more than a decade ago. Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/10000103/global-dollar-crunch-appears-over-as-central-banks-rely-less-on-fed-backstop>

PSM privatization: JI threatens to stage demo in Islamabad

Vice President of the Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) Pakistan Liaquat Baloch on Sunday demanded of the federal government to immediately withdraw its decision to privatize the Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM). Speaking during a conference titled 'Save Pakistan Steel Mills' at the party's headquarters in Karachi, Liaquat Baloch said that if the decision is not withdrawn, JI along with the PSM employees' unions would stage a protest demo at D-Chowk in Islamabad. Complete story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/10000097/psm-privatization-ji-threatens-to-stage-demo-in-islamabad>

Collapse in demand hits chemical manufacturing sector

Ahmed Rauf, research analyst at Sherman Securities, a securities brokerage firm, has revised the expected earnings of Lotte Chemical and Engro Polymer & Chemicals – two of Pakistan's largest chemical manufacturers – in a note issued to clients on June 10. The companies are both facing lower sales volumes in the second quarter of 2020, a trend that is expected to continue in the second half of the current calendar year, and affect profit.

Complete Story: <https://profit.pakistantoday.com.pk/2020/06/21/collapse-in-demand-hits-chemical-manufacturing-sector/>

