

Market	Current	Change	Volume
KSE- 100	35189.13	137.75	180472689
Commodities	Current		
Brent (\$/bbl.)	43.46		
US WTI	40.82		
Cotton	62.88		
New York Cotton	Open	Close	Volume
Oct 20	63.44	63.45	5
Dec 20	63.00	62.97	1877
Mar 21	63.81	63.62	154
Currency Parity	Selling	Buying	
PKR-USD	166.7	167.7	
PKR-GBP	206	212	
PKR-EURO	185	188	
PKR-YEN	1.53	1.56	

The market is chewing over its options and direction is perhaps why June 2020 saw KSE-100 ending largely flat with average daily trade volumes easing to 114 million as against 135 million in May 2020 and 161 million in the month before.

Cotton is moderately strong fiber. It has a tendency of 3-5 gm/den. The strength is greatly affected by moisture; the wet strength of cotton is 20%, which is higher than dry strength.

## TOP MOST

### **What ails exports – Shahid Sattar & Asad Abbas**

In the previous year's federal budget, withdrawal of SRO 1125 and imposition of 17 percent GST on the export oriented sectors has increased the cost of doing business to unsustainable levels as a consequence of pending refunds, liquidity squeeze and bleak industrial production and bulk of industry's investible capital being soaked up by the sales tax refund cycle.

Complete Story:

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/682689-what-ails-exports>

### **Global trade set to shrink 18.5% in second quarter: WTO**

Global trade is expected to drop around 18.5% year-on-year in the second quarter of this year in a huge coronavirus-driven plunge which nonetheless could have been much worse, the World Trade Organization said Tuesday.

Complete story: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/676715-global-trade-set-to-shrink-185-in-second-quarter-wto>

### **Textile exporters perturbed over delays in GST refunds**

Textile exporters are highly perturbed over excessive and unreasonable delays in GST refunds which have been causing liquidity problems since July 2019 when 17 percent GST was imposed by the Government in the previous budget despite of stiff resistance from Five Zero-Rated Export sectors.

Complete story:

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40002958/textile-exporters-perturbed-over-delays-in-gst-refunds>

### **Govt holds talks with traders over Chaman border closure**

A committee formed by Balochistan Chief Minister Jam Kamal Khan Alyani to solve problems arising out of the closure of Chaman border between Pakistan and Afghanistan held its first meeting on Sunday.

Complete Story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1567273/govt-holds-talks-with-traders-over-chaman-border-closure>

### **Businessmen denounce gas subsidy to RLNG fertilizer plants**

The business community on Sunday criticized the government over its decision to provide gas on subsidized rates to two mega RLNG based fertilizer plants, and called it a bid to satisfy vested interests of big businessmen and capitalists.

Complete story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1567236/businessmen-denounce-gas-subsidy-to-rlng-fertiliser-plants>

### **Farmers warn of further drop in cotton production**

The country's cotton production - already on a downward trajectory for several year is likely to see further decline given the dearth of any corrective measures, warned the Sindh Abadgar Board (SAB), a farmers' lobbying group, on Sunday.

Complete story: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2253509/farmers-warn-of-further-drop-in-cotton-production>

### **Decision on fertilizer plants may cost Pakistan Rs6b**

At a time when Pakistan is struggling to maintain its foreign exchange reserves, ECC decision to operate RLNG-based fertilizer plants may result in outflow of Rs6 billion (\$36 million).

Complete story: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2253366/decision-on-fertiliser-plants-may-cost-pakistan-rs6b>

## GENERAL NEWS

### **Pakistani exporters fear tax refunds will remain stuck in FY21**

Textile exporters have voiced fear the government will not be able to release the stuck sales tax refund claims in the new fiscal year as well because billions of rupees worth of exporters' liquidity is still lying with the government, which has not been released earlier. Complete story: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2253006/pakistani-exporters-fear-tax-refunds-will-remain-stuck-in-fy21>

### **Financial analysts, businessmen disappointed with 'directionless' 2020-21 budget**

Speaking to Geo News right after Minister for Industries and Production Hammad Azhar's budget presentation, Financial analyst Khurram Shehzad said that the budget did not entail anything extra-ordinary, although tax relief on custom and import duties has been given and the hard-hit hotel industry also got respite in terms of taxes. Complete Story: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/671688-financial-analysts-businessmen-disappointed-with-directionless-2020-21-budget>

### **27-year power generation plan ignores local energy resources**

All the four provinces, Azad Kashmir as well as key public and private sector stakeholders have pointed out deficiencies in the proposed 27-year Integrated Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP 2020-2047), saying it is overambitious, undermines indigenous energy resources and makes faulty assumptions in comparing various generation technologies to the advantage of thermal plants. Complete story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1567268/27-year-power-generation-plan-ignores-local-energy-resources>

### **Pakistan receives \$1.3 billion loan from Chinese banks**

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) got another boost to the inflows as it announced on Tuesday of receiving \$1.3 billion as loan disbursements from Chinese banks this week.

Complete story: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/680029-sbp-inflows-bosst-further-as-13-bln-arrive-in-chinese-loans>

### **External trade hit by pandemic**

Like other sectors of the economy, Covid-19 severely impacted the country's external trade as it generated demand and supply shocks across the global supply chains. Complete story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1562963/external-trade-hit-by-pandemic>

### **Traders left at their wits' end**

THE pace of the post-lockdown economic recovery will depend on how soon consumer sentiments improve and household spending is restored. Merchants and small manufacturers who serve the local market are nervous as their fortunes are too closely tied with the fate of households in the country. Complete story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1567184/traders-left-at-their-wits-end>

### **Trade deficit narrows to \$23.2bd**

Pakistan's trade deficit narrowed down for the second consecutive year to \$23.2 billion by the end of previous fiscal year on the back of a steep reduction in imports coupled with economic meltdown in the aftermath of the deadly respiratory disease. Complete Story <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2253184/trade-deficit-narrows-to-232b>

### **Self-created energy crisis**

The government is still struggling to control the recent petrol crisis, which was preceded by a diesel shortage in March-April. The electricity shortage continues unabated amidst scorching heat in the country's largest city. Power cuts are resurfacing across the rest of the country. Complete story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1567192/self-created-energy-crises>

### **KSE-100: new year, new opportunities, old problems**

The year of two bottoms is behind us: the first seen in August 2019, and the second in April 2020. Both bottoms helped investors make a lot of money. Will FY21 also provide investors similar opportunities? Complete story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40003001/kse-100-new-year-new-opportunities-old-problems>

### **WB censures power sector**

Pakistan's power sector has swallowed Rs 5 trillion (\$ 45 billion) of national exchequer due to poor performance of Discos and other factors during the last ten years (FY 10-FY 19). Complete story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40003123/wb-censures-power-sector>

### **Virtual Rawal International Expo 2020 to be held in August**

Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) would hold first virtual Rawal International Expo 2020 in August. President RCCI Saboor Malik told APP that this will be one of its different kinds that International Rawal Expo is going to be held virtually this year by providing opportunity to the business community of the new normal ways. Complete story: <https://nation.com.pk/06-Jul-2020/virtual-rawal-international-expo-2020-to-be-held-in-august>