

Daily Economic Update – 8th October, 2022

KSE-100

KSE 100 Index

43,676.56 +240.08 (+0.55%)

Commodities

OIL (BRENT) Commodity

98.45 +3.53 (+3.72%)

Official Close 10/7/2022 MI Indication

OIL (WTI) Commodity

93.33 4.37 (4.91%)

Official Close 10/7/2022 NYMEX

COTTON Commodity

0.93 -0.01 (-1.06%)

Official Close 9/30/2022 MI Indication

TOP NEWS

Pakistan's textile industry's battle with global environmental challenges

Climate change is the worst catastrophe mankind is experiencing around the globe. The poorer South is suffering the increasing vulnerability to climate change and countries such as Pakistan with little contribution to global GHG emissions are among the top listed sufferers. The recent country-wide floods are evidence of Pakistan bearing someone else's emissions burden. Complete Story: <https://www.globalvillagespace.com/pakistans-textile-industrys-battle-with-global-environmental-challenges/>

The aftershocks of govt-IMF agreement

The aftershocks of the agreement with IMF are being felt by trade, industry and all segments of society. Most-affected are the middle- and lower-middle classes. More will sink below the poverty line. Protected are the elite with deep pockets, ironically, some of them being public representatives and government functionaries in whose hands the citizens have surrendered their destiny. Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40201962/the-aftershocks-of-govt-imf-agreement>

APTMA dispatches 20,000 ration packs to flood-hit people





All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has dispatched another convoy of trucks loaded with more than twenty thousand ration packs containing all items of essential needs like flour, rice, pulses, sugar, tea, milk, oil, soap etc to the flood-affected people under the Prime Minister's Relief Fund on Friday in addition to thousands of Ration Packs already donated by APTMA. Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40201966>

Subsidy for exporters

THE government decision to continue massive electricity subsidies for wealthy textile exporters is but a temporary fix for the industry's long-standing issue of lack of international competitiveness. Much of the Rs100bn handout Finance Minister Ishaq Dar announced for the textile tycoons on Thursday will end up in the pockets of the politically influential yarn and cloth producers, and the remainder will be spent on subsidizing foreign buyers at the expense of hapless Pakistani taxpayers.

Complete Story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1714064/subsidy-for-exporters>

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Pakistani Rupee		Inverse	
 US Dollar	222.99 PKR	+1.5%	
 Euro	217.22 PKR	+1.1%	
 British Pound	247.42 PKR	+1.1%	
 Japanese Yen	1.5337 PKR	+1.3%	

Cotton #2 Futures	Open	Last	Volume
Dec '22	83.01	84.23s	17,276
Mar '23	81.86	82.66s	6,627
May '23	80.43	81.51s	3,130

GENERAL NEWS

Stocks falter after Moody's downgrade

The stock market witnessed a mixed trading session on Friday as investors chose to hold back during the opening hours. Arif Habib Ltd said the index initially dropped 168.46 points after Moody's Investor Services lowered Pakistan's sovereign credit rating by one notch. Investors opted for booking profits after trading resumed in the green zone during the second half, leading the benchmark to close in the red zone. Complete Story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1714022/stocks-falter-after-moodys-downgrade>

Punjab Govt planning to increase production of cotton: Gardezi

Cotton crop is very important for our National economy. Every year, October 7th is a special day celebrated at the international level regarding the cotton crop, which highlights its importance. Cotton is the only source of raw material for the textile industry worldwide and the purpose of this day is to address the challenges which are hindrance to increase cotton production and develop an effective plan to solve them. Complete Story: <https://pakobserver.net/punjab-govt-planning-to-increase-production-of-cotton-gardezi/>

Analysts praise government's measures to improve economy

Providing incentives to industries for export-led growth is very important. One critical factor is the tariff of power which needs to be rationalized for increasing the competitiveness of Pakistani products. Some sort of government intervention is necessary in order to control things. The rate of rupee is appreciating against the dollar which is a good sign. With improvement in economy of the country, international investors will throng to invest in various sectors of Pakistan which will further improve the economic landscape. Complete Story: <https://www.radio.gov.pk/07-10-2022/analysts-praise-governments-measures-to-improve-economy>

Stocks falter on profit-booking

Pakistan Stock Exchange Friday opened in green, however failed to sustain this momentum as investors opted to book profit that forced the market to close on a negative note. The benchmark KSE-100 Index hit 42,390.76 points intraday high and 41,992.11 points intraday low before closing at 42,085.25 points, down 75.32 points or 0.18 percent. Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40202025/stocks-falter-on-profit-booking>