

Economic Update – 31st October, 2022

KSE-100

KSE 100 Index

43,676.56 +240.08 (+0.55%)

Commodities

OIL (BRENT) Commodity

95.27 -1.04 (-1.08%)

Official Close 10/30/2022 MI Indication

OIL (WTI) Commodity

87.41 -1.09 (-1.23%)

12:33:00 AM NYMEX

COTTON Commodity

0.72 +0.00 (+0.11%)

12:24:00 AM MI Indication

TOP NEWS

Exports may decline by \$5bn: Properly managing textile sector getting tough for govt: HCCI

President of the Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) Adeel Siddiqui has said that the textile sector is facing serious difficulties after a portion of the cotton crop was washed away by floods and, therefore, the government faces a huge challenge in adequately managing the sector. Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40206095/exports-may-decline-by-5bn-properly-managing-textile-sector-getting-tough-for-govt-hcci>

Likely impact of global recession on our economy

The global economic outlook, released by the IMF, projects global GDP growth in 2022 to reach 3.2% as compared to the 6% achieved in 2021. This represents a decline in growth rate by 46% from 2021. The growth is projected to further decline by 16% to reach 2.7% in 2023. Growth projection of advanced economies declines from 5.2% in 2021 to 2.4% in 2022 and 1.1% in 2023, a drop of 53.8% in 2022 from 2021 and 54% in 2023 from 2022. Emerging markets and developing economies' outlook also predicts a similar trend. Complete Story: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2383955/likely-impact-of-global-recession-on-our-economy>

Daronomics: good or bad?

Is "Daronomics", or economic policies followed by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, good or bad for the economy? Most commentators give a "yes" or "no" answer. However, this response is generally not based on the objective criteria but on political partiality. This article presents a four-year comparison of three key economic indicators during the three previous governments. It also suggests the way forward where Daronomics did not work in the past. Complete Story: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2383963/daronomics-good-or-bad>

Weekly Cotton Review: Rate further declines as bearish trend continues

Cotton prices continued to decline in local and international markets. Cotton and textile sector is severely affected due to recession. There is an urgent need to arrange proper cotton seeds for the next season. After China, now the US also needs to develop a positive strategy for providing agricultural technology and active cotton seeds for the promotion of agriculture. Complete Story: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40206091/weekly-cotton-review-rate-further-declines-as-bearish-trend-continues>

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Pakistani Rupee		Inverse	
 US Dollar	222.00 PKR	+0.078%	
 Euro	221.13 PKR	+0.043%	
 British Pound	257.50 PKR	-0.052%	
 Japanese Yen	1.5007 PKR	-0.21%	

Cotton #2 Futures	Open	Last	Volume
Dec '22	72.11	72.31	1,764
Mar '23	72.10	72.05	795
May '23	72.30	71.97	309

GENERAL NEWS

Falling further behind

Pakistan is resetting its ties with the US and is trying to balance its relationship with China and Russia. This rebalancing of geopolitical positioning has a deep impact on local politics. Political division in Pakistan has morphed into a political confrontation of unprecedented scale. The concept of hybrid democracy is not working. But it remains uncertain whether the new era will be more democratic or whether democracy will continue to remain vulnerable to periodic shocks of authoritarian rule. Complete Story: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1717915/falling-further-behind>

Bilateral trade between Pakistan, Italy can swell to €4b annually: PFC chief

The bilateral trade between Italy and Pakistan can swell to €4 billion annually by fully exploiting existing potential of private sector to maximum extent. Talking to honorary investment consular to Milano, Italy, Muhammad Sheheryar Khan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) Mian Kashif Ashfaq said here Sunday that Ambassador of Italy to Pakistan Andreas Ferrarese is playing key role boosting trade relations and strengthening of close coordination between the private sectors of either sides. Complete Story: <https://www.nation.com.pk/31-Oct-2022/bilateral-trade-between-pakistan-italy-can-swell-to-euro-4b-annually-pfc-chief>

Pakistan's economic outlook shows optimistic picture in coming months: Report

The trade balance of Pakistan is expected to improve in the coming months on account of import contraction due to a deceleration in domestic economic activities and aggregate demand, the monthly Economic Update and Outlook October 2022 released by the Ministry of Finance said on Sunday. Complete Story: <https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2022/10/30/pakistans-economic-outlook-shows-optimistic-picture-in-coming-months-report/>

GB plans project to facilitate export of pine nuts

As Chilghoza, pine nuts produced in Diamer region of Gilgit Baltistan are famous for its taste and high demand in the local and international market, the GB government would initiate a project of processing, packaging and value addition to get access to a good international market. Complete Story: <https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2022/10/30/gb-plans-project-to-facilitate-export-of-pine-nuts/>

How Pakistan lost potential Afghan investments?

Isn't it a shame that a nuclear-armed country with 220 million people is running a trade deficit with a conflict-battered neighbour next door? It must indeed be a matter of shame. Let us look at the latest figures: Pakistan's exports to Afghanistan in September numbered around \$80 million. The imports from there clocked at \$125 million. Complete Story: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2383957/how-pakistan-lost-potential-afghan-investments>